



# Master of Laws Program

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## LL.M.s Auction International Cuisine

Every year, the LL.M.s auction an International Cuisine Party at the annual PILO auction, which features samplings of the LL.M. students' native food and drink. In October 2005, **AYCA KONURALP** (Turkey, LL.M. 2005), **MARIYA OR-LYK** (Ukraine, LL.M. 2005), **MIKIO NISHIOKA** (Japan, LL.M. 2007), **SACHIYO NISHIE** (Japan, LL.M. 2006), and **KHARISMA PERWIRO** (Indonesia, LL.M. 2005) prepared a dinner for Mr. Charles Cushman, who bid \$300.00 for the party.

The LL.M. class of 2007 auctioned their International Cuisine Party to Reid Whitten, a third year J.D. student and former LL.M. Teaching Assistant.



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## Dean Walsh to Retire

In July 2006, Robert K. Walsh announced his plans to retire as dean of the Wake Forest University School of Law this coming summer. Fortunately Dean Walsh, who will complete eighteen years as dean in 2007, will remain at the School of Law as a full-time professor of law starting with the 2007-2008 academic year.

It was Dean Walsh's idea to create the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program in American Law at Wake Forest University in 1997, and he has played an integral role in the program since that time. Under his influence and guidance, the program has matured and gained high regard internationally.



*Dean Walsh addresses students at the annual LL.M. Welcome Luncheon*

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# LL.M. Class of 2007

Our LL.M. students this year come to Wake Forest from 9 countries and a variety of professional and educational backgrounds.



**Mr. Majed Alarife**  
**Ridayh, Saudi Arabia**

Majed graduated from King Saud University majoring in Islamic studies. He received his Master of Laws degree in Systems of Law from the Institute of Public Administration. Majed is an advisor in the Legal Department at the Board of the Presidency of Ministers Council in Saudi Arabia (the “White House” of Saudi Arabia.) As his responsibilities involve international law, Majed found it necessary to know and understand Anglo-Saxon laws, bringing him to the LL.M. Program at Wake Forest University.



**Mr. Ahmad Al Zaid**  
**Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**

Ahmad is on the faculty of Economics and Administration of the Department of Law of King Abdulaziz University, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Law with Honors and graduated first in his class. He is the first Saudi law professor from a Saudi University Faculty of Law to join our program. Ahmad has taught and will be teaching courses in the Department of Law in the areas of International Financial Law and Principles of Law. His goal is to continue his career as an academician in the field of law, particularly in international trade and financial law.



**Mr. Ameer Anani**  
**Ramallah, Palestine**

Ameer is a Palestinian Rule of Law Fellow. He is the Deputy Director of the Legal Department of the Cairo Amman Bank in Palestine and is also the Legal Affairs Manager of Sinokrot Global Group. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in Law from Amman National University and Birziet University, respectively. Ameer has also been a member of a private law firm in Ramallah since 1997. His primary interests are commercial law, international trade law, financial and corporate law.



**Mr. Mohamad Basam**  
**Ridayh, Saudi Arabia**

Mohamad is an Assistant Instructor at the Institute for Public Administration in Ridayh. He was awarded a scholarship from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for two full years of study in our program. His main area of interest is administrative law. He has a law degree from King Abdulaziz University, where he graduated first in his class.



**Ms. Anastasia Bastian**  
**Nassau, Bahamas**

Anastasia received her LL.B. with honors from the University of Manchester in 2005. She has held summer legal internships in the civil litigation departments of two Bahamian law firms, Gibson, Rigby & Co. and Rolle & Rolle. She is a member of the Bar of Commonwealth of the Bahamas and of the Bar of England and Wales. Anastasia is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London.

LL.M. Class of 2007 (continued)



**Mr. Kuo-Hung Chen**  
**Taipei, Taiwan**

Kuo-Hung received his Bachelor of Laws from Soochow University in Taipei, where he was a member of the Fundamental Legal Education Service, the Legal Clinic, the Business Practice Research Association, and was Chairman of the Soochow University Student Bar Association. He also served in the Taiwan Army, where he worked in the Finance Department. Kuo-Hung wishes to study business and commercial law, mergers and acquisitions, and banking law. After obtaining an LL.M. degree, Kuo-Hung intends to seek an opportunity to work in mainland China as an attorney in the business and finance area.



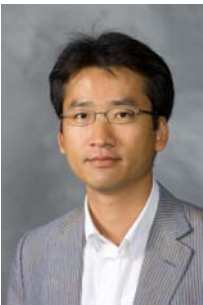
**Mr. Chen Fan "Forrest" Fu**  
**Beijing, China**

Forrest received a Bachelor of International Business Law degree from the University of International Business and Economics, a well-known law school in Beijing, China, where he served as Editor of the Law Review. He was a winner of a competitive essay competition entered by one hundred thousand applicants in Shanghai. Forrest interned for a top law firm and corporate legal department while in law school. He is most interested in business law and international business law.



**Mr. Masaaki Kidokoro**  
**Sapporo, Japan**

Masaaki is a Director in the Sapporo Regional Taxation Bureau where he supervises thirty tax offices. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Law in 1992 from Hosei University, Japan's oldest law school. Masaaki hopes to gain specific knowledge of taxation in the American legal system while at Wake Forest. After obtaining an LL.M. degree, he hopes to work for the Japanese government as an international tax expert, while also teaching at universities in Japan.



**Mr. Sun Kyoung Kim**  
**Seoul, South Korea**

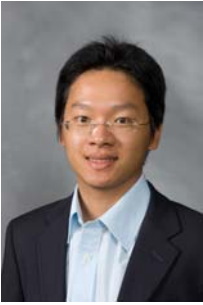
Since 2001, Sun has been an associate with the law firm of Woo Yun Kang Jeong & Han, one of Korea's most prominent law firms. His primary areas of practice are litigation, arbitration, and finance. He received his LL.B. from the College of Law at Yonsei University in Seoul. He also graduated from the Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea in 2001. Sun is a member of the Korean Bar Association, the Korean International Trade Law Association, and the Korean Insolvency Law Association.



**Ms. Yuanyuan Li**  
**Hjinshi, Shanxi Province, China**

Yuanyuan received a double Bachelor degree in Law and Accounting from Beijing Jiaotong University, where she concentrated on mortgage and finance law. Throughout her college career, she worked as a juror at the Beijing Haidian District People's Court and the Zhong Zhou Law Office. She also served as a tutor of foreign students. Yuanyuan's career goal is to be "an excellent international lawyer."

## LL.M. Class of 2007 (continued)



**Mr. Chien-Chih "Eric" Liu**  
**Tainan, Taiwan**

Eric received his law degree from the Chinese Cultural University in Taipei, Taiwan. During his college career, Eric interned at Jui Teh United Office of Attorney at Law, where he researched civil and criminal law, observed various court and legal proceedings, and composed drafts of deeds, contracts, wills, affidavits, and powers of attorney. After receiving an LL.M. degree, he plans to return to Taiwan to apply the knowledge he gained at Wake Forest University to improve the Taiwanese legal system.



**Mr. Victor Manzano**  
**Lomas de Chapultepec, Mexico**

Victor is a lawyer at Gardere, Arena y Robles, S.C., which is the Mexican office of the Houston-based firm of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP. He works with an international practice focused on cross border transactions, assisting with American and European entities doing business in the U.S. and Latin America. He also serves as the exclusive Mexican counsel for a Japanese company with offices in Richmond, N.C. Upon receiving an LL.M. degree, Victor intends to return to work at Gardere, Arena y Robles and hopes to teach at his alma mater, the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM).



**Mr. Mikio Nishioka**  
**Fukuoka, Japan**

Mikio is a Legal Adviser in the Legal Department of Kyushu Electric Power Company, the fourth largest power company in Japan. His responsibilities include legal affairs concerning international transactions and overseas projects, examining contracts, and providing legal advice as an in-house legal counselor. Mikio often consults with prominent international and domestic law firms. He is the recipient of the first scholarship awarded to an LL.M. candidate by his company. He received his Bachelor of Law degree from Kyushu University. He has studied U.S. law at Wake Forest for two full years.



**Ms. Hanne Nyheim**  
**Oslo, Norway**

Hanne is a recent graduate of the University of Oslo Law School, Norway's oldest and most prestigious law school. She spent one semester at the University of North Dakota's Law School, where she developed an interest in contract law. Hanne hopes to write her LL.M. thesis about American contract law.



**Ms. Yurika Okumura**  
**Tokyo, Japan**

Yurika is a Paralegal Associate in the Legal Department at Nomura Asset Management, Ltd. in Tokyo. She received a Bachelor in Economics at Chuo University in 1998 and an LL.B. from Meiji University in Tokyo in 2005. One of Yurika's most notable experiences as a correspondent for the Chuo University's monthly paper was her interview with Mr. Kofi A. Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations. Yurika hopes to pursue a legal career in the field of corporate law.

# The Graduating LL.M. Class of 2006



**Mr. Abdulrahman Alkanhal**  
**Ridayh, Saudi Arabia**

Abdul is in the Legal Department of the Court of the Cabinets' Presidency, one of the most prestigious legal departments among the Kingdom's Ministries (the Saudi "White House"), where he reviews and drafts legal documents, especially in the field of public law. His family has a distinguished history in law in Saudi Arabia. His father retired from the Supreme Court, his elder brother worked as a judge in the Administrative Court, and two brothers-in-law are attorneys. He graduated first in his law class at King Saud University. Over the past summer, Abdul served a clerkship in the North Carolina Business Court in Greensboro under the supervision of Judge Ben Tennille, Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases.



**Mr. Muhanad Assaf**  
**Ramallah/West Bank, Palestine**

Muhanad came to Wake Forest as a Palestinian Rule of Law Fellow, a new foundation sponsored by the George Soros Foundation. He received his M.A. degree in Law at Birzeit University "with distinction." After completing his LL.M. studies, Muhanad returned to his position as the Regional Manager of the Legal Department of Cairo-Amman Bank, a large bank in the Middle East. He has also worked as a commercial lawyer at his own firm for seven years.



**Ms. Siwan Jones**  
**Gwynedd, Wales, UK**

Siwan works as an administrative assistant in the Government Council Office of the City of Gwynedd, Wales. She received her LL.B. in law with Honors from the University of Wales Aberystwyth and completed a post-law program legal practice course at the College of Law of Chester. While here at Wake Forest, Siwan studied immigration law, international law, and comparative law. Her professional goal is to enter the diplomatic service.



**Ms. Ayca Konuralp**  
**Silvas, Turkey**

Ayca received her law degree from the University of Ankara and studied English at the University of California at Berkley and Tulane University before coming to Wake Forest to earn a LL.M. degree. Ayca participated in the Federal Judicial Observership Program with Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Carl Horn in Charlotte, NC this summer. Her professional goal is to work as a lawyer for an international company, law firm, or government institution.

## The Graduating LL.M. Class of 2006 (continued)



**Mr. Kenichi Kunikane**  
**Tokyo, Japan**

Upon graduation from Wake Forest, Kenichi returned to his job as an attorney and manager in the International Section of the Legal Department of Taisei Corporation, a global construction and engineering company. He earned his LL.B. degree from Hitotsubashi University and intends to use his study of U.S. laws and legal systems to deal with corporate legal affairs globally. Kenichi spent the summer before graduation interning at Parker, Poe, Adams and Bernstein in Charlotte, NC.



**Ms. Tatiana Kuzyaeva**  
**Dushanbe, Tajikistan**

Tatiana is a Field Finance Director for a humanitarian non-governmental agency (NGO), Shelter for Life. She was an Edmund S. Muskie Foundation Fellow. She graduated from the Tax Legal Institute in Dushanbe, Tajikistan with a diploma in law and tax. She also has certificates in accounting and economics. Her main areas of interest are tax law and human rights law. Tatiana is particularly interested in participating in a reform of the Tajikistan tax system.



**Mr. Yousef Nasrallah**  
**Jerusalem, Palestine**

Yousef was a Palestinian Rule of Law Fellow sponsored by the George Soros Foundation. He received his B.A. in Public Law with an emphasis on international law and international relations from the University of Muhammad I in Morocco. He also holds an M.A. Degree in law from Birzeit University. Yousef has represented the Chief Justice of Palestine in international affairs at various conferences and meetings across the world and as part of official governmental delegations on behalf of the Palestinian Supreme Judicial Council. Yousef is currently working as the bureau chief for the Chief Justice Office. We send him our warmest congratulations for his recent wedding to Natalie.



**Ms. Sachiyo Nishie**  
**Tokyo, Japan**

Sachiyo is a Legal Officer for the International Legal Department of the Nippon Sheet Glass Company, the second largest flat glass company in Japan, with global operations in the U.S., Europe, and Asia (\$2.6 billion in annual sales). She negotiates and drafts contracts for major international transactions for her company and is one of only ten women in the 1,000 non-clerical positions at Nippon. Sachiyo received her Bachelor of Law degree from Okayama University. She will be finishing her third and final semester at Wake Forest in December. She spent her summer break traveling to Washington D.C. to meet a classmate, to Japan to visit her family, and to New York City, Boston, and San Francisco to accompany Nippon's executives on a tour of America.

The Graduating LL.M. Class of 2006 (continued)



**Ms. Mariya Orlyk**  
**Kiev, Ukraine**

Mariya, an Edmund S. Muskie Foundation Fellow, received her law degree from the Institute of International Relations of Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University and graduated with honors. She has worked for NGO-EuropeAid, a project for legal training in the Ukraine, and has returned to her position as an Associate in the Trade and Commercial Law Department of the Magister & Partners Law Firm, a firm noted for its excellent reputation in the Ukraine.



**Mr. Kharisma Perwiro**  
**Jakarta, Indonesia**

Kharisma recently received his Bachelor of Law degree with a concentration in business law from Padjadjaran State University. He continued his study of business law while at Wake Forest. After graduation, he worked as a contract lawyer for Steptoe & Johnson in Washington D.C., reviewing Indonesian documents.



**Mr. Katsuo Yamaura**  
**Saitama, Japan**

After completing his LL.M. studies, Katsuo returned to his position as Senior Manager of the Law Department of Kubota Corporation, the largest manufacturer of farm equipment and industrial machinery in the world. He has dealt with commercial and international legal matters in India and Korea, and in product liability cases in the U.S. and Europe. His law degree is from Nigata University. He reports that he is doing well and keeping in touch with his colleagues from Wake Forest.



**Ms. Xiaolu Zhang**  
**Xiamen, China**

Xiaolu graduated in the top 5% of her class from the Trade & Economic Law School of the Southwest University of Political Science & Law, with a degree in economics law. She published an article entitled *A Legislative Comparison of the Burden of Adducing Evidence Concerning Medical Malpractice in China and That in America* in Legal Daily, the leading professional legal journal in China. Ms. Zhang's goal is to become a law professor in China.

# Recent News from our LL.M. Alumni

**SHIN YAMAZAKI** (Japan, LL.M. 2001) has assumed a position as Senior Coordinator of the Legal Team at Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd in Yokohama City, Japan. Congratulations to Shin and his wife, Junko, who had a baby in May, joining his brother, Taichi, (5) and his sister, Natuha (2).

**KLEMENS KEFERBOECK** (Austria, LL.M. 2001) has been promoted to Junior Partner at Binder Groesswang Rechtsanwalte in Innsbruck, where he focuses on banking and capital markets. We also congratulate him on his marriage to Sch-Syan Kou in July in Sankt Georgen, Austria.

**MANUEL MOCTEZUMA** (Mexico, LL.M. 2004) published an article analyzing the disclosure requirements for public companies under Mexico's new Securities Market Law in the *American Bar*

*Association Mexico Update*. He has also

recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Bar Association for the 2006-2007 term. We warmly congratulate Manuel and his wife, **PAULINA CASTRO** (Mexico, LL.M. 2004), who had a baby boy, Santiago, in August.



**SAMUEL CHACON** (Mexico, LL.M. 2005) is practicing with Galicia-y-Robles, S.C., a prominent law firm in Mexico City, where he works in the areas of financing projects, mergers and acquisitions, and international transactions.

**KAZUYA SHIKI** (Japan, LL.M. 2005) is very busy dealing with international legal matters at Mitsui Kinzoku in Tokyo. Kazuya makes many business trips to the United States and Europe.

**ZHEN "KATIE" FENG** (China, LL.M. 2002) is practicing intellectual property law as an Associate for the renowned international law firm, Lovells, which has twenty-six offices in nineteen countries. Katie was one of the first attorneys hired for the Shanghai office.

**DR. JOCHEN ZAREMBA** (Germany, LL.M. 2002) has joined the law firm of Schwartz Rechtsanwalte in Amberg, Germany.

In January, **ABDULAZIZ AL-BOSAILY** (Saudi Arabia, LL.M. 1998) began practicing with the Al-Jadaan Law Firm in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia affiliated with Clifford Chance.

**KETEVAN KVARTSKHAVA** (Georgia, LL.M. 1999) continues to enjoy her position as Partner at BLC (Business & Legal Consulting), a law firm in Tbilisi, Georgia. In February, she was elected by the Georgian Bar Association to be a member of the Ethics Committee.

**AARON OYARCE** (Peru, LL.M. 2002) has assumed a new position at San Martin University as Head of the Corporate Department and Academic Coordinator of the Law School. Aaron also teaches in the MBA Department.

**WIEBKE HOLZAPFEL** (Germany, LL.M. 2003) completed an internship at the Frankfurt office of Cleary Gottlieb, then transferred to the Paris office in May 2005. After completing her mandatory German internships, Wiebke received a scholarship to study one year in Paris as a postgraduate student in business law at University of Paris II: Pantheon-Assas. Wiebke recently received a visit from her Wake Forest LL.M. colleague, **PASCAL KREMP** (Germany, LL.M. 2003). Wiebke took a permanent position with Cleary Gottlieb in Frankfurt this October.

After graduating from Wake Forest, **MASARU TAKEYASU** (Japan, LL.M. 2001) returned to work in the legal department of Kao Corporation. He reports that his experience in the U.S. has enabled him to provide legal assistance in many aspects regarding Kao's international transactions. In October, he will begin studying the Chinese language and legal system at the University of Hong Kong to enhance his company's international business practice with China.

**FREDERIC JOLY** (France, LL.M. 2000) is working in the Legal Department of TF1, a European television channel and a subsidiary of BOUYGUES. We congratulate Frederic on his recent wedding to Justine Welcomme, a colleague. The couple married in Chartres, France this October.

**JUN FURUTA** (Japan, LL.M. 2005) is working at the headquarters of Norinchukin Bank in Tokyo. His team handles real estate investment transactions all over the world and he is doing extensive international travel.

**YUNG-CHI TAN** (Taiwan, LL.M. 2005) has joined the Legal Department of Chailease Finance Co., Ltd. in Taipei, Taiwan. Chi reviews contracts involving loans, leasing, and installment and reports that she is enjoying her work.

Congratulations to **JUN FURUTA** (Japan, LL.M. 2005) and **YUNG-CHI TAN** (Taiwan, LL.M. 2005) who have recently become engaged. The couple will be having an engagement party in Taipei in

November, which their fellow Wake alumni **HIROSHI KISHI-MOTO** (Japan, LL.M. 2005), **KATSUO YAMAURA** (Japan, LL.M. 2006), **CHRISTIAN WYSS** (Switzerland, LL.M. 2005), and **KAZUYA SHIKI** (Japan, LL.M. 2005) will attend.



*Jun and Chi at their LL.M. graduation*



## LL.M. Alumni News (continued)

**GRACE WIDYANI** (Indonesia, LL.M. 2005) returned to her job as a Legal Officer for the PT Perusahaan Gas Negara after graduating. She reports that much had changed in Indonesia while she was at Wake, including a new currency and the addition of several malls and streets.



*Grace and her work colleagues dressed in traditional clothes.*

The Tokyo LL.M. alumni are doing a wonderful job of keeping in touch and welcoming new LL.M. students. In June, **RYO KAWAMURA** (LL.M. 1999), **HIROSHI KISHIMOTO** (LL.M. 2005), **JUN FURUTA** (LL.M. 2005), **KATSUO YAMUARA** (LL.M. 2006), and **YORIKO SAKAI** (LL.M. 2002), along with Sumio Shibata of the State of North Carolina Japan Office, hosted a Tokyo “send-off” party for incoming LL.M. students, **YURIKA OKUMURA** (LL.M. 2007) and **MASAAKI KIDOKORO** (LL.M. 2007). Yoriko reports that the party was a success and a lot of fun.

**SU BEOM LEE** (Korea, LL.M. 2005) is working as a Law Clerk in the Law Office of P.J. Lee in Los Angeles, California. We send him our most sincere congratulations for the birth of his son in March.

**ANNE FRITZLER** (Germany, LL.M. 2003) completed her German internship requirements and passed her Second German State Exam with high scores. She has assumed a legal position in the Administrative Tax Department of Hamburg.

**WEI “JOY” HUANG** (China, LL.M. 2002) is practicing in the Guangzhou office of Deacons, one of the largest law firms based in Hong Kong, with offices in sixteen countries and regions across the Asian Pacific area. We also congratulate Joy for her wedding last year to Raymond.

**AIDH SULTAN AL-BAQME** (Saudi Arabia, LL.M. 2003) and his family are living in Australia, where Aidh is studying for the S.J.D. degree at the Law School of the University of Western Australia.



*Aidh and his family meet part of the Australian wildlife with this koala bear.*

**YORIKO SAKAI** (Japan, LL.M. 2002) continues to enjoy her work at Nihon Unisys in Japan. She is considering going back to law school and enhancing her legal knowledge.

We send our warmest congratulations to **MICHAEL HOFFMANN** (Germany, LL.M. 1999) for his marriage to Kristina this April in Hamburg. The happy couple honeymooned in Burma for three weeks after the wedding.

**YAZMYNE VASQUEZ-ERBA** (Peru, LL.M. 2003) is currently studying for an MBA at Thunderbird University in Arizona.

**ALI CELIK** (Turkey, LL.M. 2001) reports that his practice, Celik-Ozkan-Vural Avukatlik Borosu in Antalya, Turkey, is going well. The firm and its clientele continue to expand and he expects further growth in the future.

After finishing a clerkship with U.S. District Court Chief Judge Richard Voorhees in Charlotte, NC, **JENNIFER KALCEVIC** (Germany, LL.M. 2005) began a one-year clerkship this fall with Judge Peter A. Buchsbaum in the Superior Court of New Jersey. Jennifer also made a recent trip to Wales to visit fellow LL.M. alumna, **SIWAN JONES** (Wales, LL.M. 2006).



*Jennifer and Siwan in Wales*



*Jennifer and Siwan visit the Cardiff Castle*

**S'THEMBISO TEMBE** (South Africa, LL.M. 2005) is now working in Cape Town as a State Law Advisor with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. In this position he gives opinions to cabinet ministers regarding certain aspects of law, drafts and certifies bills and legislation, and advises the government about the constitutionality of various undertakings.

**LACHINA DOVODOVA** (Turkmenistan, LL.M. 2002) is an associate attorney at Fracassi, Mahdavi, Sissman & Rand, LLP, a small civil law firm in Fairfax, Virginia. She is planning to take the Maryland State Bar Exam in the winter.

**CHRISTIAN WYSS** (Switzerland, LL.M. 2005) reports that he is doing well with his new firm, Vischer Rechtsanwalte, in Basel, Switzerland, where he is working in the corporate and tax practice group.



# U.S. Supreme Court Fieldtrip

The annual fieldtrip to the U.S. Supreme Court was one of the most exciting experiences of the LL.M. year. LL.M. students joined Professor Gilreath and a small group of J.D. students for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Court. Thanks to Wake Law alumnus, Troy Cahill, who is now a staff attorney with the Court, students were able to attend oral arguments before the Court and see how the Justices work and consider cases. It was especially exciting for the Wake students to once again see Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Ginsburg who had given lectures at Wake Forest University School of Law earlier that year. One of the most interesting episodes of the fieldtrip was “going behind the curtains” of the Supreme Court and exploring the justices’ everyday work environment. LL.M.s also took an opportunity to arrive for the fieldtrip in Washington D.C. a little early and to do some sightseeing!

Mariya Orlyk (LL.M. 2006)



*Mariya poses in the Justices’ Conference room at the U.S. Supreme Court.*

# The International LL.M. Student Mentoring Program

Moving to a new place, much less a new country with a foreign culture, can be an overwhelming experience for our LL.M. students. Along with learning American law, absorbing oneself in the American culture is as important a lesson as any the LL.M. students will learn in the classroom. For this reason, the Wake Forest School of Law created the International LL.M. Student Mentoring Program, pairing LL.M. students with at least one J.D. “associate” to mentor and help with their adjustment to the WFU law school culture, Winston-Salem, and the U.S. generally. While ensuring that the LL.M. students meet and interact with Americans, a mentor is also available to offer advice about some of the quirks of American society and daily life and help his/her LL.M. associate understand class requirements.

The Mentoring Program has been a great success. The LL.M. students are very involved in the law school’s social events and have forged lasting friendships with their J.D. counterparts.



*Alexandria Reyes, a J.D. mentor, poses with Robert Rzeszut, an MBA Austrian Exchange student, and Abdulrahman Alkanhal (Saudi Arabia, LL.M. 2006).*



*Hanne Nyheim (far left), Yurika Okumura (third from right) and Sachiyo Nishie (far right) sing karaoke with J.D. friends*



*Right: Hanne Nyheim (Norway, LL.M. 2007) hikes at Hanging Rock with her J.D. mentor, William Chuang, and a friend.*

## D.C. Federal Observation Program

**MIKIO NISHIOKA** (Japan, LL.M. 2007) participated in a law firm observationship at the prominent Washington D.C. law firm of Brickfield Burchette Ritts & Stone, PC this summer. Mr. William Burchette, one of the founding Principals of the firm, is an alumnus of the Wake Forest University School of Law and helped arrange this opportunity for Mikio. Brickfield Burchette Ritts & Stone represents energy companies across the country, making the firm appealing to Mikio, who works in the Legal Department of Kyushu Electric Power Company in Fukuoka, the fourth largest power company in Japan. This was a wonderful opportunity for Mikio to acquire a better understanding of the inner workings of a U.S. energy law firm.

During his four days at Brickfield Burchette Ritts & Stone, Mikio followed a busy schedule, touring the firm and meeting with almost all of its fifteen lawyers. Mikio learned much about the U.S. electric power industry and how U.S. attorneys work with contracts and environmental matters within the industry. Having reported his time at Brickfield Burchette Ritts & Stone to Kyushu in a ten-page paper, Mikio stated that “this experience will be helpful for me and our company.” When asked if he would recommend the Observationship Program to other LL.M. students, he replied, “Yes. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the U.S. law firm and each specialized area.”



*Above: Mikio with another trainee standing at the front desk of Brickfield Burchette Ritts & Stone.  
Below: Mikio in Washington D.C.*



## English Conversation Club Continues to Flourish

The English Conversation Club has become a bi-weekly staple for LL.M. students at Wake. Under the guidance and leadership of Masako Patrum and Janet Malliett, members of the Worrell Professional Library staff, the LL.M. students not only practice their English skills, but they also learn about each other's cultures.

In the spring semester of 2006, the LL.M. students took turns making presentations on the customs, people, and economy of their home countries. One presentation that the students particularly enjoyed was led by **MIKIO NISHIOKA** (Japan, LL.M. 2007) and **SACHIYO NISHIE** (Japan, LL.M. 2006), who taught origami to their fellow LL.M.s.

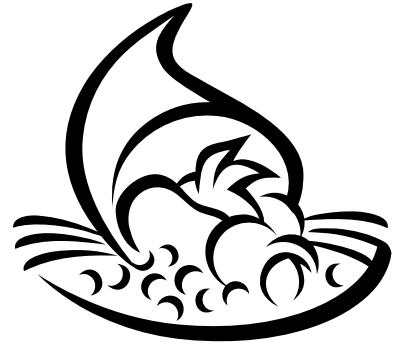
This year's English Conversation Club is off to an interesting start. Students have learned about Winston-Salem's annual Dixie Classic Fair, comparing it with the fairs they attend in their home countries. The English Conversation Club has proven to be a great opportunity for the LL.M.s to get to know each other and to develop an appreciation of each other's cultures.



*The LL.M. class of 2006 shows off their origami creations at the English Conversation Club*

# THANKSGIVING DINNER 2005

Every November, Professor Gilreath invites the LL.M. students, to his family farm in western North Carolina to experience a traditional American Thanksgiving feast. Last year's class was no exception as they enjoyed not only their time together outside of the library but also experienced one of America's most unique holidays.



*Left: The LL.M. class of 2006 gather for a group picture at Professor Gilreath's country home.*



*Right: Abdulrahman Alkanhal (Saudi Arabia, 2006), Mikio Nishioka (Japan, 2007), Yousef Nasrallah (Palestine, 2006), and Grace Widyani (Indonesia, 2006) showcase their musical talents.*

*Below Left: Mohamad Basam (Saudi Arabia, 2007), Mariya Orlyk (Ukraine, 2006), and Ahmad Al Zaid (Saudi Arabia, 2007) get ready to eat a traditional Thanksgiving feast.*

*Below Right: Mariya Orlyk, Katsuo Yamaura (Japan, 2005), Abdulrahman Alkanhal, Sachiyo Nishie (Japan, 2006), and Yousef Nasrallah pose for a picture after dinner.*





# Halloween 2006

The J.D. students at Wake Forest have a traditional Halloween party each year to celebrate the spooky holiday. And our LL.M. students rarely miss out on this American fun. Members of the LL.M. class of 2007 dressed in their favorite costumes and attended the Halloween party with their J.D. friends.



*Chen Fan Fu (China, LL.M. 2007) and Yuanyuan Li (China, LL.M. 2007)*



*Yurika Okumura (Japan, LL.M. 2007) and Robert Rzeszut, a MBA exchange student from Austria, get into the Halloween spirit.*



*Robert Rzeszut, Ameer Anani (Palestine, LL.M. 2007), Victor Manzano (Mexico, LL.M. 2007), Sachiyo Nishie (Japan, LL.M. 2006), and Abdulrahman Alkanhal (Saudi Arabia, LL.M. 2006) have fun at the annual Halloween party.*



Like LL.M.s in the past, the class of 2007 attended the annual **International Food Festival**, hosted by the International Student Association of the Babcock Graduate School of Management. At this event, international students prepare food from their home countries for members of the business and law schools. This year's LL.M. class participated in the Festival by helping to prepare food and set up tables. They found it a great chance to meet other international students.



*Chien-Chih Liu (Taiwan, LL.M. 2007), Kuo-Hung Chen (Taiwan, LL.M. 2007), and Chen Fan Fu (China, LL.M. 2007) attend the International Food Festival.*



The LL.M. class of 2007, along with some of their J.D. friends, celebrated the Muslim holiday of **Eid AlFater**, which marks the end of Ramadan and a month long fast, in the Worrell Professional Center Library on October 23, 2006. Students brought food and this proved to be a great opportunity for the LL.M.s to experience each other's culture and customs.

## Wake Forest's LL.M. in American Law to Become a First Choice for Mexican Attorneys

by Manuel Moctezuma (LL.M '04)

Every May, a cycle ends when new Wake Forest LL.M.s graduate and spread throughout the world. Some others, like me, decide to stay in the U.S. and gain more experience on international business and learn how the common law system works in practice. Currently, I'm starting my third year as a foreign counsel for a Houston-based law firm. I have experienced first-hand that my home country clients feel more confident having a U.S. counsel that is familiar with both civil and common law systems, and that shares the same cultural background. Based on my experience, the following are some reasons why the Wake Forest LL.M. program is among the best options in the market for Mexican attorneys.

Through its LL.M. graduates, Wake Forest sends siren signals to prospective LL.M.s around the world. Traditionally, those few Mexican attorneys who have studied in the U.S. have looked at Texas and northeastern schools' LL.M. programs. However, there are good reasons to think that this trend might start to change. The most obvious reasons are Wake's top-ranked faculty, its state-of-the-art facilities, small classes that are selective and diverse, strong and supportive alumni, and its North Carolina location.

From a Mexican perspective, Wake Forest has a strategic location, since North Carolina has a growing business and professional Mexican population. A former Mexican General Consul in Raleigh once told me that North Carolina has one of the fastest growing Mexican populations in the U.S. and has a general need of bilingual Mexican attorneys. Moreover, North Carolina businesses are attracting attention in Mexico. In fact, one of the very few trade offices North Carolina has outside the U.S. is located in Mexico City. Also, North Carolina businesses have already found a place in the Mexican market. I can assure you that people in urban areas are getting used to eating Krispy Kreme, to buying Research Triangle Park software, and to filling their homes with High Point furniture. Just as North Carolina's influence in Mexico is increasing, I'm optimistic that Wake's LL.M. is moving in the same direction. I look forward to seeing more Mexicans who can benefit from Wake's top tier program.

It's always nice to hear how fellow LL.M.s heighten and strengthen prospective LL.M.s' confidence to help them pursue their LL.M. at Wake Forest. Much of those efforts rely on how our careers progress and how strong and active is our involvement in our respective legal communities. I take pride every time I learn of fellow LL.M.s' success in their fields.

My LL.M. has made a huge difference, both professionally, and for its value as a shared experience with my wife Paulina (LL.M. '04). From time to time, I'm contacted by colleagues in Mexico who want to know more about Wake Forest. That makes me feel like there are many future Mexican LL.M. prospects for Wake, and that good news will continue to flow over.



Members of the LL.M. class of 2007, Majed Alarifi (Saudi Arabia), Masaaki Kidokoro (Japan), Yurika Okumura (Japan), Yuanyuan Li (China), Hanne Nyheim (Norway), Chien-Chih Liu (Taiwan), Ameer Anani (Palestine), and Kuo-Hung Chen (Taiwan) participated in the annual fieldtrip to the Forsyth County Courthouse led by Professor Kate Mewhinney. On this trip, the LL.M.s got to see the inner workings of an American courthouse, witnessing a jury selection and a variety of court cases.



## Message from Dean of International Graduate Program

This summer I had the wonderful opportunity to teach two courses, Comparative Legal Systems and Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal English for the Open Society Institute (George Soros Foundation) Pre-Academic Summer Program in Istanbul, Turkey. The program served 85 students studying for 4 ½ weeks prior to their graduate studies in the U.S. and U.K. It was a marvelous experience that I will never forget. I thought of many of you during the first week I arrived in Istanbul and dealt with my own culture shock. I always thought I had a good grasp of how my international students felt when they arrive in Winston-Salem and deal with their culture shock, but I realized that I never really fully understood until I had this experience myself. I followed the same pattern as many of you and I could recognize it in myself. After about a week, of course, I was fine and fell in love with the city and the country.

The Wake Forest LL.M. program continues to prosper. Our 2006-2007 class is composed of an impressive group of attorneys with some new countries joining our program. Our program has now been in place for nine years and we have graduated or enrolled 105 students and alumni from 30 countries.

We have a new Administrative Coordinator who has joined our team, Ms. Holly Presnell. Holly is extremely well-qualified, she holds an Honors degree in History from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and a Masters degree in History from the University of Charleston. Also of interest, is that our Judicial Observership Program

continues to expand. We have placed seven students with five federal judges and with the North Carolina Complex Business Court. We are one of only eleven schools in the nation registered to participate in the Federal Judicial Observership Program. I also want to note that the progression of our alumni's legal careers are impressive. Virtually all of our alumni are engaged in significant international careers and certainly that is the attainment of the goal we set out to establish.

Later this year we will be engaging in an alumni contribution campaign asking you to consider making a donation to the school on behalf of the LL.M. program. This is for the purpose of helping fund some scholarships for students in financial need who would not be otherwise able to attend the LL.M. program. If you have benefited from your LL.M. degree in a financial and a professional way, we ask you to consider at this time giving something back to the program.

Thank you to all of the alumni who help recruit new students. I know from talking and corresponding with our applicants that many of you respond to emails and phone calls that you receive from interested applicants. This is of significant value to the school and the program and we cannot express enough our continued appreciation for your efforts. Please continue to stay in touch with us and let us know of your career moves and your changes in addresses and emails. *And* please keep sending postcards.

Susan R. Montaquila  
Assistant Dean, International  
Graduate Program



Dean Montaquila and colleague professors in  
Open Society Institute Program



View of "new" Mosque in Istanbul

# The Class of 2006:

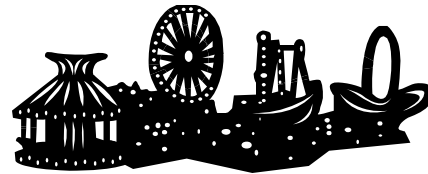
Last year's LL.M. class was a very close-knit group. They not only studied together, but explored North Carolina together. Here are some highlights of their year at Wake Forest.



*Tatiana Kuzyaeva (Tajikistan, LL.M. 2006), Ayca Konuralp (Turkey, LL.M. 2006), Mikio Nishioka (Japan, LL.M. 2007), Mohamad Basam (Saudi Arabia, LL.M. 2007), and Kharisma Perwiro (Indonesia, LL.M. 2006) experience autumn in North Carolina.*



*The LL.M. class of 2006 dress to impress at the Barrister's Ball.*



Members of the LL.M. class and J.D. students attended the annual Dixie Classic Fair in Winston-Salem. While there, they enjoyed many attractions, including the food, carnival games, rides, and music.



*LL.M. students dining out together at a local restaurant.*

*At a party hosted by Sachiyo Nishie (Japan, LL.M. 2006), Mariya Orlyk (Ukraine, LL.M. 2006) learns how to prepare sushi.*

