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Message from Associate Dean Nan D. Hunter



I am very pleased to greet Georgetown's graduate alumni around the world. I am especially pleased to do so as a fellow Georgetown alum. Although I have served as associate dean of graduate programs only since January, this has been more than enough time for me to be impressed by our extraordinary graduate students and alumni.

For our incoming class of LL.M. and S.J.D. students, the year already promises to be memorable. During orientation week, an earthquake momentarily shook Washington. Fortunately, no one was harmed and orientation week ended with our traditional welcome assembly at Georgetown University's historic Gaston Hall.

The year also promises to be memorable because of our impressive incoming class, which has, once again, brought impressive credentials and a diversity of experience and interests to the Law Center.

This year's class comes from 61 countries. It includes 18 Fulbright Scholars, one OSI-

Palestinian Rule of Law Scholar, a Muskie Fellow and numerous students sponsored by their home governments. Twenty students have previously taught law. Many have worked in ministries and courts in their home countries as well as in international organizations and law firms.

Our American-trained students come from 125 law schools in the United States and from a diverse set of practice backgrounds including federal agencies, judicial clerkships, and private firms.

In turn, I expect that Georgetown's academic strength will continue to provide our students with an enriching and valuable experience.

This newsletter was launched to be a means for us to keep in touch with our alumni and to inform you about developments and news at Georgetown. I encourage you to keep in touch with us by attending alumni events. You are invited, for instance, to attend Georgetown's reception for LL.M. students and alumni in Washington, D.C. on September 28 and in New York in January next year. I also invite you to send us your news and class notes at classnotes@law.georgetown.edu.

I hope to hear from you and to meet many of you in the future.

Nan D. Hunter

Welcome Reception for LL.M. Students and Alumni

**Wednesday, September 28, 2011
4-6 p.m.**

The Bernard S. and Sarah M. Gewirz Center

12th Floor
120 F Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Join us to welcome our newest LL.M. students to the Georgetown Law community.

The event will feature a cocktail reception and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP by September 24, 2011

To RSVP please visit [here](#).

Save the Date!

**LL.M. Alumni Reception in New York
on January 26, 2012**

Click [here](#) for photos from last year's reception and stay tuned for details.

Questions? Contact alumn@law.georgetown.edu.

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Georgetown Law Launches LL.M. and Joint J.D./LL.M. in National Security Law

Beginning this year, Georgetown Law will offer two new programs in national security — the joint J.D./LL.M. in National Security Law and the LL.M. in National Security Law. We had previously offered a Certificate in National Security Law.

The National Security LL.M. degree is a one-year advanced degree program that gives students the opportunity to engage critically with national security law. It is designed for professionals looking for vertical advancement or a lateral move, those interested in pursuing an S.J.D. degree, and J.D. students interested in building their credentials in this area.

Georgetown Law is ideally placed to offer this concentration with a broad range of national security law courses (many with an experiential learning component) and more than a dozen full-time faculty with expertise in national security. In addition, the Law Center is home to the Center on National Security and the Law.

One of the program's most distinctive characteristics is its Proseminar, a gateway course in National Security Law composed solely of National Security LL.M. students and taught by full-time faculty.

Admission for this year's National Security Law LL.M. entering class was highly competitive and attracted applicants from the United States and abroad.

For more information about this program, visit: www.law.georgetown.edu/graduate/NationalSecurityLawLLMandJDLLM.htm. Or contact Tina Drake Zimmerman at: draket@law.georgetown.edu.

Georgetown Law Ranked First in Graduate Employee Benefits Programs

Georgetown ranks first in LL.M. programs in employee benefits, says Nicholas Palaveda, CEO of National Pension Partners and an adjunct professor in the graduate tax program at Northeastern University School of Law. According to Palaveda, "Many universities with graduate tax programs offer zero courses on employee benefits, some offer one or two," Palaveda says. "Even though retirement planning and executive compensation is important for everyone, the course offerings are ignored."

Professor Albert G. Lauber, director of the Georgetown's Graduate Tax and Securities Program, says "This ranking reflects the strength and diversity of our employee benefits curriculum — 16 distinct courses, taught by practitioners from major law, accounting and consulting firms, Fortune

500 companies, the Treasury Department, the IRS, and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation."

Georgetown offers a Certificate of Study in Employee Benefits. The ranking can be found [here](#).

Christine Lagarde Addresses Second Annual Corporate Counsel Institute - Europe

Christine Lagarde, then French Minister of Economy, Finance and Industry gave the Keynote Address at the second Annual Corporate Counsel Institute in Paris on June 16, 2011. Held at the historic Hôtel de Talleyrand, the CCI Institute agenda focused on cutting edge legal developments in compliance and dispute resolution. Professor Milton Regan, Jr., Co-Director of Georgetown Law's Center for the Study of the Legal Profession also addressed the conference.

LL.M. alumni were well-represented on the various panels throughout the full-day event. Torsten Bartsch, LL.M.'93, and Riccardo Ventura, LL.M.'93, were on the panel on "Critical Issues in Anti-Bribery, Rick and Crisis Management"; Penny Tham, LL.M.'91, spoke on the "Risk-Management in the Financial Sector" panel; and Loretta Malintoppi, LL.M.'86, chaired the panel on "Focus on Transnational Dispute Resolution: What General Counsel Expect."

The Corporate Counsel Institute-Europe parallels the Law Center's very successful Annual Corporate Counsel Institute, bringing together in-house and outside counsel to address cutting-edge issues. The Program Chairs from our Georgetown European Law Alumni Advisory Board were Pascal Cardonnel, LL.M.'90, Loretta Malintoppi, LL.M.'86, Edward Nalbantian, C'77, L'82, Kathleen Nealon, C'75, L'78 and Philippe Thomas, LL.M.'90.

Georgetown Welcomes Professor John Buckley



John L. Buckley joins the Law Center's graduate programs faculty this year. Professor Buckley served as chief Democratic tax counsel for the House Ways and Means Committee from 1995 to 2011, and spent nearly four decades on the Hill participating in the development of federal tax legislation.

Professor Buckley earned his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1973 and began his career as associate counsel in the Office of the

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House Legislative Counsel. He has participated in the crafting of all major tax legislation enacted after 1974. In 1994, he briefly served as chief of staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation.

Professor Buckley taught as an adjunct professor at the Law Center from 1995 to 2005, co-teaching a seminar on recent tax legislative developments with U.S. Tax Court Chief Judge John O. Colvin. He has published articles on general tax policy, individual tax issues, international tax issues, estate and gift taxes, and more. He was selected to deliver the Woodworth Lecture before the Tax Section of the American Bar Association, speaking on "Tax Changes Since Woodworth's Time: Implications for Future Tax Reform."

Professors Albert Lauber and Ronald Buch Nominated to U.S. Tax Court



PROFESSOR
ALBERT G. LAUBER

President Obama has nominated Professor Albert G. Lauber and Adjunct Professor Ronald Buch to judgeships on the United States Tax Court.

Professor Lauber serves as director of Georgetown's Graduate Programs in Taxation, Securities & Financial Regulation,

and International Business & Economic Law.

"He has been a tireless director of our graduate programs in tax and securities, while always remaining focused on the needs of our students," said Georgetown Law Dean William M. Treanor. "He will be an enormous asset to the U.S. Tax Court."

Professor Lauber joined the Law Center in 2006.

Professor Ronald Buch currently teaches two courses at the Law Center: Tax Research and Writing and Tax Practice and Procedure (Administrative Practice). According to fellow nominee Albert Lauber, Professor Buch is "a longstanding and extremely devoted member of our adjunct tax faculty." President Obama commented that Professor Buch "has demonstrated unwavering integrity and a firm commitment to public service throughout his career."

Professor Buch is a partner at Bingham McCutchen LLP. He previously served as Senior Legal Counsel in the Office of the Chief Counsel at the IRS.

New York Amends Admission Rules for Foreign-Trained Attorneys

In April 2011, the New York Court of Appeals amended its rules on the bar admission of applicants who have studied law in a foreign country. Beginning with the July 2013 sitting, bar

exam applicants who took their first law degrees in a foreign country will need to consult the amendment to determine whether their LL.M. degree will qualify them to take the New York bar examination after the February 2013 sitting. The amendments to the New York rules can be found [here](#).

Georgetown Law Reunion Weekend

Mark your calendars for the 2011 Georgetown Law Reunion, October 14-16. This year's reunion celebrates the classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006.

Highlights include "A Conversation with Senator George J. Mitchell, L'61," and a school update featuring remarks from Rep. Steny Hoyer, L'66, and John Podesta L'76, as well as the Reunion Gala.

You can register to attend [here](#). Online registration closes on October 10. Alumni in government or practicing in public interest may use the discount code GALA25 when registering to receive discounted pricing.

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