Law School Receives Additional $2.3 Million From USAID to Support Rule of Law Program in China

Temple University’s Beasley School of Law was awarded $2.3 million from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to support the school’s rule of law program in Beijing. This grant is in addition to $1.75 million awarded to the school by USAID one year ago. A collaborative effort with Tsinghua University, the Supreme People’s Court of China, and the National Judicial College of China, Temple’s program works to aid in the development of a rule of law in China.

In 1999, at the invitation of the Chinese government, Temple University’s School initiated the first and only foreign law degree-granting program in China’s history. The Masters of Law (LL.M.) program teaches Chinese judges, government officials, law professors, minority students and private attorneys about American and international law. The two-year program has already graduated 63 students, and a current class of 44 students began their studies in August 2002.

In addition to the LL.M. program, Temple and the National Judicial College of the Supreme People’s Court created a separate short-term educational program for Chinese judges. It has also hosted conferences and working groups to collaborate with Chinese law professors and government officials on such subjects as the new draft law on property, a code of judicial ethics, and compliance with the World Trade Organization regulations.

The USAID grant will allow Temple to continue and expand upon its Beijing programs in three main areas. First, the funding will be used to provide more scholarships for public sector attorneys attending the Masters of Law program. For the first time, prosecutors will be attending the program, which is very important to helping China establish a fair and equitable legal system. Second, the funding will provide for the continuation of short term training for judges. Third, funds will be used to support working groups composed of American and other western scholars, attorneys, judges, and business people, to provide input to Chinese legislators, regulators, scholars and judges as they develop China’s legal infrastructure. In fiscal year 2003 the working groups will focus on China’s tort law reform, e-commerce and other Internet-related legal issues as well as AIDs/healthcare regulation in China.

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Program Receives Recognition From Both China and U.S. Governments

The Chinese government recently acknowledged Temple Law’s pioneering program when they awarded Dean Robert J. Reinstein the 2002 National Friendship Award. The was the first time that this prestigious honor was given for contributions to law in China.

"Since you came to China, you have achieved excellent success through hard work and won appreciation and respect of your Chinese colleagues," said Wan Xueyuan, General Director of the State Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs, in a letter announcing the award to Dean Reinstein. "What you have done has promoted cooperation and friendship between our two countries."

Temple’s work in China has been recognized by the American and Chinese governments alike. In congratulating Dean Reinstein on the Friendship Award, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell said, "The State Department is pleased that it has been able to support Temple’s efforts to establish its program over the last two years the rule of law in China is important for American economic and political interests."

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It is a privilege to provide educational programs, advice and assistance to the Chinese government in their efforts to educate Chinese lawyers and judges in American and international law,” says Dean Reinstein. “Development of the rule of law is critical to China’s future, its place in the global economy and its relations with the United States.”

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After returning from Beijing where he received the Friendship Award from the government of China, Dean Robert J. Reinstein was honored by the Temple Law Alumni Association at their annual cocktail reception. Attending the reception were (from left) Brian Gatherie ‘71, Stewart Weintraub ‘71, Dean Robert J. Reinstein, Teresa Cavenagh ‘85, A. Alan Benjamin ‘86, and Ruth Horwitz ’91.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SCHOLAR VISITS LAW SCHOOL

Professor Richard Falk presents “International Law After September 11.”

Professor Richard Falk is one of the most distinguished and influential international lawyers of our times. For many years the Albert G. Milbank Professor International Law and Practice at Princeton University, Falk is now Visiting Distinguished Professor in Global and International Studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Professor Falk visited the law school on November 13 at the invitation of the Institute for International Law and Public Policy to discuss the state and status of international law after September 11. He argued: “…The nature of the September 11 attacks revealed the shortcomings of international law, but the aftermath is now beginning to suggest that adherence to legal limits on war may still be beneficial for the peace and security of America and the world.”

Professor Falk’s contributions have been practical as well as theoretical: he served as counsel to Ethiopia and Liberia in the Southwest Africa case before the International Court of Justice, as a member of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans, and was research director of the North American team in the World Order Models Project.

Institute Enriches Law School Community

Building on Temple’s reputation for excellence in international legal studies, the Institute for International Law and Public Policy was created to further promote the study and understanding of the relationship between international law and public policy. Co-directed by Professors Amelia H. Boss and Jeffrey Dunoff, the Institute hosts conferences, symposia, and international guests, with the purpose of fostering scholarship, dialogue, and international legal exchange on international law and public policy.

Temple Trial Team—NACDL Champs Again

Temple Law School’s National Trial Team successfully defended their championship title at the 12th Annual Cathy Bennett National Criminal Trial Competition, sponsored by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). On October 31, the team and coaches traveled to Chicago where they competed against Washington University School of Law in the final round, which was presided over by the Honorable Matthew Kannelly of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Temple has competed in this tournament for the past five years. They are the only school in the history of the tournament to reach the final round five times. The team has won the tournament three times—the only school to do so.

This year’s champions are (from left) third-year students Matthew Leckman, Samantha Caffzman, Brian Kent, and Julia Lee. Matt Leckman was named best advocate in the second round. The team was coached by (back row, from right) Professor John T. Drost, Director of the LL.M. in Trial Advocacy, James E. Gavin, of Golden Matasao & Bradley in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, LL.M. in Trial Advocacy ‘98, and Randolph L. Goldman, LL.M. in Trial Advocacy ‘96.
On September 23, Professor Jan Ting was one of several "legal experts" asked to appear on CNN with Connie Chung to discuss the allegation of racial profiling on an commercial airplane earlier that week.

Before joining the Temple Law School faculty in 1977, Ting was assistant commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and his expertise is now in high demand. A gifted speaker and an enthusiastic advocate for tighter restrictions on immigration, Ting has never been one to shy from the public arena. In the heated atmosphere following the bombings of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Ting has been drawn into the center of the media debate on a wide range of issues stemming from the tragedy.

There is a reason that Connie Chung and the media love Professor Ting: he not only displays a strong command of the subject matter, he actually speaks in full paragraphs, as witnessed in the verbatim transcript from CNN below.

CHUNG: Do you think that this is a case of racial profiling? Did the flight crew just jump to conclusions?

TING: Well, I think there may be an element of racial profiling in this case and also in a similar case down in Florida. But I think the fact of racial profiling doesn't always mean that there is something wrong. I mean, again, without reference to the facts of these cases, which I'm not intimately familiar with, racial profiling is not always wrong. There are cases when it's OK. For example …

CHUNG: What are you saying, that it's justified, what happened?

Chris Starr has joined Schnader Harrison Segal & Wood as a partner in its business law department. Leibman is one of eight new associates named to the Philadelphia office.

David E. Robinson has joined Barack, Rodos & Biesecker as an associate, concentrating his practice in commercial litigation, including antitrust and securities class actions, and Japan trade law.

Marlene L. Timberlake has joined Parker McCay & Criscuolo as an associate in the firm’s Marlton, New Jersey, office, where she concentrates her practice in commercial and public finance law. She was previously with New Jersey’s Department of Community Affairs division of local government services, and a public finance banker at Pryor Counts in Philadelphia.

Rothschild, O'Brien & Frankel.

Donna Koestel has joined Schnader Harrison Segal & Wood as an associate in the firm’s Philadelphia office.

Rosa O. Amaral Ryan recently joined Synthes (U.S.A.) in Paoli, Pennsylvania as product liability attorney.

Samuel E. Cohen has rejoined the firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, where he will concentrate his practice in defending securities litigation. He previously worked at the firm from 1997 to 1999, and spent the interim years at the Philadelphia firm of Fox, Rothschild, O'Brien & Frankel.

Kathryn Doyle, Ph.D., became a partner at Morgan Lewis & Bockius, where she heads up their life sciences patent practice in the Philadelphia office.

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Jessica Sherman writes, “The U.S. State Department decided to move the Almaty, Kazakhstan program to the fall, and I just returned from it about two weeks ago. It was a great experience. Almaty is a beautiful city (mountains in the backdrop, tree-lined streets, some ugly Soviet, 70’s-style architecture, but not so much to detract from the nice things about the city), and the people are really nice. I spoke to lawyers, government officials, musicians, journalists, librarians, and other professionals interested in intellectual property rights. There was a two-day seminar that I prepared and presented, and I spoke at a couple of law schools also.”

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LAVENDER LAW RECEPTION

Dean Robert J. Reinstein was joined at Temple’s Lavender Law reception by faculty, staff and students from the law school at Loew’s Hotel on October 11. Lavender Law, which began in 1985, is an annual conference to provide educational and career-building opportunities to a diverse group of legal professionals interested in learning about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender law.
Arthur G. Raynes Honored at Raynes Hall Reception

Arthur G. Raynes ’59 was the guest of honor at a recent reception in the newly dedicated Arthur G. Raynes Lecture Hall. The new lecture hall is located on the first floor of Morris & Sylvia Barrack Hall—originally College Hall—where the first Temple classes were held more than a century ago.

“Raynes Lecture Hall is an extraordinary lecture hall, combining both beauty and state-of-the-art utility,” Dean Robert Reinstein told family and friends at the reception.

“It is a fitting tribute to Arthur Raynes, who, as head of the Law School’s Centennial Campaign, helped us meet and then far surpass our original goal of $10,000,000. Arthur’s service to Temple University and to the James E. Beasley School of Law is legendary.”

“I’m very proud of the Law School and I was happy to be part of this Centennial Campaign,” Raynes says. “Our goal was to raise $10 million to refurbish College Hall where it all started 100 years ago. There had never been any comparable fundraising goals in the history of the school. Now, eight years later, it’s hard to believe how our alumni and friends have responded.

“We thank Jim Beasley, Lenny Barrack, and Murray Shusterman, whose leadership gifts spearheaded our drive, so that today we have passed the $50 million mark. There are many people who helped make this happen, but none more than Dean Reinstein who had the vision and the insight to see this dream come true. Diane and I and our entire family are proud to have a lecture hall named in my honor.”

The design of the hall, by Neil Schlosser, architect, SRK of Philadelphia, resembles a theatre in the round, with a horseshoe-shaped arrangement of tiered seating for 78 students. This allows the teacher to stand at the podium or to walk into the center of the classroom in order to speak directly to students.

Schlosser says the hall is “equipped with the latest electronic educational technology, including robotic cameras, projectors, sound systems and computer connections.” The softness of the deep green carpet, the upholstered seating, and the sound-absorbing fabric wall panels at the rear of the room, as well as the newly-installed floating concrete floor and double glazed windows, isolate unwanted exterior sound and mitigate interior acoustic noise.

The chairs are not only upholstered, but also adjustable as to height and slant. “The chairs are nice—much more comfortable,” says Jennie Phillips, a first-year student, who waited with other students to talk with Associate Dean and Professor JoAnne A. Epps after a class in criminal law.

“It’s spectacular,” says Professor Epps. “This is like teaching in your living room. No one is beyond arm’s reach, so you can have a conversation as opposed to a cold formal question and answer session.”

Raynes is founding partner of Raynes, McCarty, Binder, Ross & Mundy, and a former chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. He is a distinguished trial lawyer, with a national and international reputation for his work on behalf of his clients.

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