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This memorandum summarizes the program initiatives, student achievements, and faculty activities of the Center for International Law and Justice in the 2012-2013 academic year.

### I. Program Initiatives

#### International Human Rights Fellows

- William Nartey, Sabrina Collins, Tony Johnson
- Completed research and writing projects for CILJ on international human rights issues

#### International Law Scholars Program

- The International Law Program (ILSP) is a specialized program designed for a select number of students interested in making a substantial commitment to the study and practice of international law and foreign affairs. Students that are selected for the program are required to attend a number of events, lectures, symposia, and conferences hosted by CILJ each academic year. ILSP students are assigned an affiliated faculty mentor that advises them on research opportunities, study abroad programs, international law internships, fellowships, and career opportunities. Seven full-time faculty members serve as CILJ affiliated faculty.
- In the 2012-2013 academic year, 23 students were enrolled in the ILSP program.

#### International Law Track

- The International Law Track (ILT) is designed for students interested in receiving information on international law-related events and opportunities at the College of Law, but that are not interested in making a substantial commitment to the study and practice of international law and foreign affairs. ILT students receive information about upcoming events hosted by CILJ.
- In the 2012-2013 academic year, 69 students were enrolled in the ILT program.

#### International Law Theory Reading Group Lecture Series

- **Prof. Abate**— Topic: *The Problem of Climate Change as a Paradigm for the Study of International Environmental Law*, Sept. 13, 2012
- **Prof. Duncan**—Topic: *An Overview of National Security Law*, Oct. 17, 2012

- **Prof. Griffin**— Topic: *Law for a Developing Nation: Culture, Commerce, Energy, Climate Change, and Cybercrime*, Nov. 13, 2012
- **Prof. Levitt**—Topic: *African Origins of International Law*, Feb. 21, 2013
- **Prof. Nekheba**—Topic: *Lost In Translation: The Stateless Plight of Haitian Dominicans*, Mar. 20, 2013
- **Prof. Abate**—Topic: *Climate Change Refugees: Can International Human Rights Law or International Environmental Law Provide an Adequate Remedy?*, Apr. 3, 2013

### Information Panels

- Perspectives on Study Abroad and Internship Panel – Sept. 2012
- International Law and Environmental Law Course Advice Panel – Nov. 2012
- Perspectives on Study Abroad Panel – Jan. 2013
- Perspectives on International Internships Panel – Mar. 2013
- Study Abroad and International Law Internships Orientation – Apr. 2013

### Career Development

- Andrew Passen, Diplomat-in-Residence, U.S. Department of State, delivered a presentation on career options (Apr. 16, 2013)

## **II. Student Activities and Achievements**

### International Law Internships (6 credits)

- Megan Reid—UN Headquarters (New York)<sup>1</sup>
- Royce Badger—Latin America office of Subway International (Miami)
- Sabrina Collins—Supreme Court of Ghana
- Tia Crosby—Supreme Court of Ghana
- Kanitria Ponder—Supreme Court of Ghana

### Study Abroad

#### Summer 2013

- Fifteen students have been approved to take courses in summer study abroad programs in China, Argentina, Italy, and England
- Two students have been approved for study abroad externships (1 credit) in the Attorney General's Office in Buenos Aires, Argentina

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<sup>1</sup> Prof. Abate will conduct a site visit at UN Headquarters in July 2013.

### Full Semester Programs

- Stephon Woods participated in the Pace Law School's spring semester study abroad program in London (Spring 2013)
- Monique Keels has been approved to participate in Stetson College of Law's Autumn in London program (Fall 2013)

### Job Placements and Fellowships in International Law and Policy

- Danielle Hernandez, Policy Analyst, CIA
- Donna Robinson, Legal Counsel, The World Bank
- Marisol Andrade, Latin America office of Subway International, Miami Springs, FL
- Victoria Orero, Presidential Management Fellow, Washington, DC

### These FAMU graduates completed LL.M. Degrees in May 2013

- Donna Robinson ('11), LL.M. in International Law and Development, American University
- Xavier Persad ('12), LL.M. in International Law, London School of Economics

### Published Student Authors on International Law Topics

- Annie Wilkinson, *The Health of Nations: Ecuador's Twenty Year Crusade to Establish Environmental Human Rights as Customary International Law*, 11 DARTMOUTH L.J. (forthcoming Fall 2013).
- William Nartey, *A REDD Solution to a Green Problem: Using REDD Plus to Address Deforestation in Ghana through Benefit Sharing and Community Self-Empowerment*, 21 AFRICAN J. INT'L & COMP. L. (forthcoming Fall 2013)
- Natalia Gove, *A Proposal for Addressing Violations of Indigenous Peoples' Environmental and Human Rights in the Inter-American Human Rights System*, 4 U. LOUISVILLE J. ANIMAL & ENVTL. L. 184 (2013)  
<http://www.jael-online.org/wp-content/uploads/JAELVolume4Number2.pdf>
- Malcolm Lavaud, *Addressing Potential Environmental and Health Threats from Climate Change in Inuits Living in Quebec*, THE STUDENT APPEAL (Apr. 2013)  
<http://thestudentappeal.com/article/climate-change-in-quebec>
- Stacy Fallon, *Don't Leave the Sami Out in the Cold: The Arctic Region Needs a Binding Treaty that Recognizes Its Indigenous People's Right to Self-Determination and Free, Prior and Informed Consent*, 3 LAW OF THE SEA REPORTS (online journal of the American Society of International Law) (2012)  
<http://www.asil.org/losreports/>

Certificate in International Human Rights and Global Justice Studies

- William Nartey (May 2013)

**III. Faculty Activities in the 2012-2013 Academic Year**

***Prof. Randall S. Abate***

Books and Book Chapters

- CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON OCEAN AND COASTAL LAW: U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES (Oxford University Press, forthcoming Nov. 2014)
- CLIMATE CHANGE AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: THE SEARCH FOR LEGAL REMEDIES (Randall S. Abate & Elizabeth Ann Kronk, eds.) (Edward Elgar Publishing 2013)
- Book Chapter, *Ocean Iron Fertilization: Science, Law, and Uncertainty* in CLIMATE CHANGE GEOENGINEERING: PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES, LEGAL ISSUES, AND GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORKS (William C.G. Burns & Andrew Strauss, eds.) (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming July 2013)

Law Journal Articles

- *Corporate Responsibility and Climate Justice: A Proposal for a Polluter-Financed Relocation Fund for Federally Recognized Tribes Imperiled by Climate Change*, 25 Fordham Envtl. L.J. (forthcoming Fall 2013) (invited symposium submission)
- *International and Domestic Law Dimensions of Climate Justice for Arctic Indigenous Peoples*, 45 U. Ottawa L.J. (forthcoming Fall 2013) (with Elizabeth Kronk) (invited symposium submission)
- *Commonality Among Unique Indigenous Communities: An Introduction to Climate Change and its Impacts on Indigenous Peoples*, 26 Tul. Envt'l L. J. 179 (2013) (with Elizabeth Kronk) (lead article in issue on climate change and indigenous peoples)

Presentations

- Panelist, *REDD and Indigenous Peoples: More Harm than Good?*, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Law and Government Symposium, University of Kansas School of Law, Mar. 1, 2013

- Panelist, *Corporate Responsibility and Climate Justice: A Proposal for a Polluter-Financed Relocation Fund for Federally Recognized Tribes Imperiled by Climate Change*, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fordham Environmental Law Review Symposium, Fordham Law School, Feb. 22, 2013
- Panelist, *Climate Justice and the Kivalina Case: Can the Courts Provide an Adequate Solution?*. Symposium on Environmental Justice and Human Rights: Exploring the Tensions, Investigating the Possibilities, University of Ottawa Law School, Nov. 8-9, 2012
- Moderator, *Climate Change, Food Security, and Arctic Indigenous Peoples*, Third Annual FAMU Environmental Law and Justice Symposium, Nov. 1-3, 2013
- Lecture, *New Directions in Climate Change Law and Justice in a Post-Kyoto World*, University of Buenos Aires Law School, August 12, 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Lecture, *Climate Change in the Courts: Promoting Justice or Undue Judicial Activism?*, ABA Section on International Law Breakfast, August 9, 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Panelist, *Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples: The Search for Legal Remedies*, Conference on New Perspectives in Environmental Law, UCES Law School, August 8, 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Lecture, *Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples: The Search for Legal Remedies*, University of Nairobi, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, July 6, 2012, Nairobi, Kenya

#### Other Activities

- Fulbright Specialists Grant Award Recipient
  - Delivered lecture series on *Climate Change Law and Justice*, National Aviation University, Kiev, Ukraine, Apr. 15-16, 2013
  - Taught two-credit *Climate Change Law and Justice* course, National Law Academy, Odessa, Ukraine, Apr. 17-30, 2013

***Prof. John Duncan***

#### Publications

- *A Hypothetical Postulate for the Polemic of Extraordinary Rendition Vis-a-vis the Paradigm of Asymmetric Warfare*, 27 Conn. J. Int'l L. 77 (2011) (published in 2012)
- *Following a Sigmoid Progression, Some Jurisprudential and Pragmatic Considerations Re: Territorial Acquisition Among Nation-States*, 35 B.C. Int'l & Comp. L. Rev. 1 (2012)

Scholarship in progress:

- Research in progress for article on use of Drones
- Article on the Chamorros of Guam (Indigenous People)
- Article on Aviation Law

*Prof. Nise Nekheba*

Publications

- Prof. Nekheba is finishing an article on Dominican Haitians, which she will submit for publication in August.

Presentations

- Prof. Nekheba has been invited to present a paper on Racial Subordination in Latin America at the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora's Conference in the Dominican Republic in the fall of 2013.
- Prof. Nekheba is also planning to organize a symposium regarding Dominican Haitians' plight at the College of Law in the spring of 2014.