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Wake Alumni Connecting Around the Globe

The ten months that LL.M. students spend at Wake Forest University School of Law greatly impact their lives. Not only do they learn U.S. law and immerse themselves in American culture, but they develop friendships that last long after they return to their home countries to work. With over 130 alumni coming from 36 countries, Wake Forest's LL.M. alumni span the globe and have assumed important and high-profile positions. Despite their busy professional lives, our alumni have managed to stay connected with each other. Dean Montaquila regularly receives postcards, pictures, and emails from LL.M. alumni who have vacationed together in another part of the world or met during a business trip. Here are a few examples of such reunions, proving that the bond formed during their studies at WFU supersedes distance and cultural differences.

MARIYA ORLYK (Ukraine, '06), **SIWAN JONES** (United Kingdom, '06), **JENNA KALCEVIC** (Germany, '05), and **SACHIYO NISHIE** (Japan, '07) have remained close since graduating from Wake Forest Law and leaving Winston-Salem. These women annually reunite with each other around the world to reminisce and spend time together. They recently met for a weekend trip in the Netherlands, where they visited Amsterdam and Bruges, Belgium. Sachiyo writes that these annual get-togethers are "very precious occasions" for her. In a postcard sent to Dean Montaquila from the Dutch coast, the women wrote that they were having "a lovely time" and have enjoyed "catching up."



(Left to right) Mariya, Siwan, Jenna, and Sachiyo pose in front of their hotel in Groede in the Zeeland region of the Netherlands.

Our female alumni aren't the only ones staying in touch. In October of 2008, **CHRISTIAN WYSS** (SWITZERLAND, '05) visited his LL.M. classmates in Japan. He enjoyed reconnecting with **CHI TAN** (Taiwan, '05), **JUN FURUTA** (Japan, '05), **FUSAKO KIRINUKI** (Japan, '05), **KENICHI KUNIKANE** (Japan, '06), **KAZUYA SHIKI** (Japan, '05), and **HIROSHO KISHIMOTO** (Japan, '05). In February, he vacationed with Chi and Jun in Milan, Italy.



Christian, Chi, and Jun at the Dome in Milan.

Earlier this year, **KATSUO YAMAURA** (Japan, '06) made a business trip for Kubota Corporation to Saudi Arabia, where he met **ABDULAZIZ AL-BOSAILY** (Saudi Arabia, '98), who has affiliated Abdulaziz A. Al Bosaily Law Office in Riyadh with Clyde & Co. LLP and serves as Kubota's attorney in Saudi Arabia. Katsuo and his colleagues met with Abdulaziz to discuss issues related to Kubota's business in the Kingdom. After finishing their work, Katsuo met with his LL.M. classmate, **MOHAMAD BASAM** (Saudi Arabia, '07), who is a Professor at the Institute of Public Administration, for lunch. Mohamad and Katsuo reminisced about their time together at WFU, and Mohamad introduced Katsuo

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The LL.M., S.J.D., and VIR Classes of 2010

The 2009-2010 LL.M. students hail from seven countries and bring a diverse academic and professional background. Let us introduce them.

Ms. Wenfang Huang

Beijing, China

Ms. Huang recently earned an LL.B. from Beijing Institute of Civil Engineering and Architecture. She was in the top 3% of her class and was involved in many extracurricular activities. These included serving as President of the Student Union, head of the debate team, host of the campus television show, and member of the Legal Clinic. While in college, Ms. Huang interned as a Lawyer Assistant at Beijing Quanda Law Firm and Beijing Union Best Partners Law Firm. In these positions, Ms. Huang gained experience in real estate disputes, intellectual property cases, oil fraud, and divorce cases. While at Wake Forest, Ms. Huang is focusing on contract law.



Mr. Mohammed Alfao'ri

Amman, Jordan

Mr. Alfao'ri comes to Wake Forest as a scholar from the Jordanian Ministry of Justice. In 2007, Mr. Alfao'ri became licensed to practice law in the Jordanian Bar Association where he finished seventh out of six hundred exam-takers. He is presently a Lawyer with Khaled Al Afaghani law firm, where he specializes in commercial law, provides legal and management services for the firm's investment affairs, collects debts, and researches the legal risks for commercial and civil investments. He earned an LL.B. from Yarmouk University in 2004. Mr. Alfao'ri has completed multiple English language courses at AMIDEAST Center and the British Council. He is focusing on business law at WFU.



LL.M. Fact:

There are
132 WFU
LL.M.
alumni
around the
world.

Mr. Shoichi Tsutaya

Tokyo, Japan

Mr. Tsutaya earned a LL.B. from the University of Tokyo in 2004. While in college, Mr. Tsutaya attended seminars on commercial law and business law, developing an interest in the relationship between law and economics. After graduating, he began working at Nomura Securities Co., Ltd., Japan's largest investment bank. Mr. Tsutaya is an Associate in the Global Markets Transaction Legal Department. He regularly handles contracts in English and communicates with counsel in London and New York. Mr. Tsutaya is focusing on insolvency law at WFU to become an expert in financial law. Mr. Tsutaya plans to return to Japan to continue working as a transaction lawyer. His long-term career goal is to develop and improve the global infrastructure for financial markets from both a legal and economic perspective.



Mr. Christian Fuehner

Muenster, Germany

Mr. Fuehner is a member of the German American Lawyers Association and has completed legal internships at Heimann-Hallerman-Gerlach Attorneys at Law, the German Parliament, and Mingace and Heineman Attorneys at Law in Boston. These internships provided him with invaluable legal experience ranging from drafting memoranda on local government and administrative laws to attending courtroom proceedings and analyzing cases in employment and bankruptcy law. Mr. Fuehner graduated in the top 10% of his class at the University of Muenster, where he focused on corporate, antitrust, and competition law. He has completed the First State's Examination, which is comparable to the first professional law degree in the US. Mr. Fuehner's career goal is to work in Germany's legislative branch. He is focusing on sports law at Wake Forest Law.



Mr. Ahmed AlQurashi

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Mr. AlQurashi has worked as a Legal Counsel for the Committee for the Resolution of Securities Disputes at the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) of Saudi Arabia since 2006. Mr. AlQurashi describes the CMA as “the watchdog of the securities and stock markets in Saudi Arabia.” Prior to this position, Mr. AlQurashi worked in the Shari’ah Law Group of Alrajhi Banking Corporation in Riyadh. Mr. AlQurashi earned an LL.B. from Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud University in 2001 and received a Diploma in Legal Studies from the Institute of Public Administration in 2006. He hopes to specialize in international business and commercial law when he returns to Saudi Arabia.

**Mr. Sunghee Kim**

Seoul, South Korea

Mr. Kim earned an LL.B. in 2007 from Sungkyunkwan University, where he was the President of the Crime Victim Law Association, Vice President of the Students’ Association, and Captain of the Soccer Club. Mr. Lee worked is a Legal Researcher for the Trade Policy Division of the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, an office in charge of diplomacy, overseas Korean nationals, and external economic policy. Mr. Lee’s work experience also includes five months as an Intern at Gong-gam Pro Bono Foundation and seven months at the Korean Crime Victim Center. While at Wake Forest, Mr. Kim has been focusing on international business transactions.

**Ms. Xin “Florence” Zhang**

Jinan, China

Ms. Zhang recently graduated from Shandong University, where she received an LL.B. degree. She was very involved in Shandong University’s English Broadcasting station, providing her the opportunity to edit a weekly one-hour program and to interview international students, visiting academics, and business leaders. As a law student, Ms. Zhang spent a year as an exchange student at the University of Queensland in Australia, where she completed eight legal courses. She won first place in the China’s Central TV Cup English Speaking Contest in Shandong Province. Ms. Zhang also served as an interpreter for international students from Australia, Russia, and Europe at Shandong University’s International Camp. While at Wake Forest, Ms. Zhang wants to learn more about international corporate law, international trade law, and international commercial law. After earning an LL.M., Ms. Zhang plans to pursue a Ph.D. in public international law and hopes to specialize in international refugee law.

**Ms. Weijia Ma**

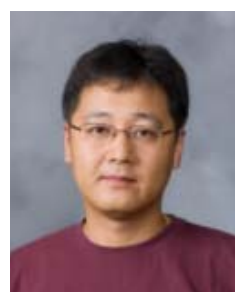
Shanghai, China

Ms. Ma earned a LL.B. from Shanghai University School of Law, where she specialized in international transactions, commercial litigation, and corporate law. She was ranked 5th in her class and graduated *Magna Cum Laude*. Since July of 2005, Ms. Ma has worked as a Senior Associate Manager of the Shipping Department of Wear Me Apparel LLC in Shanghai. Headquartered in New York, Wear Me Apparel is the largest importer of children’s garments in North America. In this position, Ms. Ma supervises transactions and shipments in China, Hong Kong, and Taipei, Taiwan, negotiates contracts among more than fifty East Asia manufacturers and the U.S., and resolves relevant legal issues. Prior to this position, Ms. Ma worked as a Summer Associate at Qinhua-Zhenxing Law Firm, where she provided legal advice to global companies regarding international business law matters and drafted legal documents and correspondence for partners. She has also worked as a Law Clerk in the Shanghai Clean Science and Technology Co. Ltd., the highest ranked environmental technology company in China. Ms. Ma is focusing on international law as an LL.M. student.

**Mr. Sang Mook Lee**

Seoul, South Korea

Mr. Lee received his LL.B. degree in 2000 from Korea University. He became a member of the Korean Bar Association in 2002 after passing the Bar Exam, which only 1% of test takers achieve, and completing the training program at the Judicial Research and Training Institute in 2002, which is required of attorneys who pass the Bar Exam. Mr. Lee is currently a Senior Associate at Yoon Yang Kim Shin & Yu, one of the most prestigious law firms in Korea. In the firm, Mr. Lee focuses on civil and corporate litigation regarding real estate, torts, and financial transactions, represents Fortune 500 companies, and has handled over 200 cases. Mr. Lee has argued a case before the Korean Supreme Court for a foreign corporation involving significant finance and bankruptcy issues and successfully defended 19 financial institutions against Samsung in the largest tort case in the history of Korea.



Mr. Hui Meng

Hangzhou, China

Mr. Meng majored in civil and commercial law at East China University of Political Science and Law, where he recently earned an LL.B. As a law student, Mr. Meng was Group Leader of the Students Comic Union, a member of the Movie Union and Astronomy Union, and Secretary of the Investigation and Research Department of his University's Student Union. One of his research papers was published in [The Science Education Article Collects](#) in 2008. Mr. Meng has worked as a Lawyer Assistant at Zhejiang Baiming Law Firm, where he met with clients, compiled court hearings, and attended court cases with attorneys. Mr. Meng's long-term career goal is to help improve China's legal system. He believes that earning an LL.M. degree in the US will benefit him in looking for a position in a top Chinese law firm.

**Mr. Mustafa Alfrehat**

Amman, Jordan

Mr. Alfrehat comes to Wake Forest as a scholar from the Jordanian Ministry of Justice. He has been practicing law since 2007, when he passed the Jordanian Bar Exam and finished second out of six-hundred test-takers. Mr. Alfrehat is a Lawyer at Abdelkareem Aldoghmi law firm, where he works in intellectual property, trademarks, real estate conflicts, and international trade disputes. Mr. Alfrehat earned an LL.B. from Yarmouk University in 2005. Mr. Alfrehat has completed multiple English language courses at AMIDEAST Center and the British Council.

**Mr. Sang Pil Lee**

Seoul, South Korea

Mr. Lee received his LL.B. degree from Yonsei University in Seoul in 1995. He has been a member of the Korean Bar Association since 2001, when he passed the Exam on the first try (40,000 Korean law students sat for the Exam with only 680 passing in Mr. Lee's year). Currently he is a Senior Associate Attorney in the International Litigation and Arbitration team of Yoon Yang Kim Shin & Yu, a Korean law firm with expertise in international business transactions. In this position, Mr. Lee provides legal advice on commercial and corporate law and represents major Korean and foreign companies in litigation and arbitration, including IBM, DHL, Hyundai, GE Capital, and LG. Mr. Lee has also litigated on behalf of Korean governmental agencies. Mr. Lee has focused on international law at WFU. He hopes that earning an LL.M. degree will prepare him to participate in the anticipated Korea-US Free Trade Agreement and further develop his career in international trade and intellectual property law.

**LL.M. Fact:**

**LL.M. alumni
have come
from 36
countries.**

Ms. Ghada Abu Qteish

Ramallah, West Bank

Ms. Abu Qteish comes to Wake Forest as a Palestinian Rule of Law scholar. She recently earned an LL.B. from Birzeit University, where she ranked third in her class. Ms. Abu Qteish has experience studying abroad, as she has attended a course in England to develop a peaceful dialogue between the Palestinian and Israeli youth in 2006 and a course on international humanitarian law in Poland in 2008. Ms. Abu Qteish is fluent in Arabic, French, and English. She is particularly interested in international trade law, financial law, and commercial law.

**Mr. Xiao Luo**

Shanghai, China

Mr. Luo recently graduated from East China University of Political Science and Law, where he earned a LL.B. degree and focused on international economic law. While a law student, Mr. Luo interned at Zhejiang Mingquan Law Firm, where he prepared indictments for civil rights infringement disputes and corporate contract disputes and served as acting agent in compensation litigation. As an LL.M. student, Mr. Luo is focused on international and comparative law. He plans to return to China to work as a foreign affairs lawyer and hopes to establish his own firm in China one day.



The Visiting International Researcher Program

This program is designed for foreign academics and graduate law students, as well as legal professionals, interested in pursuing legal research and consulting with Wake Forest law faculty. Since 2004, thirteen VIRs have visited Wake Forest School of Law to pursue research in diverse areas of law.

Our current Visiting International Researchers are:

Mr. Angelo Malvestio

Venice, Italy

Mr. Malvestio is a law student at the University of Padua, the second oldest university in Italy. He attended summer courses with other Wake Forest J.D. students in the Venice Summer program in 2009. Mr. Malvestio has studied abroad in England and completed an English course in Manhattan. At the University of Padua, Mr. Malvestio served as President of the Student Committee. As a Visiting International Researcher at the School of Law, he will focus on international law and audit Torts and European Union Law. Mr. Malvestio will be here at Wake Forest from August to December of 2009.



Mr. Dal-Yong Ahn

Seoul, Korea

Mr. Ahn is a Court Administrator in the Personnel Management Office in the Korean National Court Administration. Mr. Ahn received a law degree from Kyungbuk National University in Daegu in 1992. He earned a Public Labor Attorney certification (CPLA) in 2001 and passed the Higher Civil Service Examination, becoming a court official, in 2002. Since graduating, Mr. Ahn has worked as a Labor Supervisor in the Korean Ministry of Labor, a Court Clerk in Gwangju District Court and Daegu High Court, and Head of the Deposit Office in the Seoul Central District Court. While here at WFU, Mr. Ahn will be conducting research on U.S. labor law, insolvency law, and the deposit system. Mr. Ahn's visit to Wake Forest is sponsored by the Korean government and he will be here through January of 2010.



Ms. Licia Memo

Venice, Italy

Ms. Memo is a third-year law student at the University of Padua. She participated in summer courses with other Wake Forest J.D. students in the Venice Summer program in 2009. Ms. Memo has come to Wake Forest University as a Visiting International Researcher to learn more about torts and international law. She will audit Torts and European Union Law. Ms. Memo describes herself as proficient in English, German, and Spanish. Ms. Memo will be here at Wake Forest School of Law from August to December of 2009.



"I miss everything at WFU. I hope that your school and the Korean Supreme Court keep in friendly relations in the future."



Judge Nam Cheon Park
(VIR, 2007-2008)

Mr. Jae-Hyuk Oh

Changwon, Korea

Mr. Oh is a Public Prosecutor at the Changwon District Public Prosecutors' Office. He received a Bachelor of Laws degree from Pusan National University and completed a two-year program at the Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea, which is intended to further the education of those who have passed the Korean Bar Examination before entering the legal profession. Since graduating from the Institute, Mr. Oh has worked in several Public Prosecutors' offices and has investigated and litigated intellectual property cases, public officer bribery cases, various finance-related business crime cases, and high-level fraud cases. While here at WFU, Mr. Oh will be conducting research on criminal affairs, intellectual property rights, and the legal system of the United States of America. Mr. Oh's visit to Wake Forest is sponsored by the Korean government and he will be here through December of 2009.



Wake Forest Law Enrolls First S.J.D. Student

After gaining acquiescence from the American Bar Association a year ago, Wake Forest School of Law initiated the S.J.D. Program in the fall semester of 2009 and enrolled its first S.J.D. student. The S.J.D. is the highest postgraduate degree offered at the School of Law and is designed for international attorneys and scholars who are pursuing academic or high ranking governmental careers in their home countries.

Mr. Mohamad Basam, WFU's first S.J.D. student, is a 2007 LL.M. alumnus. Before joining the LL.M. Program, Mr. Basam earned a LL.B. with honors from King Abdulaziz University, a top school in Saudi Arabia. He worked as a Law Clerk at the Majed Garoub Law Firm. Mr. Basam studied for two years in the LL.M. program at Wake Forest University, where he excelled, and then interned at Kilpatrick Stockton LLP.

Mr. Basam returned to Saudi Arabia where he served as a Lecturer and Coordinator of the Legal Programs at the Institute of Public

Administration, the main governmental authority responsible for training public servants. At the IPA, Mr. Basam taught government employees and young lawyers insurance Law (in English), administrative law, contracts, government contracts, and legal writing. In addition to his work at the IPA, Mr. Basam was a Legal Consular at the Saudi Ministry of Defense.

Mr. Basam's S.J.D. dissertation project is entitled, "Legal Framework for Public Private Partnership Models in Saudi Arabia." Mr. Basam intends to teach law in Saudi Arabia after earning an S.J.D. degree.



Mr. Mohamad Basam

**There are
497 J.D.
students at
Wake
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Law.**

WFU J.D.s Welcome International Students

WFU School of Law has always been welcoming of international students. In addition to supportive faculty and staff, the J.D. students welcome the international students to the School. Each year, some J.D. students volunteer to mentor LL.M. and Visiting International Researchers to acclimate them to the American law school atmosphere and to assist in their transition to life in the U.S. At the beginning of the fall semester, some of these J.D. mentors arranged social activities for the international students. Mark Van Wieren, a 1L, and his wife, Liz, hosted a dinner party for the LL.M.s and VIRs and their families at their apartment in downtown Winston-Salem. Mark explains that he knows how hard it can be to adjust to a new culture and new friends. He states, "We're just glad they're here at Wake."



Above: LL.M.s and VIRs at Mark and Liz's dinner party

Right: Christian and Angelo (middle, front row) take a group picture with their teammates.

LL.M. Teaching Assistant, Erin Hartnett, and J.D. Mentor, Ellie Fontenot, arranged an international Feast for the international students from the law and MBA schools. With several J.D. students in attendance, the event was a success as students got to mingle and sample foods from countries around the world.

Finally, our international and J.D. students are bonding over the most popular sport in the world, soccer. CHRISTIAN FUEHNER (Germany, 2010) and Angelo Malvestio (Italy, VIR) enjoyed their regular soccer matches with Azaria Tesfa, an LL.M. Teaching Assistant, and other J.D. students.



Recent News from our LL.M. Alumni

Congratulations to **MENGFEI YU** (China, '08) on passing the New York State Bar Examination! Mengfei continues to enjoy her work as a Paralegal at Fengling Liu Attorney at Law in Albany, NY. She recently spent one month in China to visit her family.

YOUNGJO LIM (Korea, '04) is establishing a Wake Forest School of Law alumni group in Korea. Similar to the group established in Japan, this group will keep our Korean alumni connected and assist in recruiting qualified Korean applicants.

KUO-HUNG CHEN (Taiwan, '08) has joined the legal department of ASUSTek, a computer manufacturing company in Taiwan. Kuo-Hung reviews contracts, participates in the negotiation process, and works with trademark and patent issues.

AARON OYARCE (Peru, '02) earned an S.J.D. degree at the University of Lima, Peru, where he completed a dissertation entitled, "Juridical Stability on Foreign Investment." He also recently earned a second LL.M. degree in European Private Law from the Università di Roma "La Sapienza." Aaron is now Department Head of Public Law at the School of Law and Academic Coordinator at San Martin University.



KATSUO YAMAURA (Japan, '06) published two books for Lexis Nexis Japan. The first was on international business law and the second focuses on license agreements.

JIN SEAK DOH (Korea, '04) has opened SM&A Law Office in Seoul, where he focuses on mergers & acquisitions and litigation.

ANCHALEE TWEESAN (Thailand, '08) recently attended a United Nations Commission on International Trade Law conference on bankruptcy law.



BAKHYZZHAN KUSSAINOV (Kazakhstan, '09) interned at Kilpatrick Stockton in W-S after graduating. While there, he gave a presentation to the firm's attorneys about Kazakhstan's legal system.

BADER ALGHANEM (Saudi Arabia, '09) was promoted from Legal Researcher to Counselor at the Bureau of Experts at the Saudi Council of Ministers after graduating from the LL.M. program.

SACHIYO NISHIE (Japan, '07) continues to enjoy her work as a Legal Officer in the International Law Department of Nippon Sheet Glass Co. In addition to her legal responsibilities, Sachiyo is serving as the Secretary to the Executive Committee, allowing her to work with executives from around the world.

Upon graduation, **YEN-HSIN CHANG** (Taiwan, '08) returned to Taiwan for the summer. She then moved to New York to study for the New York State Bar Examination.

SUTHI IAMCHARERNYING (Thailand, '09) has passed the Public Prosecutor Examination in October. He is now working as an Assistant Public Prosecutor in the Criminal Department of the Office of the Attorney General in Bangkok.



While pursuing a second LL.M. degree in Securities and Financial Regulation at Georgetown University, **YOUNG-SOO CHANG** (Korea, '04) interned in the Corporate Financial Department of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington D.C. during the first half of 2009.

HYUK RYU (Korea, '03) has joined the Ujeongbu District Public Prosecutor's Office in Korea.

REZARTE VUKATANA (Albania, '04) is pursuing a Ph.D. degree in securities market law from the University of Westminster School of Law in London, where she received a fully-funded research studentship. As one of twenty students selected in the new program, Rezarte will pursue a Ph.D. and focus on commercial and financial law in the reconstruction of the global system of trade and finance.

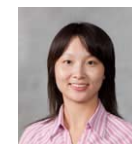
YOSHIHIRO SAKAMOTO (Japan, '08) has returned to his position in the Legal and Risk Management Group of Kuraray Co., Ltd. in Tokyo after completing two legal internships in New York City.

JENNA KALCEVIC (Germany, '05) is completing her 2-year traineeship to become a certified lawyer in Germany. She is finishing an internship at Henkel AG & Co. KGaA Legal Department.

MARIYA ORLYK (Ukraine, '06) was promoted to Senior Attorney at CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz Attorneys-at-Law in Kiev.

FUSAKO KIRINUKI (Japan, '05) is an Attorney and the Project Manager of the International Legal Group at Toyota Tsusho Corporation, which is an affiliate of Toyota Motor Co.

NAMEI WANG (China, '09) is studying for the Chinese Bar Exam, which she will take in September. She hopes to obtain a job with the Chinese government after taking the Exam.



YURIKA OKUMURA (Japan, '07) the Assistant Vice President of the Compliance Department of Tokyo Star Bank, Ltd., reports that her main responsibilities include overseeing the compliance training of the Bank's 1300 employees and preventing sexual harassment and power harassment.

YUANYUAN "IRIS" LI (China, '07) is pursuing a second LL.M. degree at The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

YAZMYNE VASQUEZ ETEROVIC (Peru, '03) is the Assistant Director and International LL.M. & Alumni Advisor in the Career Development Office of the University of Miami School of Law.

LL.M. Fact:

**39% of
LL.M.
alumni are
women.**

LL.M. Employment:

- Law Firms = 35%**
- Corporations = 26%**
- Government = 11%**
- Pursuing further Education = 11%**
- Academia = 4%**
- Other = 13%**

YORIKO SAKAI (Japan, '02), has joined Rovi Corporation as a Patent Licensing Attorney.

HAO WANG (China, '09) began an internship in the trademarks group at Kilpatrick Stockton in Winston-Salem in September.

FRANCESCO FERRINI (Italy, '98) has joined Studio Legale IuraPlus, a private practice firm in Milan.

BATSUKH ENKHBAT (Mongolia, '99) is currently Vice President of Commercial and Government Affairs for Eznis Airways in Mongolia.

SUN KYOUNG KIM (Korea, '07) was promoted to Partner at Yulchon Attorneys at Law in Seoul, South Korea. He writes that he feels a greater sense of responsibility at work now and that his studies at WFU "have been, and will continue to be, a good foundation for my career."

MUHANAD ASSAF (Palestine, '06) and **AMEED ANANI** (Palestine, '07) are Founders and Senior Partners at Ittqan Consulting Services in Ramallah. In addition, both teach at Birzeit University. Ameer teaches Introduction to Law and Lawyering Skills and Muhanad



teaches Moot Court, Banking Law, and Business Organizations.

JUDY HAENSEL (Germany, '08), who is currently in her third year as a J.D. student at WFU, spent her summer working at Byrne, Davis, & Hicks in Charlotte. She reports that she was able to gain a lot of hands-on experience and use her knowledge of the American and German legal systems.

Upon earning a LL.M., **ANASS SHABAN** (West Bank, '09) returned home to work as a Private Advocate.

YOUSEF NASRALLAH (Palestine, '06) is a Rule of Law Contractor for the United States Institute of Peace and a Consultant for the Social and Economic Group of World Bank.

After working for several years in Nomura's London office, **KOMEI TAKATSU** (Japan, '00) returned to Nomura's Tokyo office in 2008, where he manages the section for Investment Banking and International Legal Affairs in the Legal Dept.

RUILU WANG (China, '09) has entered the J.D. Program at Wake Forest School of Law.

DANIEL MILLARES (Bolivia, '05) is the Justice and Peace Director at the Organization of American States' Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia. In this position, Daniel oversees special international observation of the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration process and transitional justice in an armed conflict context.



CHIEN-CHIH LIU (Taiwan, '08) recently earned a second LL.M. degree in international law from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

MARTIN RINSCHIED (Germany, '09) completed his required residency in the Frankfurt office of Sullivan & Cromwell over the summer of 2009. Despite putting in long hours, Martin enjoyed his work and colleagues. He is now working full-time on a Ph.D. thesis before beginning his second residency, which is required of all aspiring German lawyers.



RYO KAWAMURA (Japan, '99), as Senior Legal Advisor of UBE Industries' Legal Department, is involved in a joint development project between UBE and a company in Greensboro, NC. He plans to participate in contract negotiations in Greensboro in the future and hopes to visit WFU.

HEEYOON "DANNY" CHOI (Korea, '09) is living in Atlanta, where he is working as a Legal Assistant at MiraeComm Holding LLC, a company in Atlanta that promotes Boost Mobile stores. Danny's first assignment was to draft an LLC agreement.



VICTOR MANZANO (Mexico, '07) has recently been named Vice-General Counsel and Labor Counsel (Latin America) of Nokia Mexico.

ABDULAZIZ AL-BOSAILY (Saudi Arabia, '98) has affiliated Abdulaziz A. Al Bosaily Law Office in Riyadh with Clyde & Co. In this partnership, Mr. Al-Bosaily works with the international law firm's Middle Eastern Corporate and Financial Services groups, advising on some of the largest Islamic financing deals in Saudi Arabia.





Growing Families

We congratulate the following alumni who have married or become parents in the last year.



SAMUEL CHACON (Mexico, '05), a Lawyer at Chacón & Rodríguez Abogados in Mexico City, published an article entitled, "How to Calculate the National Input of Goods in National Mexican Public Bid Procedures," in the January 2009 issue of the North American Free Trade & Investment Report. Congratulations to Samuel and his wife, Ines, who wed in September of 2008!

Congratulations to **MIKIO NISHIOKA** (Japan, '07) and Miho on the birth of their son, Kan-shou, on September 22, 2008. Mikio continues to work in the Legal Dept. of Kyushu Electric Power Co.



YOUSSEF ALBLIHID (Saudi Arabia, '09) and his wife, Ghadah Fahad Alzaidi, celebrated the birth of their son, Hamad, in Riyadh this year. Youssef reports that he and his family are doing well, but that he misses Winston-Salem.



ALI CELIK (Turkey, '01) is a Partner at Celik-Akbulut Avukatlik Burosu and reports that the firm continues to grow and gain more clients and cases. Ali is also a lecturer in the Antalya Bar teaching criminal procedure and has appeared on TV to discuss his work. On a personal note, we would like to congratulate Ali and his wife, Melek, who welcomed a new daughter, Yagmur Asya, to the family on February 15, 2008.



We congratulate **SANG MOOK LEE** (Korea, '10) and his wife on the birth of their daughter on October 27, 2009.

ANNE FRITZLER ABEL (Germany, '03), her husband, Joerg, and their daughter, Hannah, welcomed another baby to the family, Sarah Sophie, on April 30, 2009.



HANI AQIL (Khan Younis, Gaza) welcomed his seventh child on November 24, 2009. Hani and his wife named the newest addition to the family Sara. As a proud father, Hani describes his daughter as "very beautiful." Congratulations!

AYCA KONURALP (Turkey, '06) is an Attorney at Carlsberg & Turk Tuborg Brewing and Malting Inc. in Izmir, Turkey. Congratulations to Ayca on her marriage to Onur Acikel on November 29, 2008.

EVA NEWEKLOWSKY (Austria, '02) and Harald Schuneritsch welcomed a son, whom they named Loris, on December 30, 2008. Congratulations to the happy family!

Congratulations to **HANNE NYHEIM** (Norway, '07) and Thomas McNutt (JD, '08), who wed in Oslo on August 22, 2009. The couple will be living in Oslo, where Tom is studying human rights at the University of Oslo and Hanne continues to enjoy her work as an Associate at Simonsen Advokatfirma.



KHARISMA PERWIRO (Indonesia, '06) wed Karina Esanya on December 14, 2008 in Jakarta. **GRACE WIDYANI** (Indonesia, '06) attended the wedding. Kharisma is an Associate at Soewito Suhardiman Eddymurthy Kardono (SSEK), where he works in general corporate law and investment law.

HIROSHI KISHIMOTO (Japan, '05) and his wife, Yuko, welcomed another son, Masashi, on December 18, 2008. Masashi joins his brothers Takeru and Akira.

FREDERIC JOLY (France, '00) and his wife, Justine, excitedly announce the birth of their son, Gabriel, on November 22, 2008.



HOLLY HEDGECOCK, the Coordinator of the LL.M. Program, and her husband, Bryan, welcomed a son on April 5, 2009. His name is Luke.



If you have an update to share with your fellow alumni, send an email to **Dean Montaquila** or **Holly Hedgecock**

News from WFU and Winston-Salem

Dear Alumni and LL.M. Program Supporters,

The Wake Forest LL.M. Program is now thirteen (successful) years old. Our total number of alumni and current students now exceeds 140 attorneys. This is close to the same number of students in a first year J.D. class. In 2009-10, we are the largest single group of international students on campus. Our alumni base is composed of attorneys from 36 different countries.

There is change and growth in our International Graduate Programs. We launched our S.J.D. Program this year, after I obtained approval by the American Bar Association. The establishment of the S.J.D. Program was in response to many requests for the new degree program from our LL.M. students and alumni. In future years, we may accept up to three applicants per year in the event they are highly qualified. We also established the Visiting International Researchers Program, again in response to repeated requests for such an opportunity. We injected new energy in the Introduction to American Law course by adding some dynamic speakers who are experienced practitioners: Tom Comerford in Torts/Litigation; Mark Thomas in ERISA/Employee Benefits; and Judge Bill Freeman in Alternate Dispute Resolution. Coming soon: Holly Hedgecock is creating a WFU School of Law International Graduate Programs Facebook page. I believe this will increase the already significant networking among our alumni and students. I also am pleased to report the number of international firms contacting us to recruit our LL.M. graduates based on the program's reputation is increasing all the time.

So that's the new – what is the same? There are a growing number of mega –LL.M. Programs in the market, enrolling such numbers of students as Harvard (150), Georgetown (100+), and Duke (83), for example. However, WFU is adhering to our approach of offering a small, intimate program, which succeeds in providing close and individual contact with professors for each LL.M. student.

My own year has been positive professionally. A highlight was an invitation from the Palestinian Rule of Law Program to travel to Jerusalem and the West Bank in February to interview and select finalists for their fellowships. This allowed me to visit with our alumni, Ameer Anani and Muhanad Assaf, in their offices. I spoke at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools in West Palm Beach on "Practicing International Law in the Southeast." And finally I organized or spoke at all seven law schools in N.C. on "Practicing International Law in North Carolina."

I still greatly enjoy hearing from many of you. The postcards, holiday cards, and photos still are posted to my door and make my day when they arrive.

Fondly,

Susan Montaquila, Assistant Dean, International Graduate Programs

Wake Alumni Connecting Around the Globe

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to Saudi cuisine. Katsuo reported that he had a "wonderful time" meeting Abdulaziz and seeing Mohamad again. Since this initial trip, Katsuo returned to Riyadh to work with Abdulaziz in June and met with him to discuss business in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in December.

Abdulaziz Albosaily (second from left) and Katsuo Yamaura (second from right) pose with Katsuo's colleagues from Kubota Corporation

