



## **NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2016**

**A warm hello to alumni and friends!**

*As we prepare for the start of another academic year at Columbia Law School, we would like to update you on the activities of the Center for Japanese Legal Studies in 2015-2016.*

## **Global Outreach: Japan Alumni Reception**

*Columbia Law School Dean Gillian Lester began 2016 with alumni and students in Tokyo, celebrating the Law School's deep ties to Japan and its vibrant community of CLS alumni.*

The Columbia Law School delegation traveled to Japan in January to meet with members of the school's ever-growing alumni community in Tokyo. The trip, which included a reception hosted by Dean Gillian Lester, showcased the Law School's commitment to a truly global approach to legal education.

"Columbia Law School has a far-reaching global presence, and all of



Chief Justice of the Japanese Supreme Court Itsuro Terada (right)

you are evidence of a powerful...circulation of both people and ideas that help to shape some of the world's most influential actions and institutions," Dean Lester said. "Looking toward the future, the Law School is poised to build upon this global reach, and is charting an ambitious new course toward continued innovation and dynamism."



Former Japanese Supreme Court Justice Itsuo Sonobe (center) and Shuji Yanase '72 LL.M. (right)

Professor Curtis J. Milhaupt '89, introduced Dean Lester to the large and enthusiastic group of Japan-based alumni, which included former Justice of the Japanese Supreme Court Itsuo Sonobe and current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Itsuro Terada '76 LL.M. The dean's visit to Tokyo, he said, "served to underscore the Law School's deep and longstanding engagement with the Japanese legal system and profession."

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## FACULTY EXCHANGE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO



Yoshimisa  
Furuta



Kentaro  
Matsubara



Gillian  
Metzger



Richard  
Briffault

The faculty exchange program with the University of Tokyo School of Law continued this year with visitors **Yoshimisa Furuta**, partner, Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, and professor of law, University of Tokyo Faculty of Law, and **Kentaro Matsubara**, professor of law, University of Tokyo Faculty of Law. A list of their lectures at CLS

can be found under the events section, below in this newsletter. Going to Tokyo from the Columbia Law School community were **Gillian Metzger**, the Stanley H. Fuld Professor of Law, and **Richard Briffault**, the Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation. Professor Metzger gave four lectures at the University of Tokyo. The first two lectures covered recent developments in U.S. constitutional law affecting individual rights. The latter two addressed issues affecting congressional and presidential power. In addition, Professor Metzger gave a presentation to the University of Tokyo Faculty of Law on administrative constitutionalism. Professor Richard Briffault gave a series of lectures on the law of elections and the political process in the United States. The lectures examined the right to vote, legislative apportionment, campaign finance law, and the regulation of lobbying. Professor Briffault also gave a faculty seminar called “Campaign Finance Law in the United States: Its Past, Present, and Future(s).” He also spoke to a gathering of alumni and admitted students at the offices of Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu on legal issues in the 2016 presidential election.

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### Students Working in Japan, Summer 2016

#### Morrison & Foerster Public Interest Fellowships in Japan

With the generous support of Morrison & Foerster, the Center for Japanese Legal Studies was once again delighted to provide three fully funded public interest fellowships in Japan for the summer of 2016. The students interned at three different organizations.



**Ani Hamparsumyan '18**, worked at the Delegation of the European Union to Japan, which represents and enhances E.U. interests in Japan. She researched and wrote reports on recent trends in European foreign direct investments in Japan, Japanese investments in Myanmar, and the impact the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement would have on U.S.-Japan trade relations. She also participated in counselors' meetings among all member states. Meeting topics included trade, finance, agriculture, and the environment. She attended seminars and met with diverse agencies and stakeholders, reporting key issues to the Brussels headquarters.



**Marit Vink** '16 LL.M., interned at the protection unit of the Japan Association for Refugees (JAR), which provides social and legal support to refugees who have arrived in Japan. As an intern, she accompanied clients to hospitals and shelters, advised them on visa issues, did legal research for pending cases, prepared meals, and engaged in reception activities.



**Du Zhang** '18, spent her summer at Human Rights Now!, a non-governmental organization that covers a range of human rights issues in Asia such as business and human rights, armed conflict, and women's rights. As a part of a project to advocate for a sustainable 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Du researched the drafting process of the Sustainable Sourcing Code for Tokyo 2020 and Rio 2016, translated documents, and reached out to other NGOs for information sharing and alliance formation.

### Summer Associates



**Janet Kanzawa** '18, worked at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett's New York and Tokyo offices. She edited agreements and conducted research on SEC rules for a NYSE and TSE dual-listed IPO, attended meetings with Japanese clients and translated anti-corruption, sanctions, antitrust and anti-money laundering due diligence questionnaires to and from Japanese and English. She created a presentation on emerging growth companies and foreign private issuers, analyzed transactions involving contingent value rights and, as pro bono work, wrote reports on corruption in Myanmar.



**Evan YoonJong Kim** '18, worked at Morrison & Foerster LLP, in Japan. He reviewed and edited technology license agreements, drafted a memo on standing to bring patent infringement actions, and conducted document review for a corporate investigation project. The firm's rotation system allowed him to experience multiple practice areas including intellectual property, M&A, litigation, and project finance over the course of the summer.



**Tripp Odom III '18**, worked at Momo-o, Matsuo, & Namba, Tokyo. He researched American and European regulatory regimes, assisted in preparations for international arbitration, and attended shareholders' meetings for multinational corporations based in Japan. For his summer associateship project he made a presentation to the firm on best practices in the drafting of arbitration clauses for China-related contracts.



**Mary Prager '17**, worked for one month at the Tokyo office of Davis Polk & Wardwell, which specializes in Japan-focused cross-border capital markets transactions. There she worked on debt issuances, IPOs and other matters involving Japanese and international clients.



**Edward Samson Rivera '17**, spent his summer with the finance and international trade teams with Nishimura & Asahi. One of his major projects concerned a WTO case, which involved research, translation, and a comprehensive memorandum on the issues. He also attended a variety of firm events, including visits to Japanese courts.

## SHAPIRO FELLOWSHIP

The Isaac and Jacqueline Weiss Shapiro Fellowship supports research on Japanese law by Columbia Law School students working under the supervision of Professor Milhaupt.



**Mary Prager** researched the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of Sharp Corporation by Foxconn. Topics included the relationships between Sharp and its main banks, the nature and history of the Innovation Network Corporation of Japan (INCJ), the negotiation process, and protectionism.



**Stephen Patrick '18**, conducted research into Japan's approach to privatization of state-owned enterprises (known in Japan as "special public corporations"), including Japan National Railways and Japan



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## Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu Fellowship Recipients

The Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu (NO&T) Fellowship helps Columbia Law School attract the top J.D. candidates in the country with a professional interest in Japan. The center awarded two NO&T Fellowships to incoming students in the Class of 2019.



**Benjamin Minkoff** '19, graduated from Vassar College in 2011 with a B.A. in Asian Studies. He minored in Japanese and computer science. He spent his junior year at Kansai Gaidai University. Upon returning to Vassar, he worked as a research assistant focusing on modern Japanese business and culture. For his senior thesis, he analyzed economics, corporate action, and government policies in 1930s Japan. After graduating, he spent two years teaching English in Sakaki, Japan. Most recently he worked in a law firm in the Bronx, NY.



**Duncan Hardock** '19, received his B.A. with honors from Colby College in 2011 with distinction in his major of English literature. He earned a minor in Japanese, which included spending one semester of his junior year studying in Japan at Kansai Gaidai. After graduating from Colby, he went to the country of Georgia to teach English. He also wrote for *Asian Fortune* magazine in Washington, DC. In 2013, Duncan returned to Japan to teach English in the city of Osaka. While there, he also worked as editor for *Kamihikouki Magazine*.

## New Leadership of NHK Student Group for 2016-2017

The Center for Japanese Legal Studies would like to introduce the 2016-17 leadership of *Nihonhō Kenkyūkai* (NHK) student group.



Janet  
Kanzawa



Tripp  
Odom



SouHee (Sophie)  
Yang



Mary  
Prager

New leadership includes **Janet Kanzawa**, president; **Tripp Odom**, treasurer; **SouHee (Sophie) Yang**, vice president of social affairs; and **Mary Prager**, vice president of career affairs. The Japanese LL.M. representative will be selected this fall.



Arisa  
Akashi



Fangzhou (Marco)  
Ying



Daniel (Danny)  
Marcus Kelly

Thanks to the outgoing board: **Arisa Akashi '16**, president; **Fangzhou (Marco) Ying '16**, treasurer; and **Daniel (Danny) Marcus Kelly '16**, social chair.

## EVENTS

*November 9, 2015*  
*Japanese Financial Reforms in Global Context*  
*Mr. Akihiro Wani '82 LL.M., Senior Counselor, Morrison & Foerster LLP, Tokyo*

*November 11, 2015*  
*1L Summer Opportunities in Japan*

*November 18, 2015*  
*Japanese Corporate Governance from the Perspective of Family Firms*  
*Zenichi Shishido, Professor of Law, Hitotsubashi University*

*March 22, 2016*  
*Commercial Arbitration in Japan: The 'Ragan Myth' and Beyond*

*March 24, 2016*  
*International Litigation in Japan: Overview and (a Few) Practical Tips*

*Lectures by Professor Kentaro Matsubara*

*February 16, 2016*  
*The Formation of Traditional Japanese Society: Property, Family and the State*

*February 18, 2016*

*The following lectures were given to Columbia Law School community as part of our faculty exchange program with the University of Tokyo.*

*Lectures by Professor Yoshimasa Furuta*

*February 9, 2016  
Japan's Judiciary and Lawyers—Where Do They Come From? What Do They Do?*

*February 11, 2016  
Constitutional Litigation: The Challenge against the Election Act of Japan*

*The Imperial Subject and the Citizen: The University of Tokyo and Modern Japanese Education*

*February 23, 2016  
Pre-War Liberal Democracy and Decentralization of the Regime: Lasting Effects of the Militarization of Society*

*February 25, 2016  
Post-War Pacifism and the Choice between Traditions: Versions of Japanese History and the Constitution*

## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT

In June, Professor **Curtis Milhaupt**, participated in a conference at University College of London celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chair in Japanese Law, entitled “Comparative Corporate Governance: The Case of Japan.” The conference was designed to assess the current state of corporate governance in Japan in the year following a host of related developments, including the enactment of a Stewardship Code and a Corporate Governance Code. The conference was attended by His Excellency Motohiko Kato, Minister Plenipotentiary of Japan and the Right Honorable Lord Harry Woolf, former Chairman of the Supreme Court of the U.K. Professor Milhaupt’s presentation provided an American perspective on corporate governance in Japan, with a focus on board structure and function.

Columbia's leadership in the field of Japanese law is embodied in the Center for Japanese Legal Studies, the only center of its kind in the U.S. The center initiates and administers a range of research projects, academic exchanges, and informal programs designed to enhance understanding of the Japanese legal system among the Columbia University community and



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