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# Welcome from the Head of CCLS



## Dear CCLS Alumni

Welcome to the latest edition of the CCLS Alumni Bulletin.

2016 was an exciting year for CCLS, bringing the development and launch of a number of new programmes and initiatives.

In this edition:

- We talk about Teach Tech Law where qLegal postgraduate students work with school pupils to help them develop their technology business ideas;
- James Dallas updates you on the success of our Energy and Natural Resources Law Institute, of which he is Executive Director;
- We launch a new Global MBA programme developed with the University of London;
- We highlight the Double LLM that we have developed with the Sorbonne Law School;

- Stavros Brekoulakis, Professor in International Arbitration and Commercial Law, talks about his research interests and his vision of the future of international arbitration;
- We ask you to consider whether you can help our postgraduate students either by becoming a mentor or encouraging your organisation to offer an internship. More information on both of these programmes is on Page 14.

As always, I would like to thank all of our contributors and to invite more news and articles from you. I hope that you enjoy reading this issue and continue to keep in touch.

With best wishes,

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# QMUL to launch Global MBA with the University of London

Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) is collaborating with the University of London (UoL) to launch a new distance-learning Global MBA.



Professor Ioannis Kokkoris,  
Programme Director

Professor Ioannis Kokkoris, Chair in Law and Economics at CCLS, has been appointed as the Programme Director and is leading this exciting joint venture on behalf of QMUL. Successful completion of the programme will lead to a prestigious University of London qualification that will be recognised by employers worldwide.

The Global MBA is a flexible and accessible programme designed to fit around students' existing commitments. The programme is interactive with a practical focus and has been designed to provide an extensive range of specialisms.

Students can pursue a general MBA or follow one of five key specialist routes:

- Accountancy
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Finance
- Law
- Leadership

## Professor Ioannis Kokkoris Global MBA Programme Director

"The Global MBA will enhance your skills whilst allowing you to specialise in disciplines that reflect the challenges of today's global economy.

Whether it is advancing your career, switching to another industry or starting your own business, it will give you the confidence, skills and connections you need to create your own success story."

## Flexibility and affordability

This innovative award has been designed with working professionals in mind and provides considerable flexibility for students' mode and place of study. There are four entry points in every year for applications, it can be completed within one year or studied for a maximum of five years, allowing

students to progress at their own pace and convenience. The course is studied online, with additional support available to students at approved teaching institutions around the world.

The programme is not only flexible in terms of study, the fees are flexible too. There are a wide range of payment options including pay-as-you-study, which goes further to enhance the benefits of distance-learning by making it more affordable and accessible for students who are already balancing their commitments. Additionally, both QMUL and UoL alumni qualify for a 10% discount on fees.

## Building your network

The MBA experience is designed to transcend the boundaries of the lecture theatre. Students will be encouraged to build their global network through an online portal and collaborate with peers internationally, learning from a wealth of inspiring backgrounds and experience.



### Structure of the programme

To complete the Global MBA, students will need:

- Six core MBA modules (90 credits),
- Four optional modules (60 credits),
- A Strategic Project (30 credits).

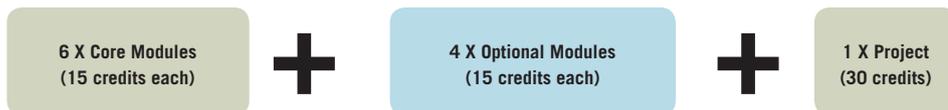
The majority of modules within the Global MBA are worth 15 credits and will follow a standard structure of 10 topics taught over 22 weeks. Each topic will include short topic related videos, essential readings, formative assessment and interactive activities.

### General pathway



To achieve the general MBA, you will have to pass these six modules, any four optional modules, plus the Strategic Project.

### Specialist Pathway



- MBA (Accountancy)
- MBA (Entrepreneurship & Innovation)
- MBA (Finance)
- MBA (Law)
- MBA (Leadership)

To gain one of these specialist MBAs, you will need to complete the six core modules, plus four optional modules, at least three of which must be from your chosen specialist area, plus the Strategic Project (also in your chosen specialist area).

Other awards at postgraduate diploma and postgraduate certificate level from this programme are also available for students wishing to gain a general or specialist qualification.

### Good for employers, good for employees

Taking the Global MBA will offer numerous benefits to both student and employer. The distance-learning programme is ideal for employers wishing to both improve employee retention and also benefit immediately from knowledge and new ideas. The strategic project module provides a great opportunity to act as a valuable consultancy piece for the employer – an excellent return on investment.

### How to apply

Applications for the Global MBA open on the 9th January 2017. Details of the admissions criteria, fees and alumni discount can be found here: <https://uolmba.com/>

### Accreditation

The Global MBA is also recognised by professional bodies, including:



#### • Chartered Management Institute (CMI)

The Chartered Management Institute promotes the highest standards in management and leadership excellence. It is the only organisation that awards Chartered Manager status.

The core modules and project of the Global MBA are aligned with the requirements of the CMI's Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership. Upon successful completion of the MBA, students will also receive a Diploma from CMI. Students that have at least three years' of relevant work experience have the opportunity to gain Chartered Manager (CMgr) status through this MBA.



Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

#### • Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

The University of London has secured accreditation from CIMA for the Accounting pathway of the MBA.

Students that successfully complete the MBA in Accountancy, will become eligible to sit the CIMA Masters Gateway exam. The Gateway Route is an accelerated entry route towards the CIMA Professional Qualification and the globally recognised CGMA designation for individuals who hold an MBA or Master's in Accounting.

# Teach Tech Law

## An entrepreneurship law programme in East London



Lessons in business taught to Year 9 pupils from St Paul's Way Trust by qLegal students came to a finale at the Digital Catapult Centre, where St Paul's Way students pitched their new business ideas to industry professionals.

### qLegal and Teach Tech Law

qLegal was established in 2013 and has since excelled in providing a variety of legal advice and skills to postgraduate law students. Teach Tech Law is a recently established programme by qLegal where volunteer postgraduate students provide lessons to pupils at St Paul's Way Trust School in Tower Hamlets, East London. Lessons centred on pupils, aged 13-14 years old, developing business ideas, which relate to technology and enterprise. At the end of the programme, students attended a Pitch-It day and participated in a Q&A with lawyers and start-ups and pitched their business ideas.

### Involvement

The six qLegal postgraduate students worked in groups to formulate lesson plans for the pupils, liaising with Anthony Fitzpatrick, the teacher facilitating the programme at the school. It was a daunting task to present to a class, however the lessons were received with enthusiasm. Over the course of six weeks, the postgraduates taught the students a range of law and business subjects, from trade mark issues to designing a logo and financing a business. Each week business ideas evolved. In groups, the pupils enhanced and refined their business ideas that involved technology, business and law, with the postgraduate students always available to answer questions and give help.

After fine-tuning their business ideas, it all came down to the Pitch-It Day, where the three top teams would win a day of learning how to code at Queen Mary University of London.

### The Pitch-It

In the heart of London's King's Cross lies the Digital Catapult Centre, a technological data sharing co-working space and the venue for the Pitch-It. Students arrived in their best business attire, excited and understandably a little nervous.

The day started with presentations introducing qLegal, St Paul's Way Trust School and the three experienced judges for the day: Sarah Pearce, Partner at Cooley LLP; Lua Cooper the Centre Director of the Iron Yard and Ian Walden, Professor of Information and Communications Law at QMUL. They all shared their respective backgrounds and routes into their careers. It was highlighted to the students that they need not decide on their career in Year 9, but that there was always a route into law. The students actively engaged in a Q&A session before preparing themselves for their pitches.

The first group was trio Team Cyclops, who effectively conveyed their business idea of an app that manages diabetes, becoming the next possible advancement for medical technology. Team Mirror Mirror came prepared with their fantastic Virtual Mirror,

which scans and allows the user to swipe and see what outfit they would like to purchase from an online store. Team Titanhashtag7 were next up with their security app for parents to control online content from a single device. Next to present was Team OpenMind, who presented Mycard – a high school's version of a pre-payment card, to pay for lunch. Lastly, Team Gramix presented Glowix – their luminous brick that could light up any part of the city in a variety of different construction uses.

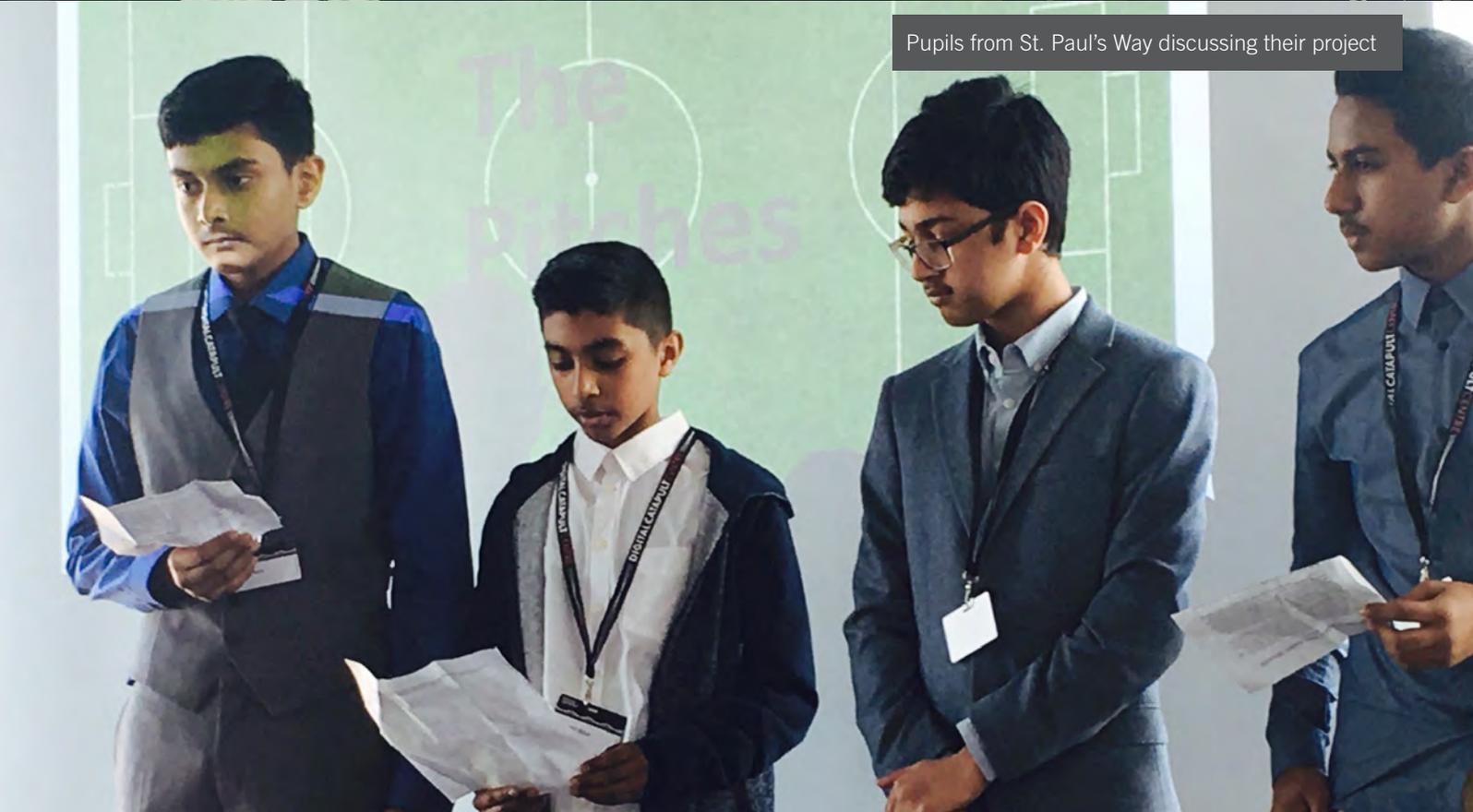
The quality of the projects was outstanding and it was evident a lot of thought and care went into their development. The postgraduate students stood incredibly proud and impressed by their year 9 class, who had successfully pitched a technological business idea of their own creation. Many pupils highlighted how much fun the day had been, whilst others were keen to ask the postgraduate students more about studying law and university life.

### The Results

First place went to team Gramix for their luminous brick, with Lua Cooper highlighting that she loved the teams "outside the box" thinking. Throughout the programme, the pupils developed invaluable skills, such as: leadership, time management and teamwork. It was an experience that many would not forget,



Pupils from St. Paul's Way discussing their project



with the students describing the postgraduates as mentors and role models by the end of the programme. Many pupils continually thanked the students and it was rewarding to hear of future plans to study at Queen Mary, pursuing a career in law, or aspiring to be the next Richard Branson.

**For more information or to find out how you can help, please contact [lac@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:lac@qmul.ac.uk)**

*This article was based on a report by Sadia Zaman, a postgraduate law student (Class of 2015) at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, who volunteered for the Teach Tech Law Programme.*

### The Project's Success

- Pupils confident talking to lawyers  
Before: 40% After: 92%
- Pupils knew what a trade mark was  
Before: 53% After: 100%
- Pupils would consider a career in law  
Before: 40% After: 60%

# Professional Development: Your chance to make an impact

Are you able to provide careers advice, work experience or internships to current students at Queen Mary? Or would you like to support a scholarship? Here are some of the ways you can contribute to the professional development and success of Queen Mary students.

## Get involved with Postgraduate Law Mentoring

Mentoring can have a significant impact on a mentee – especially when guidance is provided by someone who understands the challenges faced by a young lawyer at the start of their career.

In early 2016 we launched a PG Law Professional Mentoring Programme as an additional way of assisting our students in their professional development. The feedback we have received from both mentors and mentees has been exceptionally positive. We are expanding this successful scheme and now seek additional mentors from January 2017 onwards.

This pilot-mentoring scheme connects the brightest and best students from CCLS with QMUL alumni and UK-based professionals. Mentors and students meet or speak monthly over a seven-month period. The students benefit considerably from the expert advice they receive and first-hand insights into the professional legal business world.

We are looking for experienced professionals at senior level who can offer support and guidance about their profession and specialism.

- The next mentoring cycle will run from late January 2017 until the end of August 2017.
- Mentors engage with mentees for an hour each month.
- An initial face-to-face meeting (Skype for international mentors) is recommended followed by monthly meetings, or contact via e-mail, phone and Skype.

## Offer an internship with your organisation

We are able to offer a growing number of internships or work shadowing opportunities exclusively available to Postgraduate law students. However, the number of positions available is significantly lower than can meet the demand from students seeking experience.

If you think you might be able to offer an internship at your organisation, we can work with you to find the right student. Placements can run from a few days shadowing to longer term periods of work, and can be based anywhere in the world.

### Our Internships co-ordinator can:

- Advise on the job specification
- Advertise the opportunity to LLM and other postgraduate law students, according to your requirements, e.g. those studying in a particular specialist area or with experience in a specific jurisdiction

- Assist with shortlisting and selecting candidates
- Arrange interviews, as required

**For more information on how to get involved, contact Jacqueline Steinmetz, CCLS Internships and Mentoring Coordinator, at [j.steinmetz@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:j.steinmetz@qmul.ac.uk)**

## Contribute to the Roy Goode Scholarship Fund

The Roy Goode Scholarship Fund was created in honour of CCLS' Founder and Honorary President. These scholarships are awarded to exceptional students and it is our aim that Roy Goode Scholarships will become recognised internationally as a marker of talent, potential and achievement in the study of commercial law.

Diego Alexandre-García Fernández is the first recipient of this award and his Alumni Profile is on the page opposite.

To contribute to the Fund, you can donate online [www.ccls.qmul.ac.uk/support/roygoode](http://www.ccls.qmul.ac.uk/support/roygoode) or contact Diane Denny, Development Director, [d.denny@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:d.denny@qmul.ac.uk)



**Ajit Mishra, Co-head India Group at Penningtons Manches LLP**

“This is a great initiative which not only benefits PG Students by getting a focused professional mentoring but it is also an opportunity for me and other mentors to use our knowledge and experience in shaping up career paths for the students”.

## The First Roy Goode Scholar

Diego Alexandre-García Fernández, LLM student in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, 2016/17

Diego Alexandre-García Fernández worked his way through university as a legal assistant in a law firm, and obtained a full merit scholarship for three of the five years of law school. He graduated with the highest honours, having finished with the highest GPA of all the law students at the University of Costa Rica, the country's largest and most prestigious university. In addition, he completed postgraduate studies in arbitration at the University of Valencia in Spain, in contract and tort law at the University of Salamanca in Spain, and in criminal procedural law at the University of Guanajuato in Mexico. He is also a candidate of a Masters' Degree programme in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law organized by ILANUD.

Diego has worked successfully in the field of dispute resolution for over eight years at BLP, currently Costa Rica's largest law firm, starting from school as a legal assistant and progressing to associate attorney. During these years he developed extensive experience handling judicial and arbitration proceedings in civil, commercial, agricultural, and criminal matters. In addition, he has expertise in disputes between foreign firms and their agents or vendors, contractual liability and torts, construction litigation cases, real estate, telecommunications, agricultural-environmental matters, economic crimes and intellectual property infringements.

One of his most impressive achievements during his time at BLP was successfully leading a criminal and civil matter at trial on behalf of a public utility company against a petroleum corporation that damaged the environment. Besides, he was involved in an international arbitration case managed by the ICC, concerning the construction of the largest highway in Costa Rica - one of the main arbitration proceedings on-going in the country.



Simultaneously to his job at the firm, Diego taught Civil Obligations and General Theory of Procedural Law courses at one of Costa Rica's top law schools.

In Diego's view, the specialism in Comparative and Dispute Resolution offered by Queen Mary University of London has the precise blend of theoretical and practice-oriented curriculum he was looking for in order to achieve his goals as litigator, arbitration practitioner and academic. He considers that not only was it the first specialism of its kind offered in the world, which makes it the most consolidated among all, but the one with the most complete curriculum and experienced professors in the field.

In the short-term, Diego is interested in working in an international law firm to gain meaningful and solid experience in arbitration at an international level. In the long-term, he wants to continue teaching law, working as a litigator and arbitration practitioner, and eventually serve as an arbitrator.



# The Energy and Natural Resources Law Institute (ENRLI)

James Dallas, Executive Director of the ENRLI, offers a glimpse into some of the activities undertaken by the Institute and its development over the last three years.

The Energy and Natural Resources Law Institute (ENRLI) is now entering its fourth year; growing in activity and reputation, with a goal of being the leading postgraduate energy law institute in Europe. First-rate teaching and a modern and relevant curriculum complemented by a range of activities involving the business and professional community in London, has created a unique, all-round student experience.

39 students from 20 countries studied the Energy and Natural Resources Law LLM in the last academic year, with 50 students now studying this specialism in 2016/17. In addition to great geographic diversity, they brought with them wide-ranging experience - from those coming from their first degree to those with ten or more years in the sector. Since the beginning of 2016 the Energy LLM has also been made available in Paris leading to a significant number of students taking up the opportunity to study energy modules.

## The ENRLI and business

Exxon Mobil and Shell's early support of the Institute has been augmented by other big names in the legal profession and sector, in particular Norton Rose Fulbright, who co-finance two LLM scholarships annually; Clifford Chance who sponsor and host our annual energy law lecture; and Freshfields who run a case study for students. Through our interaction with our corporate and law firm members, and other supporters of the ENRLI, we have been able to provide a range of additional benefits and thereby greatly enhance the overall value of this LLM to our students.

## The Friday Lecture Series

We have developed a regular programme of guest lectures, to which we invite leading lawyers in the sector to talk to students about key issues facing their organisations. We have attracted some outstanding speakers:

- Rupert Bondy, General Counsel of BP, on the Macondo spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the ensuing litigation;
- Guido Santi, General Counsel of EdF Energy, on the issues around developing a new nuclear power project in the UK, Hinckley Point;
- Matthew Bell, the UK government Department of Energy and Climate Change, on the role of the Committee on Climate Change;
- Jack Balagia Jr, General Counsel of Exxon Mobil, on internal investigations in a world of ever growing regulation.

Speakers for 2016/17 include: Donny Ching, General Counsel of Shell, and Rupert Steele, Director of Regulation at Scottish Power.



Prof. David King, the UK Foreign Secretary's Special Adviser on Climate Change



## Annual Energy Lecture

Through the support of Clifford Chance we have established a prestigious annual lecture which is attended by senior lawyers and others from across the sector. Following engaging lectures in previous years from Lord Browne, the former Chief Executive of BP, and from Sir David King, the Foreign Secretary's Special Adviser on Climate Change, this academic year's lecture will be given by Lord Lamont of Lerwick, former UK Chancellor of the Exchequer.

## Internships and Mentoring

This year, internships will be offered by a number of firms and organisations including Clifford Chance, Ashurst, Herbert Smith Freehills, Norton Rose Fulbright, Dentons and the Energy Charter Secretariat. The majority of these internships are for two to three weeks and give the students exposure to practising energy lawyers in the sector, and provide networking opportunities.



From left to right: James Dallas, Maria Taylor, Andrew Clarke, Prof. Spyros Maniatis, Russell Wells, Sir David King, Prof. Simon Gaskell, Norah Gallagher.

Students may also participate in a mentoring scheme where they are mentored by senior lawyers (including judges) who give advice on career development and act as a sounding board and friend to the students. I am mentoring one of our students and can attest to its value not only to the mentee but also the mentor! We hope that in time all of our students may have access to a mentor during their LLM.

#### Teaching and Research

Norah Gallagher, the ENRLI Academic Director, who takes overall responsibility for our expanding curriculum and teaching, ensures that we remain up-to-date and anchored in the real world of the sector. Practitioners from law firms and companies advise on the relevance of module content to business and suggest new modules that might be introduced. This year we have two well attended new modules: Energy Law and Ethics, and Nuclear and Renewables Law.

Senior lecturer Dr Raphael Heffron joined the team in September 2015 from Leeds University. Raphael has published extensively and is leading a number of research projects, in addition to teaching modules including mining and energy economics.

#### The Energy Forum

Academic institutions need to be seen as not only providing excellent teaching but to be involved in thought leadership. The Institute's Energy Forum, chaired by Maria Taylor, enables issues of the day to be debated by experts from academia, practice, industry, government and regulatory authorities.

"I decided to study at QMUL because of the prestige of its Energy and Natural Resources Law LLM and staff. QMUL clusters teachers with impressive professional experience besides remarkable students from all over the world"

**Montserrat Godoy, LLM in Energy and Natural Resources Law 2015-16, Norton Rose Fulbright and CCLS Scholarship winner (Chile).**

The inaugural Forum meeting looked at the challenges of achieving EU Energy Union and was chaired by Lord O'Donnell (the former Cabinet Secretary), complemented by a panel of experts which included Sam Laidlaw, the former CEO of Centrica, and Lord Mogg the President of the Council of European Energy Regulators. Three further Forum events have taken place on science, law and climate change; on the sustained low oil price; and material adverse change clauses. Each had similarly prestigious panels, who engaged in a stimulating debate.

We are constantly looking for ways to expand and improve what we offer to our students and to provide an all-round experience for them which will equip them for a life in the sector. Our hope is that they will leave with a strong network created by the diaspora of fellow students from the Institute and from the contacts that they will have made with the law firms, corporates and other institutions associated with us. That network coupled with a first-rate understanding of the sector, its law and regulation acquired during their time with us will, we believe, create the leaders of the future in this area.

For more information on how you can become involved in the ENRLI's activities, become mentor or offer an internship, please contact James Dallas, Executive Director, at [j.dallas@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:j.dallas@qmul.ac.uk).



## Ask the Professor

Stavros Brekoulakis, Professor of International Arbitration and Commercial Law, interviewed by Ahmed El Far, PhD candidate in International Arbitration, Egypt.

The School of International Arbitration (SIA), which is part of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS), is considered a leading contributor to the science of international arbitration.

**What are the particular strengths of CCLS in international arbitration? And why would you recommend CCLS for those interested in international arbitration?**

CCLS has many strengths in international arbitration. Professor Julian Lew QC established international arbitration as

an LLM course in 1985, at a time where international arbitration was not taught anywhere in the world. International arbitration was not considered part of any curriculum, not for graduates or undergraduates. It's a very rich tradition for CCLS to be teaching international arbitration for thirty years. It has created a culture of international arbitration here, and is where part of our strength is drawn from.

We have the widest curriculum in international arbitration. Not only do we

offer the typical courses in international commercial and investment arbitration, but we also offer a range of specialist arbitration courses. Therefore, it is a comprehensive curriculum, which I do not think any other academic institution can offer.

We also have a large arbitration faculty. It is of particular importance to mention that not only do we teach arbitration, but most of us practice arbitration too. This is significant as we are at the forefront of both practice and research in arbitration. This creates a unique combination of experience and a wealth of knowledge, which I think is rare.

**How did you become interested in studying law in general? And what drove you to specialise in international arbitration?**

I became a lawyer because my father was a lawyer. From the very beginning, I just wanted to follow in his footsteps. However, when I started studying law at university, somehow I rebelled against it. I felt that law was very formalistic and was nothing but a social convention. Law was losing its appeal for me. Maybe it was the fact that law in Greece was taught in a very dry manner. At some point, I fell out of love with law. When I started practicing as a lawyer, I wanted to give law another opportunity. I came here to the UK to undertake my postgraduate studies. I did my LLM and PhD in international arbitration, then I discovered that law is broader than I had thought. Law affects basic conceptions of fairness, it affects the way we see, approach and interpret our world. It is very close to politics and social sciences. The way that law is viewed here in England made me fall in love with law again. International arbitration is the best example where law can be a force of good, where you can change things and create better circumstances for people. The richness of cultures is very important in international arbitration; I meet people from all over the world. I learn from their experiences, their backgrounds and the way they see things differently. I think that it is fascinating.



**You have been involved in the research, teaching, and practice of international arbitration for more than 15 years. What are your main research interests today?**

I am currently looking into three different areas. The first area is public policy and public interest in international arbitration. There is a lot of discussion about whether arbitration can serve and safeguard public interest. I am also looking into the meaning and functions of public policy in arbitration. The second area is impartiality in decision-making. I am currently doing a project that looks into the discussion about impartiality and how arbitrators make decisions, what the concept of impartiality in arbitration is, and what are the influences of decision making (legal and non-legal).

Thirdly, I am looking into third-party funding. It is a new phenomenon that gives rise to a number of procedural and ethical issues. We are in the process of producing the report for the ICCA-Queen Mary Task Force on Third Party Funding.

**As a prominent Professor in international arbitration and commercial law, an eminent arbitration practitioner, and a father, how do you manage to balance all of these aspects of life?**

I give my all every single day. I take life day by day. From the moment I wake up until the moment I sleep, I keep working. At the same time, I spend time with my family. At the moment I am trying to figure out how to get a good work-life balance.

**The SIA recently celebrated its 30th anniversary by organising and holding a conference attended by international arbitration and legal experts from around the globe. In your view, what has changed in the teaching of international arbitration in the last 30 years?**

International arbitration has developed significantly. Thirty years ago, the study and practice of international arbitration had not reached its current mature form. The teaching of arbitration has become more specialised and diverse in the last 30 years.

QMUL was the first university to include an international arbitration course in its LLM programme, when the SIA was established in 1985. In fact, it continued to be the only law school teaching international arbitration until the early 2000's, when other law schools in London, Europe and in the US started offering courses on the topic.

Furthermore, while originally only international commercial arbitration was taught, today a number of specialised arbitration courses are offered. At the SIA, for example, we teach courses on international commercial arbitration, international construction arbitration, investment arbitration including dispute resolution in WTO, energy arbitration, ADR, and maritime arbitration. Universities are responding to the needs of the market and the new LLM students who have become increasingly more sophisticated and demanding. While traditionally LLM students mainly chose one general course on international arbitration as part of their commercial or business law LLM studies, today students tend to prefer specialised degrees, such as an LLM in international dispute resolution, with three dispute resolution modules.

**Following the recent referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union, what effects do you think this will have on international arbitration?**

A number of factors may come into play. I do not think that international arbitration in England will be fundamentally challenged. The basic legal framework for arbitration in England is still very solid. We have a

very successful Arbitration Act, we have a good tradition of national courts that assist arbitration, and we have great expertise. These are three important factors of stability which I do not think will be affected by Brexit.

I also hope that England does not become isolated or a sui generis jurisdiction as a result of the referendum. If England becomes less integrated in Europe and the world, this may have an effect on arbitration.

There might be unintended beneficial consequences. One of the less attractive features of international arbitration in England is the substantial cost incurred by parties to get advice and representation from English law firms and barristers. Now that the English pound has started to devalue, this may render international arbitration in England more affordable.

I also would like to mention another factor relating to the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) that has not been affected by Brexit. Its growing influence and reputation plays a vital role and has a great impact on international arbitration in England. It is reaching parties that are beyond England and beyond Europe. I do not think that the LCIA is going to lose its influence or importance because of the referendum.

# QMUL and Sorbonne Law School launch Double LLM in Paris

Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) and Sorbonne Law School sign an agreement to provide a Double Master of Laws (LLM) programme in Paris.

Developed by the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) and Sorbonne Law School (Sorbonne), this double degree programme leads to two prestigious qualifications from two globally recognised institutions.

The aim is to provide students with a unique opportunity to study international and comparative business law; in two languages (French and English), with two renowned institutions.

The Sorbonne-QMUL Double LLM is an innovative, 18-month, bilingual programme which offers students the opportunity to benefit from combining the LLM programmes in Paris:

- an LLM in International Business Law with QMUL, and
- an LLM in French and European Law with the Sorbonne.

This bilingual, Double LLM comprises three main elements: modules taught in English by academics and guest lecturers of QMUL; modules taught in French by academics and guest lecturers of the Sorbonne; and an internship overseen by the Sorbonne.

QMUL's LLM in Paris is taught at the University of London Institute in Paris (ULIP), in premises shared with the British Council in the 7th arrondissement, a short walk from the Champs Elysées. Sorbonne classes will be held at 12, place du Panthéon and 21, rue Broca, 75005 Paris.

Students will benefit from access to study resources via both institutions across the 18 months. For more information see the Sorbonne-QMUL Double LLM page on the QMUL website [www.ccls.qmul.ac.uk/courses](http://www.ccls.qmul.ac.uk/courses) or email [SorbonneQueenMaryLLM@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:SorbonneQueenMaryLLM@qmul.ac.uk).

## Professor Pierre Brunet, Programme Co-Director from the Sorbonne said:

“The Sorbonne-QMUL Double LLM will be a unique cultural experience culminating with tangible work practice and will facilitate successful integration into professional fields of law.”

## Professor Morag Shiach – then Vice-Principal (Humanities and Social Sciences), and a signatory to the agreement, said:

“CCLS has developed an exciting range of new programmes in recent years, working with partners across the EU and in East Asia. The signing of this agreement with the Sorbonne will allow QMUL to offer a really innovative programme leading to two LLM degrees, where students will benefit from the expertise of academics and practitioners working in the context of two different legal systems.”

## Dr Maxi Scherer, Director CCLS Paris and Co-Director of the Sorbonne QMUL Double LLM in Paris, said:

“The Sorbonne-QMUL Double LLM in Paris is an innovative programme developed by experienced academics from both institutions, many of whom are also practitioners. The aim is to cater to students as well as to practitioners who would like to enhance their professional knowledge and career development. Leading to prestigious QMUL and Sorbonne qualifications, this course will provide you with in-depth immersion in commercial law.”

## Thomas Farkas Alumni Profile



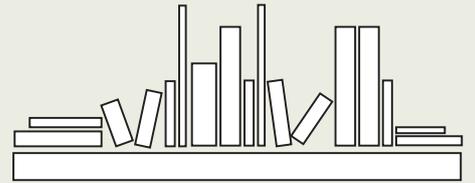
Thomas Farkas, LLM in Intellectual Property – 2009/2010 – London

**Dr Thomas J. Farkas** is a Senior Associate in the Munich office of an international law firm. He focusses on advising his clients in all matters related to Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law. Amongst other activities, Thomas also lectures on Intellectual Property law in several modules of Queen Mary's LLM programme.

"In 2010, I graduated from the LLM in Intellectual Property Law from Queen Mary University of London. My modules included International and Comparative Law of Trademarks, Patents and Copyrights. In a nutshell, my experience during my LLM programme at Queen Mary has been truly superb from every angle. The best aspect of my studies has been the course's internationality. Discussing the most recent legal issues and finding the best solutions to these issues with excellent professors and colleagues from all five continents has been amazing. Engaging in the modules and LLM broadened my legal horizon; moreover I was also able to find true friends and great colleagues from each corner of the globe.

With the great support and feedback of my supervisor, Dr Noam Shemtov, I completed my Masters thesis and was able to publish it in the well reputed law journal "European Intellectual Property Review". Another example that the possibilities at Queen Mary are truly unlimited: whatever you strive for, you will get the support and feedback to succeed. The LLM degree from Queen Mary has been the perfect door opener and asset for my further career path.

Finally, I would like to express my utmost gratitude to the staff at Queen Mary, who have done an unbelievable job in encouraging me and inspiring fellow students, especially Dr Noam Shemtov, Prof Uma Suthersanen, Prof. Adrian Sterling, Prof Spyros Maniatis, Prof. Duncan Matthews and Sue Sullivan.



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## Research News

### CCLS has received a record number of grant applications and a record income from successful bids

#### CCLS awarded two Jean Monnet Chairs

This academic year, we had 13 successful bids, of which two Jean Monnet Chairs were awarded by The European Commission to Professor Rafael Leal-Arcas and Dr Raphael Heffron. Since only five of these prestigious awards have been awarded in UK, the fact that two have been awarded to CCLS is a remarkable achievement.

#### Marie Curie Joint Doctorate; Horizon 2020 and more

We also had a Marie Curie Joint Doctorate, a Horizon2020 research grant, several tenders and other grants awarded this year for a record income of roughly £2,350,000 primarily from EU funding. We achieved an increase in the number of applications made, and had a 50% success rate, which is very high in comparison with a 14% average success rate in EU funding.

Prof. Rafael Leal-Arcas participated in a 14m Euro grant, with 0.6m Euros allocated to CCLS. This is four year project funded by the EU Commission in the framework of Horizon 2020 on competitive low-carbon energy. The grant was awarded to an interdisciplinary consortium of 21 institutions representing engineering, law, economics, trade, energy, and environmental experts.

The project has two strategic goals: a) the development of a set of solutions and technologies which increase the smartness, stability, and security of an open, consumer-focused European energy grid, with an

enhanced use of storage technologies and a highly increased share of renewable energy; and b) supporting the business and innovation activities of the consortium, and the European sector at large, contributing to the creation of jobs, access to new energy services (for citizens and public/private organisations), the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>, and the increase of renewable energy.

#### Revenge Porn

It is over a year since revenge porn became a crime in the UK and there is still only one place in the UK that offers free legal advice specific to revenge porn. SPITE (Sharing and Publishing Images to Embarrass) is a service run by students and staff at Queen Mary University of London. It is part of the university's Legal Advice Centre (LAC), which offers members of the public free legal advice from student advisers under the supervision of qualified lawyers. SPITE has so far advised around 80 revenge porn victims from all over the UK.

#### eHealth Hub Legal Network

Professor Ian Walden and Patrick Cahill lead part of a project on eHealth, developing a sustainable brand that is widely recognized by European eHealth Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) as the support structure of reference. The CCLS share of the grant is approximately 110k Euros and our specific aim is to support eHealth SMEs and start-ups on their legal issues. The service team will start building the eHealth Hub Legal Network, develop online tools, and then interact with SMEs.



## Alumni News

**Emanuele Spina**, LLM Commercial and Corporate Law 2011, has been recruited by the Single Resolution Board in Brussels, where he will soon commence his post.

**Cassio Mosse**, LLM Intellectual Property 2015, is now a senior associate and recently launched a book in Brazil.



After completing his studies in the UK and graduating with Distinction, Cassio Mosse completed work experience at EIP's London base as a Foreign Qualified Lawyer and then returned to Sao Paulo, Brazil, to be appointed as senior associate of the IP practice of Murad PMA Intellectual Property, a boutique law firm. He also launched a book (co-written with his Firm's team) on IP Law and the recently published Brazilian Internet Law.

More recently, Cassio represented his firm at the International Trademark Association Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, where he had the chance to meet with fellow QMUL alumni.

**Pedro Malaquias**, LLM Intellectual Property Law 2014, has become a member of the Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Unit of the Joint Research Centre at the European Commission. This unit hosts the Central Intellectual Property Service of the European Commission, which is a dedicated institutional service that responds to all the Commission's needs on IP. In addition his article 'Consumer 3D Printing: Is the UK Copyright and Design Law framework fit for purpose?' was published in the Queen Mary Journal of Intellectual Property, Issue 3 (July 2016).