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TODAY IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE AN AREA OF LAW THAT DOES NOT NEED TO BE EXAMINED IN A CROSS BORDER OR INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT, WHETHER IT BE CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS, CLIMATE CHANGE, TAXATION, HUMAN RIGHTS OR FAMILY LAW. THE FACULTY AT MICHIGAN LAW ARE AMONG THE TOP SCHOLARS IN THE WORLD WHO ARE ABLE TO OFFER A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE THROUGHOUT THE CURRICULUM SO THAT STUDENTS WILL BE WELL PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF LEGAL PRACTICE IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

DEAN EVAN H. CAMINKER

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL IN ANN ARBOR IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S FINEST INSTITUTIONS OF LEGAL EDUCATION. LOCATED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S CENTRAL CAMPUS, IN THE BEAUTIFUL WILLIAM W. COOK LAW QUADRANGLE, THE LAW SCHOOL IS HOME TO A FACULTY WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS AMONG THE NATION'S BEST, AND TO OVER 20,400 ALUMNI WORLDWIDE, WHO HOLD PRESTIGIOUS POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND ACADEMIC SECTORS IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD.

THE LAW SCHOOL OFFERS A VAST ARRAY OF COURSES AND SEMINARS, TAUGHT BY A LAW FACULTY REPRESENTING STRENGTH IN ALL BRANCHES OF AMERICAN LAW AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE SUBJECTS, AND PLenty OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN LAW JOURNALS AND VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, THE INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY, AND THE WOMEN LAW STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION, TO NAME JUST A FEW.

OF ALL THE ELEMENTS THAT COMBINE TO GIVE THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL ITS SPECIAL CHARACTER, WE TAKE GREATEST PRIDE IN OUR STUDENT BODY. YOUNG LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AND ACADEMICCIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD CONTRIBUTE THEIR REMARKABLE TALENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO CREATE AN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY CHARACTERIZED BY SERIOUS PURPOSE, HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, SOCIAL COMMITMENT, AND THE JOY OF INTELLECTUAL INQUIRY.

MICHIGAN LAW STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS HAVE THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RICH INTELLECTUAL LIFE AND TREMENDOUS COMBINED RESOURCES SUCH AS LIBRARIES, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND CURRICULAR OFFERINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. HISTORICALLY AMONG THE LARGEST AND MOST GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, IT IS A PREMIER RESEARCH AND TEACHING INSTITUTION RENOWNED THE WORLD OVER FOR ITS TOP RANKED GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES; ITS SCHOOLS OF LAW, ENGINEERING, BUSINESS, MEDICINE, AND MUSIC; AND ITS SPECIALIZED RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND CENTERS OF STUDY.

WE WELCOME YOU TO VISIT OUR LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY TOWN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO GET AN INITIAL IMPRESSION OF THIS VIBRANT COMMUNITY WHERE INTELLECT, CULTURE, AND PROFESSIONALISM MEET AND CREATE STEPPING STONES AND MEMORIES LASTING A LIFE-TIME.
Current Positions of Some Distinguished Alumni:

Vice President Wan E. Xiang, Supreme People's Court of China; Judge Johannes Masing, Constitutional Court of Germany; Zdenek Kuehn, youngest Justice of the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic, and Justice ad hoc of the European Court of Human Rights;

Clark T. Randt Jr., longest serving U.S. Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China; Manuel Teehankee, Philippine Ambassador to the WTO, and Lilia Bautista, also from the Philippines; member of the Appellate Body of the WTO, and for the EU in Brussels; Daniela Bankier from Austria, Deputy Head of Cabinet for the Equality and Action against Discrimination Unit; Katarina Matherova from Slovakia, Deputy Director General for Regional Policy; Roberto Echandi, Costa Rica’s Ambassador to the EU;

Mayo Moran, Dean of the University of Toronto Law School, Canada; Wang Liming, Dean of Renmin University Law School, P.R. China; Dr. Michelle Foster, Director of the Research Program in International Refugee Law at the University of Melbourne; Prof. Dr. Thomas Cottier, Director of the Department of Economic Law, University of Berne, Switzerland;

Dr. Wolfgang Knapp, founding partner of the German practice of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton; Ivo van Bael and Jean-Francois Bellis, founding partners of Van Bael & Bellis, Belgium; Luigi Macchi di Cellere, founding partner of Macchi di Cellere e Gangemi, Italy; Emilio J. Cárdenas, former Argentine Ambassador to UN, and founding partner of Cárdenas, Cassagne & Asociados, Argentina; Plinio S. Barbosa, founding partner of Barbosa, Mussinich & Aragão, Brazil; Gen Kajitani, former justice of the Supreme Court of Japan, founding partner of Kajitani Law Offices, Japan.
The University of Michigan Law School has a long and distinguished history. Following the Northwest Territorial Ordinance of 1787 which provided public land for universities in the Midwest, the University of Michigan was founded in 1817. By the end of the 19th century, it was the largest and most generously supported public university in the United States and a leader in the field of graduate education. The Law School, one of the oldest in the nation, was founded in 1859. The statute establishing the University anticipated that its “law department” would include a professor whose specialty was “international law.” In fact, since the 1860’s, foreign students have been part of its student body and international law has been part of the curriculum. By the turn of the century, 80 students from outside the United States had received degrees from the University of Michigan Law School: seven were awarded the LL.M., and 73 the LL.B., the equivalent to today’s J.D. Of the international LL.B. recipients, the largest number, 28, came from Japan.

Unlike other eminent law schools, Michigan was never restricted to the privileged. When Gabriel Hargo graduated from the Law School in 1870, Michigan—then the largest law school in the country—became only the second American university to confer a law degree on an African American. That same year, Michigan became the first major law school to admit a woman, and in 1871, graduate Sarah Killgore became the first woman with a law degree in the nation to be admitted to the bar. By 1890, Michigan had graduated more women than any other law school.

Graduate study at the University of Michigan Law School also has a long tradition, with the first LL.M. degrees granted in the 1889-1890 academic year. Since the 19th century, Michigan’s graduate alumni have advanced to prestigious positions in academia, private practice, government, the judiciary, and in international organizations, just as our J.D.’s have done within the United States and overseas. Michigan alumni, living and working in over 79 countries across the globe, have served, for example, as ambassadors to foreign countries, the UN, and the WTO; as top officials at the European Commission, and in governmental bodies around the world; as president of the International Bar Association; as members of the highest courts of Japan, the Czech Republic, the Philippines, the People’s Republic of China, Germany, the Netherlands, and New Zealand; as presidents or directors of think-tanks and research institutes such as the Max-Planck Society and corporations such as Ford Motor Company and Sun Microsystems; as founders and partners of global and boutique law firms; and as deans and professors at renowned research centers and universities all over the world.

A DISTINGUISHED INSTITUTION WITH CORRESPONDINGLY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI IN GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS, LAW FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS, IN NGOs AND GOVERNMENT, AND ON THE FACULTIES OF LAW SCHOOLS WORLDWIDE.
The Law School's commitment to comparative and international legal studies is reflected in the worldwide reputation of our faculty and the global perspective that faculty members bring to their teaching and scholarship, regardless of their fields of specialization.

Our faculty teach at prominent institutions worldwide and engage in notable research and activities that regularly take them overseas. Many have also served in the federal government and as advisers to international organizations and foreign governments. Michigan students are exposed to an international and comparative perspective throughout the Law School curriculum, not just in classes that traditionally and expertly focus on these issues—the underlying philosophy being that a great law school owes its students a cosmopolitan legal education. Whether it is a course or seminar on corporate law, financial institutions, tax law, family law, or intellectual property, to name a few, the professor will examine the legal issues in a global context.

Michigan has long been one of the world’s strongest law schools in international law. The curriculum spans the entire spectrum from international finance (Laura Beny, Michael Barr) to international trade (Donald Regan), international environmental law (Edward Parson), international humanitarian law and terrorism (Steven Ratner), international tax including the LL.M. Program in International Tax Law directed by Reuven Avi-Yonah, and the myriad aspects of human rights (Catharine MacKinnon, Brian Simpson and Monica Hakimi) as well as the Program in Refugee and Asylum Law established by James Hathaway and currently directed by Penelope Mathew. The offerings in international law are further enriched by such widely respected scholars as Christine Chinkin (London School of Economics), Christopher McCrudden (Oxford University), and Judge Bruno Simma (International Court of Justice) who return every year to teach at Michigan Law.

The Law School also annually welcomes visiting faculty members from other outstanding overseas law schools and government entities such as Tokyo University, Kyoto University, Oxford University, University of Tel-Aviv, European University Institute, Humboldt University of Berlin, Australian National University, the University of Natal, the South African Constitutional Court, the European Commission, and the European Court of Justice. In recent and future years, visiting faculty members include Dino Kritsiotis (University of Nottingham, UK), Yuval Shany (Hebrew University, Israel), and Susanne Baer (Humboldt University Berlin, Germany).

Michigan is also internationally respected as a center for comparative law studies, as illustrated by the faculty specializations and, for example, by the American Journal of Comparative Law which was first published at Michigan in 1952. Since 2005, Mathias Reimann, who, among other things, teaches jurisdiction and choice of law, is the co-editor of this globally operating, peer-reviewed journal which ranks among the top three comparative law journals of the world. In addition, Michigan faculty members have unparalleled expertise in the laws of some of today’s largest economies: Nicholas Howson (People’s Republic of China), Vikramaditya Khanna (India) and Mark West (Japan). Professor West is also the director of the Japanese Legal Studies Program, and Professor Howson leads the Law School’s many opportunities in Chinese Legal Studies. Furthermore, European legal studies were pioneered in U.S. law schools by esteemed Michigan Law emeritus professor Eric Stein; the University now has a European Commission funded European Union Center of Excellence, and its founding director Daniel Halberstam, who is the only U.S. scholar to have worked at both the United States Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice, directs the Law School’s European Legal Studies Program.

Michigan was the first top law school in the United States to make transnational law mandatory for all J.D. students. In addition, an International Transactions Clinic teaches skills that are critically important to students’ professional development as they enter into practice areas that involve cross-border transactions.

Michigan Law enjoys a sterling academic reputation, as do its law reviews, a number of which are among the most frequently cited in the country. The editorial boards of these publications also plan cutting-edge symposia, drawing leading intellectuals from around the world to the Law School. The journals are:

- Michigan Law Review
- Michigan Journal of International Law
- University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform
- Michigan Journal of Gender and Law
- Michigan Journal of Race and Law
- Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review
(For a more complete overview of Michigan Law’s curriculum, please refer to the Curriculum Interest Areas on our website where further links also lead to detailed course descriptions and faculty biographies.)

Beyond curricular offerings, a great variety of symposia, speakers, workshops, pro bono projects, externships, and student organization activities reflects a strong institutional interest in global affairs. Major conferences are regularly organized by student groups and journals, and by faculty, on human rights, international trade, international tax, and corporate governance in transitional economies. These conferences, as well as a weekly international law workshop, bring dozens of internationally prominent practitioners and scholars to Ann Arbor. In recent years they have included a UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Legal Adviser to the U.S. Secretary of State, members of the European Court of Justice, the Japanese Supreme Court, the Israeli Supreme Court, the Appellate Body of the WTO, and the International Court of Justice, the General Counsel of Microsoft, and the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee.

Many of our J.D. students, both U.S. and international, have strong interest in the international arena. This is reflected in the opportunities described above, in the significant numbers who have lived, studied and worked abroad prior to attending law school, and in the activities of student organizations, such as the International Law Society and the Michigan Journal of International Law, a student-run journal that has established itself as one of the finest international law publications in the United States. Among the many internships available to Michigan students around the world, the Law School has successfully nominated students to traineeships at the International Court of Justice and the European Court of Justice, and J.D. students avail themselves of externship opportunities in Geneva and South Africa or semester study abroad opportunities.

The University of Michigan is one of the most global universities in the nation—not only does it attract the greatest number of international students in the U.S., but faculty in numerous departments focus on international aspects of their work. Apart from the Law School, these include scholars in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, the Steven Ross School of Business and its William Davidson Institute, and the School of Public Health. The International Institute, headed by Professor Mark Tessler, and the Institute for the Humanities, headed by Professor Daniel Herwitz, help coordinate numerous activities and lectures around the campus.

At orientation I was immediately impressed by the wide variety of people, from more than 30 countries, all gathered in one classroom. I was sitting with a Brazilian judge, a Hungarian lawyer from a New York law office, a French student, a research scholar from Cambodia, and lawyers from China, and I could see everyone’s face was glowing, thinking about what was to come. It was easy to make friends with my LL.M. classmates; we’d go out for drinks at one of the many restaurants or clubs in town, so I learned a lot about different cultures, in class and out.

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Michigan Law has a long and proud tradition of welcoming international students. The Law School offers—in addition to the three year Juris Doctor (J.D.), the basic degree in law in the United States—four graduate degree options: the one year Master of Laws (LL.M.), International Tax LL.M., and Master of Comparative Law (M.C.L.); and the Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D.), for which prior completion of the LL.M. is a requirement. While the Law School totals about 1100 students from the U.S. and abroad, the size of the graduate degree programs has been kept small despite the large number of applications received: Each year, our graduate programs consist of approximately 35 - 45 students in the general LL.M., up to ten in the International Tax LL.M., and about ten S.J.D. students in residence.

Michigan Law's commitment to the quality of academic life of our graduate students is the primary motivation for this small class size. For LL.M. students, it ensures full immersion in a top-ranked and rigorous American law school. As only two classes are designed specifically for LL.M.s, most of whom typically arrive with a civil law background, all other classes are taken together with the predominantly American J.D. students. Our S.J.D. students, together with visiting doctoral students from abroad, find themselves in the midst of a stimulating peer group, where they benefit from each other's intellectual experiences and insights in informal exchanges as well as in the frame of thought-provoking S.J.D. colloquia.

Over all, the size and design of the graduate program ensures that graduate students not only get to know—and learn from—each other, but that they can also form friendships with J.D. students;
that faculty are accessible and offer individual attention and mentoring; and that administrative support is readily available.

In particular, the Center for International and Comparative Law and the Assistant Dean of International Affairs offer support in administrative, academic, and personal matters on an individual basis.

Each graduate degree program is designed with the overriding goal of enabling students to pursue a course of study reflecting their individual intellectual interests and career objectives. The programs are intended primarily for individuals trained in law abroad who wish to engage in comparative legal study, gain a better understanding of the U.S. legal system, pursue a field of specialization, and/or engage in advanced legal research. Graduate students attend an extensive orientation program prior to the start of classes. During orientation, each student meets with the Assistant Dean for International Affairs and a faculty member for individual advice on his/her selection of courses, seminars, and research projects in order to tailor a program to his/her specific needs and interests.

**STUDENT BODY**

Our graduate students are a diverse and high-achieving group of young law professionals with outstanding legal educations and notable legal experience in their home countries or on the international level. They practice in private law firms and corporations, teach at universities around the world, and work in government ministries and international organizations. Those who join our program immediately after completion of their first degrees in law are generally near the very top of their classes with significant research, extracurricular, or part-time professional experience.

By being part of a small program in a large and intellectually vibrant law school, our graduate students benefit from access to a vast array of courses and seminars, and numerous options to participate in a broad range of activities and organizations. Equally importantly, since most of our graduates come from abroad, they have an opportunity to be ambassadors of their countries and legal traditions while being smoothly integrated into the—often surprisingly different—American way of thinking, study and social life. In fact, our graduate students frequently refer to themselves as a “mini-United Nations”, as they amongst themselves typically represent at least 22 different countries.

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Michigan Law offers two general master's degree programs: the Master of Laws (LL.M.) and the Master of Comparative Law (M.C.L.), as well as a specialized program: the International Tax LL.M. Each of these programs is described below in detail. All are designed to be completed in two terms of full-time study (one
Some students remain in Ann Arbor during the summer to complete required research papers, provided their faculty research supervisors approve the time extension.

Master's degree students benefit from the Law School's acclaimed curricular strengths in a broad range of fields. These include, for example, corporate and commercial law, constitutional law, intellectual property, feminist jurisprudence, interdisciplinary perspectives on law, transnational law, litigation, legal theory, tax law, law and economics, cyberlaw, environmental law, and civil rights law. Equally renowned is the School's excellence in public and private international law, particularly in finance, tax, and litigation. The depth of the curriculum in the field of human rights, including refugee and asylum law, is unparalleled. Additionally, the Law School offers courses in non-U.S. legal systems, such as comparative constitutional law, European Union law, Chinese and Japanese law.

Many master's degree students arrive with interest in particular subjects. Nonetheless, we encourage them to not only pursue specific subjects of professional usefulness, but also consider classes that expand the way they think about the law and legal problems. A typical program of study for the general LL.M. or M.C.L. might include courses in both U.S. and international or comparative law coupled with an interdisciplinary class and one of the core courses offered to first-year J.D. students, such as torts or criminal law, to gain a foundational understanding of common law legal analysis. A master's degree student might combine the study of first-year U.S. contract law, corporate and securities law, and international trade, with a class in sex equality and one in legal philosophy to broaden his/her perspective on law. Another might take classes in torts, environmental law, administrative law, comparative federalism, American legal theory, economic analysis of law, and international litigation. Many of our students choose classes for the opportunity to engage with specific professors—not only for the course topic, but for the quality of their minds and the excitement of their intellectual approach to legal studies.

**MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.)**

Our LL.M. degree consists primarily of courses and seminars, and requires students to complete a research paper under faculty supervision on a topic of their choice. They may also elect to do more than one research paper. The LL.M. degree is awarded upon completion of 24 credits with at least a 2.7 ("B-") average in two terms (eight months) of study.

Students in this program freely select courses and seminars, according to their interests, from the wide variety of subjects offered by the Law School. It is customary in U.S. law school classes for students to participate through discussion, by faculty calling upon students for comments, and by students questioning each other and their professors. This kind of active student participation brings intellectual rigor and vibrancy to the American classroom, and the ensuing discussions are greatly enriched by the comparative perspective of a multinational student body.

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in other University of Michigan graduate schools if they seek exposure to additional disciplines. Furthermore, under law faculty supervision, LL.M. students may also engage in independent research worth up to six credit hours. An LL.M. student who wishes to devote an even larger portion of his or her LL.M. program to independent research may petition for special permission to do so; the student will need the support of three law faculty members who are committed to supervising the research exceeding the value of 6 credit hours.

**MASTER OF COMPARATIVE LAW (M.C.L.)**

The M.C.L. degree is conferred upon students completing 20 credit hours with at least a 2.3 ("C+") average in two terms of residence. Otherwise, M.C.L. students have the same curricular flexibility and choice as LL.M. students; like the LL.M. candidate, the M.C.L. student must take the required constitutional law class and write a research paper. The lighter course load permitted by the M.C.L. program makes it more desirable for those students from civil law countries who anticipate a significant adjustment for studies in English. Students who earned their law degrees from a university in which the primary language of instruction is English or who are native English speakers are not eligible for admission to the M.C.L. program.

All students who would be eligible to earn an M.C.L. degree will be given admission to the "M.C.L./LL.M." program and may decide at the beginning of the first semester, upon individual academic advising, which of the two degrees to pursue.

**INTERNATIONAL TAX LL.M.**

The International Tax LL.M. program is designed for a select group of professionals and academics in tax law who wish to complement their legal knowledge and experience with in-depth studies of U.S. and international tax law and policy.

To obtain the degree, students must complete a total of 24 credits with at least a 2.7 ("B-") average in two terms of residence. Unlike the general LL.M., the International Tax LL.M. has a specific set of course requirements: Taxation of Individual Income (4 credits), Corporate Tax (3 credits), Partnership Tax (3 credits), International Tax (3 credits), and the Tax Policy Workshop or a similar advanced tax course (3 credits). The remaining eight credits will be earned in tax classes chosen by the student (such as Income Tax Treaties, Taxation of Financial Instruments, or Taxation of Business Transactions), in approved classes in a related field, and by writing a tax law research paper under the supervision of one of the International Tax Program Law School faculty.

The faculty of the International Tax LL.M. consists of Professors Avi-Yonah, Hines, Kahn, and Logue (Law School) and Professor Slemrod (Business School), as well as adjunct professors from practice. Applicants must have, at a minimum, the first degree in law required for law practice in the country in which their legal studies were pursued. The program enrolls of up to ten LL.M. students each year. Students admitted to the International Tax LL.M. may not transfer to the general M.C.L. or LL.M. programs.

**DOCTOR OF THE SCIENCE OF LAW (S.J.D.)**

The S.J.D. program is intended for individuals who have exhibited outstanding scholarship and capacity for advanced legal research. S.J.D. applicants are typically engaged in, or plan to pursue, academic law careers. The S.J.D. candidate must have excellent academic credentials and demonstrate the capacity for completing an S.J.D. dissertation of publishable quality which will provide lawyers, scholars, or governmental officials with a useful understanding, not previously available, of a particular
area of the law. S.J.D. students devote their energies to researching and writing a doctoral dissertation under the close supervision of a dissertation committee comprised of three faculty members. S.J.D. students benefit not only from expert faculty guidance and close mentorship, the library’s extensive collections and other resources of the Law School and the University, but also from participating in a Law School colloquium organized for doctoral students. Supervision of doctoral research demands specialized faculty expertise and interest; therefore, some qualified applicants may be denied admission because an appropriate faculty member is not available to serve as dissertation supervisor.

Recent graduates of our S.J.D. program hold academic positions in leading universities around the world. In the last several years, our S.J.D. alumni have joined the law faculties of the University of Tel Aviv, Melbourne University, National Taiwan University, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and Charles University in Prague, to name a few.

ADMISSION TO THE S.J.D. PROGRAM

Admission to the S.J.D. program is highly selective. Students can be admitted to the S.J.D. program in one of two ways:

1.) LL.M. students enrolled at Michigan Law may, during their second semester, apply for admission to the S.J.D. program. The admission decision is made after completion of the LL.M. program. The criteria in such cases will include a judgment that the student’s scholarly background including prior academic performance, publications, and professional experience, suggests the potential for successful completion of the S.J.D.; that the student’s work in the LL.M. program was of very high quality; that the dissertation prospectus indicates the capacity for significant, original contribution to legal literature, and that a faculty member strongly endorses the candidate and is available to act as his/her S.J.D. supervisor and chair of his/her S.J.D. committee. When admitted to the S.J.D. program through this route, students must remain in residence for at least one additional academic year following completion of the LL.M. program, working full time on their dissertations under the supervision of their dissertation committee.

Michigan has a fantastic reputation in international law, and members of the faculty are world-renowned. Just as importantly, they and all of the administrative staff were caring—it’s really special how they treat students here. And the faculty are so accessible, you can just have coffee with a professor and a nice chat. As to my LL.M. classmates, the small size of the group meant we quickly turned into a closely knit class. I lived in the Lawyers Club, where we had many a memorable conversation—and not just about the law. It’s been wonderful—the people I’ve met here are amazing.

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Amarchand Mangaldas
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2.) In a smaller number of cases, applicants with prior legal training in the Anglo-American tradition may be directly admitted to the S.J.D. program (the LL.M./S.J.D.) prior to arrival in Ann Arbor. The criteria in such cases will be the same as above. When admitted to the LL.M./S.J.D. program through this route, students must satisfy the requirements for an LL.M. degree at the University of Michigan as an initial step toward the S.J.D. degree, even if they already hold an LL.M. degree from another institution. However, the master's portion of their program of study is not the same as the standard LL.M. program: LL.M./S.J.D. students must complete a minimum of 5 credit hours in approved courses and seminars, and earn the remaining credits toward a total of 24 credit hours in the form of supervised research and writing on a subject approved as the student's S.J.D. dissertation topic. Although this initial "LL.M. year" satisfies the one-year residency requirement for the S.J.D. program for those admitted to the LL.M./S.J.D. program, most students choose to remain in residency for additional terms.

Following the first year of residency in the LL.M. or LL.M./S.J.D. program, students enrolled in the S.J.D. program are awarded a Michigan Grotius Fellowship to cover doctoral tuition and fees for up to four semesters of residency, provided the student is working full time on the dissertation and not enrolled in any coursework. In addition, S.J.D. students may apply for another Michigan Grotius Fellowship to assist with living expenses during this time period; such fellowships are awarded in a competitive process, based on the student's scholarly promise and quality of progress on the dissertation.

S.J.D. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

By way of brief summary, the S.J.D. degree is conferred upon a student, who, following receipt of the LL.M. degree, has:

• been admitted to S.J.D. candidacy. The decision on admission to S.J.D. candidacy is made by the student's dissertation committee at the end of the student's first year of required residence, after the student has completed a significant portion of the dissertation. The student will be admitted to S.J.D. candidacy if the dissertation committee determines that the student's research and writing on the dissertation topic is of sufficiently high quality to permit continuation in the S.J.D. program. Even though students are admitted to the S.J.D. program with the expectation that they are likely to achieve admission to S.J.D. candidacy, admission to the program does not assure admission to candidacy;

• participated actively in the Law School's S.J.D. colloquium during each year of residence, and made at least one substantive presentation of his/her dissertation work;

• passed an oral examination on his/her dissertation administered by the dissertation committee;

• demonstrated the capacity for excellence in legal scholarship by completion of an original dissertation of publishable quality approved by the student's dissertation committee within five years after admission to S.J.D. candidacy. The S.J.D. dissertation may be completed in absentia following the required residency period.

For details about degree requirements, please refer to the Academic Regulations posted at www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/registration/Pages/default.aspx
The Law School offers a non-degree research scholar program, attractive to legal scholars from around the world. This program is designed to meet the varying needs of scholars who engage in major research projects for which the Law School's outstanding library can be of considerable assistance. Research scholars enjoy full access to the Law School's library and research facilities, including Westlaw and Lexis/Nexis, to pursue their individual research agendas. They are welcome to observe classes with the permission of the professor and to participate in the Law School's workshops and lecture series.

The research scholar program is intended primarily for junior and senior faculty members in law or in cognate fields at universities throughout the world. It is also available to individuals from abroad engaged in public service careers or in doctoral or post-doctoral studies. Every effort is made to welcome research scholars into the intellectual and social life of the School. Research scholars who are faculty in their own countries are invited to participate in the faculty lunches and colloquia which occur at the Law School on an almost daily basis. Most are provided library carrels with Internet access in which to pursue their work.

In recent years, our research scholar program has included faculty members from the University of Lisbon in Portugal, the Australian National University, Kyoto University in Japan, the University of Heidelberg in Germany, Peking University, and the University of Hong Kong, as well as the director of the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences, a legal advisor to Amnesty International in London, and a staff member of the Japanese Ministry of Justice. Their research interests have encompassed a broad array of legal and interdisciplinary subjects.

The Law School welcomes 10 to 20 research scholars annually. Their campus visits vary in length from a few weeks to one year and they may start at any time. If a research scholar would like to observe classes, he/she is encouraged to time the visit with the beginning and end of our terms. Unless visits are scheduled according to the academic calendar, research scholars may find it more difficult to obtain reasonably priced housing accommodations.

In addition to the resources offered by the Law School, research scholars have access to the considerable intellectual and cultural activities at the University of Michigan and in Ann Arbor. Frequently the interests of research scholars bring them in contact with faculty in other departments of the University such as economics or public policy studies; or in the many centers that focus on significant regions of the world, such as the European Union Center and the centers for Japanese studies, for Chinese studies, or for Russian and East European studies, to name a few.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Those interested in coming to the Law School as research scholars should send the Center for International and Comparative Law their curriculum vitae, a publication list, the proposed dates of stay, a description of their intended research project and its intended purpose (e.g. doctoral thesis, journal publication), and a description of how a research scholar visit will be of value. They should also provide two letters of reference from academics familiar with their work. If there are particular Michigan faculty members with whom they would like to confer, they should so indicate. It is also helpful to know their interest in informally observing particular classes. Applicants for the research scholar program whose native language is not English should indicate their degree of fluency in English, in particular speaking and listening comprehension, and describe their training and experience in English. TOEFL or IELTS score and academic records may also be requested.

Research scholar applicants with an interest in the Law School's Program in Refugee and Asylum Law should request additional information by writing to the Center for International and Comparative Law.

**MICHIGAN GROTIUS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

Interested individuals may apply for a Michigan Grotius Research Fellowship. To do so, they are asked to complete a fellowship application and submit it together with the application materials referenced above. If invited as a research scholar to the Law School, no tuition is charged.
Michigan Grotius Fellowships are intended to assist with living expenses while in full-time residence. Most research scholars are supported by funds from other sources, such as Fulbright or sabbatical leave salary of their home university. Grotius Fellowships are awarded in a selective, competitive process. Therefore, we encourage all applicants to seek alternate sources and not rely on Law School funding alone.

**DEADLINE**

The application deadline for the research scholar program and for Michigan Grotius Research Fellowships is **February 1** for visits proposed for the following summer, fall or winter terms. Applicants are encouraged to apply to multiple institutions as the selection process is competitive. Research scholars are also welcome to apply after February 1, but risk that space and funding will then already be committed.

Whenever possible, applications should be submitted electronically. Alternatively, they may be sent by mail or fax. Letters of recommendation should preferably be sent directly by the recommender. All research scholar correspondence should be directed to the Center for International and Comparative Law (see back cover).

I like that the tax LL.M. program here is small, the courses are excellent, my classmates are really smart and challenging, and you get to take classes with the J.D. students.... You feel American culture as Americans do. Michigan has an outstanding tax faculty that gave me the tools I need to better understand the laws of my country, and other countries as well. It’s the excellence of that legal education that pushed me to stay on here and pursue my S.J.D.

**Nicola Sartori**

Post-doctoral Fellow, 2008

International University College of Turin

Italy
Graduate students are encouraged to participate in the extracurricular activities of the nearly 50 student organizations which enrich the Law School through service work and other social and intellectual activities designed to bring together students with shared interests. A small sampling of the many student groups include the Business Law Society, the Intellectual Property Students Association, the Women Law Students Association, the Environmental Law Society, the Latino Law Students Association, the Asia Law Society, and the European Law Society. Students also participate in the Law School’s six scholarly journals. Moreover, Michigan Law students can also test and develop their professional skills in moot court competitions, mediation workshops, client-counseling, and negotiation competitions. Throughout the year, student experiences are further greatly enriched by scores of eminent lawyers, public figures, government officials, and distinguished scholars who regularly visit to participate in classes, conferences, and workshops, and to deliver speeches.

THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

The Center for International and Comparative Law, guided and managed by Virginia Gordan, Assistant Dean for International Affairs, is the Law School’s focal point for the internationally related endeavors of students, faculty, visitors, and alumni. The Center serves as a central clearing house for international activities taking place at the Law School and around the University and provides direction and support to faculty and student initiatives, such as conferences and workshops, and to international projects such as student internships, faculty exchanges, and study abroad opportunities.

The Center also develops social and academic programs for graduate students and visiting scholars which give them a sense of community among themselves and integrate them into the life of the entire School. Some of the features offered by the Center include: an orientation program at the beginning of the academic year, which introduces students to the Law School, the culture of U.S. law classes, and the curriculum, and provides individual academic advising to each student for arranging his/her academic program for the year; e-mail groups; pen-pal programs; language lunches; and international host programs. More broadly speaking, the Assistant Dean for International Affairs and her staff are dedicated to making the academic and personal experience of graduate students, scholars, and visitors at the Law School a rich and meaningful one.
The University of Michigan Law School's faculty is considered, in the United States as well as abroad, one of the very best of the country. It is noted for excellence in effective classroom teaching, student accessibility and collegiality, as well as in legal scholarship and reform.

Michigan's expansive and innovative law curriculum prepares students for a broad spectrum of careers anywhere in the United States and throughout much of the world. The variety of approaches to legal education and the expectation that students take advantage of the Law School's remarkable facilities, curriculum, and faculty reflect Michigan's philosophy that independence and diversity of thought form the most solid intellectual and ethical basis for any career.

Many of the nation's leading legal treatises and scholarly works, including those in commercial transactions, constitutional law, feminist jurisprudence, federal jurisdiction, criminal procedure, and international human rights, are the work of Michigan faculty. Excellence in the traditional fields of law is often also coupled with outstanding scholarship in other disciplines, which is another trademark of the University and the Law School in particular. In fact, more than a third of Michigan's law professors also hold doctorates in such disciplines as history, economics, political science, public policy, psychology, sociology, classics, philosophy, and literature. Several of our faculty members are included in the ranks of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. Thus, one of the School's strengths is its leadership in the linking of laws to the insights and methods of other disciplines.

In addition, most faculty members have taught at other American universities and abroad. Outside of academia, many faculty members have also served in the federal government and as advisers to international organizations and to the governments of other countries.

Recent Faculty Publications include:

To borrow the Law School Dean’s description, Michigan’s broad curriculum is designed in such a way as to encourage the development and reinforcement of our students’ capacity and confidence to teach themselves new areas of law, new sets of lawyering skills, and the ability to operate in new legal or other professional settings—even after years of previous experience, and also years after our students have graduated from Michigan. As Dean Caminker concluded, “this pedagogic attitude and approach is a truly distinctive aspect of the Michigan Difference.”

Apart from the interdisciplinary approach and the international perspective which permeates Michigan Law, some traditional fields of law deserve to be pointed out separately for their outstanding strength even within the overall high level, if only to respond to dominant interest from our readership: not surprisingly, corporate and financial law figure prominently. While Michigan doesn’t offer a title such as “LL.M. in corporate/financial law”, one glance at any given semester’s course schedules (www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/registration/) will show that our students could easily study nothing but these subjects. At the same time, others primarily interested in human rights, for example, would come to the same conclusion in regard to their emphasis. And yet others, who would like to focus on environmental law, for instance, would relish the enormous offerings in the field, not only at the Law School, but also in cooperation with several other schools or graduate departments of the University. (Our LLMs are welcome to enroll in up to six credit hours of approved Michigan graduate courses, such as at the Business School or the School of Public Policy right next door.) In addition, further concentrations are enhanced by the activities organized by the Law School’s specialized centers and programs such as the Center for International and Comparative Law, the John M. Olin Center for Law & Economics, the Environmental Law and Policy Program, the European Legal Studies Program, the Japanese and Chinese Legal Studies Programs as well as the Program in Refugee and Asylum Law.

For an overview of Michigan Law’s curriculum, please refer to the Curriculum Interest Areas (www.law.umich.edu/CurriculumInterestAreas/) where further links also lead to detailed course descriptions and faculty biographies.

I came here for the Program in Refugee and Asylum Law, and to improve my overall knowledge of international law. A bonus was the Law Library, which is simply outstanding. The time I spent here, after several years of practicing law in New Zealand and Egypt, reinforced how challenging this type of law is, but it also reminded me that it’s all about making sound legal arguments, winning small victories, then building on them... And living in the U.S., in a college town? A great experience I’ll always remember.

Michael Timmins
Program in Refugee and Asylum Law Fellow
Human Rights Watch, 2008 New Zealand
Part of the spice of academic life at Michigan Law is made up of the conferences, symposia, and visits by special lecturers which pepper the calendar. A variety of workshops bring distinguished speakers to the Law School on a weekly basis:

- International Law Workshop
- Law and Economics Workshop
- Tax Policy Workshop
- Intellectual Property Workshop
- Environmental Law and Public Policy Lecture Series
- Refugee Rights Workshop

RECENT CONFERENCES

International Judicial Conference
With presentations from the president of the Supreme Court of Denmark, and justices and judges from the courts of Bangladesh, Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, Indonesia, Jordan, Lithuania, South Africa, and the United States.

Activist Lawyers and Muckracking Journalists: New Pressures for Legal Reform in China
With Yang Jian, Director of the Huaxi Dushi Newspaper in Chengdu; Joseph Kahn, Deputy Foreign Editor, former Beijing Bureau Chief of the New York Times; Ya-c Yao, Director of Law and Public Participation of the Civil Society Watch; Stanley Lubman of Boalt Hall, Advisor on Chinese Legal Reform Projects of the Asia Foundation; Kenneth Lieberthal, Distinguished Fellow and Director for China of the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan; Eric Richardson, Foreign Policy Fellow and counsel of the U.S. Department of State/ House Foreign Affairs Committee; et al.

State Intelligence Gathering and International Law
With J. H. Smith, partner at Arnold & Porter, former General Counsel of the CIA; the Honorable James Baker, judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; D. Fleck, former director of International Agreements and Policy of the German Ministry of Defense; D. Scheffer, former U.S. Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues; et al.
THE LAW LIBRARY

The Law Library houses one of the world's most outstanding collections of research materials. With nearly one million volumes, it is a center for legal research for faculty, students, lawyers, judges, and scholars from around the world. International students and visitors often discover that materials on their native countries are more accessible and complete than at home.

Michigan's Law Library consists of three distinct parts: the "stacks"—several extensive floors of richly filled bookshelves; the beautiful neogothic Reading Room, with 50 foot ceilings and stained glass windows, which can comfortably seat hundreds of students; and the modern, light and airy underground library floors, called the Allan F. and Alene Smith Library. This part of the Law School was completed in 1981 to complement the existing legal research facilities and received numerous awards for superb architectural design. It provides open stacks for the portion of the collection most used by Michigan Law students, a large number of student carrels, and special facilities for computers and microforms. The Smith addition is also where the Library staff work and where Michigan Law students and scholars can find our reference librarians for help with research. The Jackier Rare Book Room, located here as well, houses more than 5,000 rare books and manuscripts and offers its own research space.

The Law Library's collection includes reports of the American federal and state courts, the court reports of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, and those of most European, Asian, and South American countries. The constitutions, codes, and statutes of most foreign countries, as well as of the American states, are kept retrospectively and up-to-date. Legal documents for the United Nations, the European Community, and other supranational authorities represent a particular strength of the collection. In addition, there are extensive special collections in the fields of Roman, comparative, and international law, and documents of inter-governmental organizations such as the UN, EU, and WTO.

Moreover, international students and lawyers may find interest in the other University libraries on central campus which include special collections devoted to Asian studies, international relations, sociology, economics, history, and government.

With wireless and wired access to the Internet, LexisNexis, and Westlaw, the Law Library provides domestic and international legal materials free of charge to law students and faculty. Furthermore, home access is also available for all electronic resources. The Law Library's own invaluable website at www.law.umich.edu/library contains information about how to use the library, research guides written by our staff, both alphabetical and categorized lists of e-resources, huge collections of digitized material including all U.S. law reviews back to volume one (HeinOnline), and English and U.S. books about law from 1800 to 1923 (Making of Modern Law).

The "non-virtual" Law Library offers generous hours of operation and invaluable assistance from collections staff and from reference librarians who hold J.D. degrees in addition to graduate degrees in library science.
SERVICES & FACILITIES

Office of Public Service
www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/publicservice/
Since its beginnings in 1995, the Office of Public Service (OPS) has offered unparalleled support and continues to be an invaluable resource for students interested in careers in the public sector. The OPS provides, inter alia, one-on-one counseling to students and alumni; activities and mentoring opportunities with the Public Interest/Public Service Faculty Fellows; mentoring and networking contacts worldwide; a searchable e-database containing summer and permanent public interest job postings; opportunities to develop skills and experience through pro-bono projects; and a lectureship series called "The Inspiring Path Series", which highlights alumni who have incorporated public service into their legal careers.

Career Services
www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/careerservices/
Many of Michigan Law's most illustrious alumni are graduates of one of the School's advanced degree programs, and the Office of Career Services (OCS) helps graduates along their path to success.

The Assistant Dean for Career Services and the four counselors of the OCS draw on extensive experience to advise and support not only J.D. students, but also graduate students with their different backgrounds and often different goals. Programs and counseling emphasize orientation to the American legal employment market which is often, at least on a temporary basis, of crucial interest to our international students. OCS offers, inter alia, individualized counseling; specialized group seminars and programs; the development of a professional résumé and cover letter; interviewing and networking skills enhancement; access to an excellent career library, as well as online career databases and Internet resources. In addition, Michigan Law is a partner in the Overseas-Trained LL.M. Student Interview Program held in New York each winter. During this event almost 200 legal employers, with offices in the U.S. and abroad, interview over 300 select LL.M. students from Michigan, Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and the University of Virginia. Other OCS services include compiling and distributing a résumé book to American legal employers, and maintaining a list of employers who would like to receive the résumés of international graduate students interested in temporary or permanent employment. A career handbook including information on job searching for international students is distributed to all interested graduate students. The OCS also provides facilities for photocopying, facsimile, and telephone and video conferencing for job interviews.

While international students are encouraged to use the professional contacts they may have in their own countries, the OCS will also help international graduate students in networking and establishing professional relationships with other Michigan Law graduates working domestically and throughout the world.

Bar Admission
www.abanet.org/legaled/baradmissions/barcont.html
Each of the fifty U.S. states has its own criteria and procedures for admitting lawyers to practice. A U.S. LL.M. degree does not qualify international lawyers to apply for admission to take the bar examination or practice law in every state, and the relevant rules and requirements are subject to change. Lawyers from foreign countries interested in taking the bar exam should seek detailed information on requirements for bar admissions by contacting the bar examiner in the state in which they wish to practice. However, the most popular market for our LL.M. students is New York, where, every year, many of our LL.M.s successfully sit for the bar exam.

Computing Facilities
www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/informationtechnology/
The Law School community relies on electronic technology to communicate, do legal research, enhance instruction, and conduct administrative business. Computers for student use are distributed throughout the School, although most students have their own laptops. Students whose laptops are equipped
with compatible wireless cards enjoy the freedom and mobility offered by the wireless network. For those who prefer working at a desktop, computing facilities and resources also include a computer lounge and a computer lab with desktop computers, résumé workstations, scanners, and networked printers. The lab is additionally equipped with dedicated Westlaw and LexisNexis printers. Both locations are restricted to Law students only and are staffed on weekdays by lab consultants trained to assist students with wireless and other Law School network-related connectivity issues.

Available software includes applications for word processing, e-mail, and Internet (including access to LexisNexis and Westlaw via the web). Free accounts to LexisNexis and Westlaw are given to all Law students.

International Center
www.internationalcenter.umich.edu
The University of Michigan's International Center offers services to international students, scholars, and their families traveling to the United States or abroad. Services include visa assistance, health insurance, referrals for child care, and referrals to social and community organizations. The International Center also works with community organizations which provide tours, home hospitality, speaking engagements, and assistance for spouses of international students. In cooperation with nationality clubs and student organizations, a varied program of cultural and social events is offered throughout the year.

Health Insurance
www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/healthins
The University requires that all international students, research scholars, and their families have health insurance coverage for medical care and hospitalization in the United States. The International Center will help students and scholars enroll in the mandatory International Student and Scholar Health Insurance Plan. Those who already have health insurance and wish to obtain a waiver of the mandatory plan must contact the International Center to ensure that their coverage is adequate. For additional details, please refer to the information found at the International Center's health insurance website.

University Health Service
www.uhs.umich.edu
The University community is offered a wide range of ambulatory services from fully licensed and experienced health professionals at the health care clinic. Most of the clinic's services, including general medical, gynecological, eye care, and pharmacy services, are covered by the above mentioned health insurance. Both, the International Center and the UHS, are located within easy walking distance from the Law School.

Services for Students with Disabilities
www.umich.edu/~sswd
Virtually all University facilities are wheelchair accessible. Applicants who need assistance or counseling are encouraged to communicate their needs to us as soon as possible, contacting the Center for International and Comparative Law, or the University's Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (OSSD).

The Law School works closely with the OSSD which exists to ensure the disabled student equal educational opportunity at the University of Michigan. OSSD services include, but are not limited to, assessing a student's need for modified housing, attendants, interpreters, transportation, classroom and exam accommodations, notetakers, and adaptive equipment.
Michigan Law welcomes applications from around the world and from all segments of the legal profession—private practice, corporations, academia, government, NGOs, and public service. Because we seek to create a diverse and intellectually outstanding student body, and because space is limited, admission to the graduate programs is highly competitive, resulting in a number of qualified applicants necessarily being turned away.

A very important consideration in the selection process is the academic and professional record of applicants in their own countries. Nonetheless, looking at grades alone does not provide an adequate measure to predict the outcome of our selection procedure. Great attention is paid to all details in the application, and letters of reference are taken very seriously. Ultimately, we seek people with proven intellectual and professional abilities whose matriculation allows us to build a heterogeneous group of graduate students and scholars representing a wide array of qualities, including varied intellectual interests, different countries and traditions, diverse life and professional achievements and experience, and an ability to benefit from graduate studies.

All applicants must have completed the first degree in law required for law practice or law teaching in the country in which their law studies were pursued. U.S. applicants must have satisfied the J.D. requirements at an ABA-accredited law school. In any given year, those accepted to our graduate programs have completed their legal education with distinction, graduating at or near the top of their classes or otherwise demonstrating exceptional academic ability.
Applicants to the graduate degree programs at Michigan Law must submit the following materials to the Graduate Admissions Office (or to the registrar's office in their law school, if one is more convenient):

1. The completed application form.
2. A curriculum vitae (or resume).
3. Two essays to supplement the resume: a statement of purpose written by the applicant in English as described on the application form.
4. a) Two letters of recommendation written in English, or in the recommender's native language accompanied by a certified English translation, at least one of which must be from a member of the applicant's law faculty. (Although we require only two letters, applicants are welcome to submit more than two if they wish.)
   b) Letters of recommendation should be submitted directly to the Law School wherever possible. They may be sent by the applicant when necessary, as long as they are provided in an envelope bearing the signature of the recommender across the seal.

Letters of recommendation should be on official stationary, from persons who know the applicant well, are able to evaluate his or her capacity for advanced legal studies and professional success, and can comment with specificity on the applicant's intellectual acumen and originality. It should describe the nature of the topic, the questions to be explored, and the research methodology.

b) Letters of recommendation for an S.J.D. applicant must address the applicant's demonstrated capacity for advanced legal scholarship and prospects for an academic career. If an applicant has been enrolled in an LL.M. program at another U.S. law school, one of the letters of recommendation must be from a faculty member at that law school.

6. A current official transcript of the bachelor's degree or any subsequent work, including a description of the institution's grading system, a statement of purpose. The University of Michigan Law School's TOEFL requirements cannot be reviewed without valid TOEFL or IELTS scores. If an applicant has taken multiple tests, all results must be submitted with the application.

N.B. Information for students wishing to apply for the LLM, M.S.J.D., S.J.D. program:

a) S.J.D. applicants must submit a prospectus of the proposed thesis topic in sufficient detail to indicate its significance and originality. It should describe the nature of the topic, the questions to be explored, and the research methodology.

b) Letters of recommendation for an S.J.D. applicant must address the applicant's demonstrated capacity for advanced legal scholarship and prospects for an academic career.

6. A current official TOEFL or IELTS score unless both of the following are true: (1) the applicant is a native speaker of English, and (2) the university education was conducted primarily in English. Most admitted students have higher evenly distributed subscores. Most admitted students have higher evenly distributed subscores. The minimum required scores are: 600 (PBT), 250 (CBT) and a TWE of 4.0, or 100 (IBT), or 7.0 on the academic IELTS test, with fairly evenly distributed subscores. Most admitted students have higher scores. The English tests must be taken before January 1, and must be sent directly from the institution's to the University of Michigan Law School. Official transcripts should give results of all course work taken as well as results of yearly or comprehensive exams. Transcripts must be in English or must be accompanied by a certified English translation. Wherever possible, transcripts must be sent directly to the University of Michigan Law School, Graduate Admissions from the academic institution and must bear the registrar's signature or the institution's seal. If transcripts cannot be sent to us directly from the applicant's academic institution(s), the applicant should send them to us in a sealed envelope bearing the registrar's signature or the institution's seal. All transcripts should include, if available, official certification of the applicant's rank in class (for example, fourth in a class of 123 students), the applicant's cumulative grade point average, and the receipt of honors, if applicable.

A description of the institution's grading system, including an indication of normal length of the degree program and whether failing grades show on the transcript, should accompany the transcripts. The institution does not issue standard descriptions, the applicant must provide his/her own, based on personal experience.

7. Official transcripts must be submitted directly to the Law School whenever possible. They may be sent by the applicant when necessary, as long as they are provided in an envelope bearing the signature of the recommender across the seal.

Letters of recommendation should be on official stationary, from persons who know the applicant well, are able to evaluate his or her capacity for advanced legal studies and professional success, and can comment with specificity on the applicant's intellectual acumen and originality. It should describe the nature of the topic, the questions to be explored, and the research methodology.

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In the absence of these materials, applicants to the LL.M./S.J.D. program will be considered only for admission to the LL.M. program.
**Application Methods**

We're pleased to accept applications prepared in any of the formats described below. Because we have no preference, applicants should use the method most convenient for them.

*Hardcopy applications* are available by request or by downloading the application in PDF format. You will need Acrobat Reader (Version 6.0 or higher will work best).

*Online applications* can be submitted by credit card users through Embark at [apply.embark.com/law/umich/grad](http://apply.embark.com/law/umich/grad) or via LSAC's individual e-app at [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org).

You may also use the [Credential Assembly Service of LSAC](http://www.lsac.org). This service could possibly save you time and money if you intend to apply to a number of U.S. or Canadian graduate law degree programs. You will only need to obtain your transcripts and other required credentials once in order to make them available for all of your applications. For a registration fee of $185 (U.S.), LSAC will collect, authenticate, and distribute your university records and TOEFL scores. You will be able to use this credential-processing service to apply to participating U.S. and Canadian law schools for a period of five years. Five reports to law schools are included in the registration fee. For additional information about this service, go to [www.LLM.LSAC.org](http://www.LLM.LSAC.org).

Please note that you must still complete our application and submit the application fee of $60. The LSAC Credential Assembly Service only authenticates non-U.S. and non-Canadian credentials that are needed to complete the law school application.

**Application Deadline**

The deadline for receipt of the completed application and all supporting materials is **January 3** of the calendar year for which admission is sought. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is complete by the deadline. Applications will not be reviewed until they are complete. Applicants generally receive notice of decision by late March or early April. All correspondence should be submitted to the University of Michigan Law School Graduate Admissions Office.

**Financial Aid**

Applicants to the graduate programs at the University of Michigan Law School are welcome to apply for Michigan Grotius Fellowships to assist in financing their graduate studies. Named after Hugo Grotius, the seventeenth century Dutch jurist generally regarded as the father of modern international law, the fellowships acknowledge superior academic and professional achievement in all areas of law and recognize the promise of a distinguished legal career following graduate study. Applying for financial aid, including Grotius Fellowships, does not affect a candidate's admissions decision; all financial awards are determined only after admissions decisions have been made.
Financial aid recipients are selected among all admit­ted students who have requested assistance. Michigan Grotius Fellowships are awarded based on a combination of the student's financial need and his or her academic and professional background. Students wishing to apply for a Michigan Grotius Fellowship must complete the financial information in the application form.

In making its selections, the Fellowship Committee evaluates an applicant's commitment to academic excel­lence, seriousness and depth of purpose, and promise of professional success. It takes a particular interest in an applicant's pursuit of a career in academia or public service. In a typical year, between 30 and 40 percent of graduate students attending Michigan Law have been selected as Grotius Fellows.

Grotius Fellows are free to pursue their chosen program of graduate legal study and are not subject to any additional academic requirements. Past recipients of Michigan Grotius Fellowships have become leaders of the legal profession in their respective home countries as well as in the international community—serving on the highest courts of their countries, on international courts, and in prominent positions in government, international organizations, and academic institutions around the world.

Michigan S.J.D. students, i.e., those who have completed the first year of residency in the LL.M. or LL.M./S.J.D. program, are awarded a Michigan Grotius Fellowship to cover doctoral tuition and fees for up to four semesters of residency, provided they are working full time on the dissertation and not enrolled in any coursework. Such S.J.D. students may additionally apply for a Michigan Grotius Fellowship to assist with living expenses for their full-time residency which are awarded following a competitive process, based on the student's scholarly promise and quality of progress on the dissertation.

Due to the many outstanding applications we receive, the demand for financial aid always exceeds available funds. Applicants are therefore strongly encouraged to also seek funding elsewhere from a variety of public and private sources, and to contact their home governments and employers, as well as the U.S. Embassy or Consulate, to seek advice and sponsorship for study abroad. Employment during the academic year is strongly discouraged.

Students admitted to our programs are often successful in securing outside funding. Recent students have received financial support from their employers (law firms, compa­nies, government agencies, and universities), from a range of government and private scholarships such as Fulbright, Muskie, Amideast, DAAD, BAEF, SOROS, and Rotary, and from loan programs in their home countries. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) offers fellowships for non-U.S. citizens or permanent residents; please refer to their website at www.aauw.org for specific criteria and detailed information. Like most funding sources, the AAUW requires early application. A special educational loan pro­gram for non-permanent U.S. residents or citizens is offered by the Global Student Loan Corporation (www.globalslc.com).

PEP, LAWEXCEL, and PLATO are U.S.-sponsored loan programs available to international students who can provide a U.S. citizen or permanent resident as a co-signer. The following U.S.-sponsored loan programs are available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents: Stafford Loans, Law Access Loans, Law Student Loans, and Mi-Loans. Students eligible for U.S.-sponsored loan programs should contact the Law School Office of Financial Aid for more information at lawtinaid@umich.edu or 734.764.5289.
At the heart of Ann Arbor, the University of Michigan is home to superb faculty in all disciplines, outstanding students from all 50 states and more than 120 foreign countries, and alma mater to 440,000 living graduates in the U.S. and abroad. From the perspective of resources, it has one of the nation’s premier research library systems, and one of the largest and best health care complexes—all on a beautiful, functional, and conveniently accessible campus. Michigan students enroll in one of 19 separate schools and colleges on the Ann Arbor campus, and choose from 458 majors and 5,500 courses, plus broad opportunities in independent study. As one of the most highly regarded research universities in the world, Michigan invests nearly $650 million annually in research and development.

Michigan Law is known and respected around the world. Several of my law professors back home in Croatia who are Michigan alumni inspired me to apply at Michigan, and, in fact, to choose a career in academia myself. My first stop after the LL.M., however, will be an internship at the European Court of Justice; after that I will be returning to teach at my alma mater. What has perhaps impressed me the most about my time here is the enthusiasm and seriousness of studying, and the amazing international speakers and workshops.

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support of programs, staff, students, libraries, and collections. The University libraries combined hold approximately 7.5 million volumes and nearly 70,000 serial titles, and their staff frequently hold certifications beyond their library degrees; at the Law School, for example, all research librarians are also J.D.s. Many area study centers, including those with which the Law School has close ties, are considered models for academic research. Such centers complement the research centers of the Ross School of Business, Law School, Ford School of Public Policy, School of Public Health, School of Natural Resources and Environment, School of Information, School of Social Work, and Department of Economics. Nearly one half of the more than 10,600 degrees every year are graduate degrees, including over 600 doctorates. Law School graduate students may elect two graduate level non-law classes from University course offerings for credit toward their law degree in order to take advantage of this extraordinary intellectual resource. In addition, over 800 student organizations as well as hundreds of speakers, symposia, readings, and films, greatly enrich the community.

The University is also a vital place for the arts, entertainment, cultural exchange, recreational sports, and intercollegiate athletics: Michigan's stadium can seat well over 107,000 spectators at each game, thus topping all other collegiate stadiums in the United States.
Located in southeastern Michigan, Ann Arbor is a vital, welcoming, and unusually sophisticated city with a population of more than 115,000. A true university town, Ann Arbor has become home to people from all over the world who teach, attend classes, work, and raise their children here. As a result, the city offers the cultural, educational, and recreational advantages of a major urban center, but with the tranquility, warmth, and safety of a small town. The area enjoys a pleasant, four-seasons climate ideal for year-round outdoor sports and recreation.

Ann Arbor's charms include a bustling downtown, beautiful tree-lined streets, and an extensive system of parks. The city is surrounded by rivers, lakes, farms, and forests, and is considered a recreational gem. Its outstanding elementary and secondary schools rank among the very best in the country. High-quality housing is available in a wide variety of types and neighborhoods. Students enjoy living on-campus at the Lawyers Club, which forms part of the Law Quadrangle and is extremely popular for its beauty and convenient location, or at Northwood Community Apartments which include various excellent facilities for spouses and children. Alternatively, attractive private housing is available in apartments, cooperatives, condos, and houses, within easy walking distance of the Law School, or located near bus routes. For more housing details, please refer to www.law.umich.edu/prospectivestudents/graduate/Pages/housing.aspx.

Culinary needs are easily satisfied by an impressive array of cafés, bistro, restaurants, and pubs on the one hand; and on the other, fresh produce and farmers markets, specialty shops including such with outstanding wine selections, mini-breweries, as well as health/organic food stores to supplement the common fare.

The cultural menu includes a variety of public and private museums and galleries, an abundance of lectures, workshops, and concerts, theater, and dance productions. The University Musical Society, an internationally-renowned performance presenter, brings over 70 music, dance, and theater events to campus each year. Recent visiting artists and ensembles include the London, Berlin and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestras; mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli and soprano Renée Fleming; the San Francisco Symphony under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas; violinists Anne-Sophie Mutter, Christian Tetzlaff and Joshua Bell; pianists Lang Lang and Andras Schiff; hip-hop superstar Mos Def; jazz artists Dave Brubeck, Chick Corea, Alice Coltrane, and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis; dance ensembles such as the Bolshoi Ballet, Mark Morris Dance Group, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Urban Bush Women, and Alvin Ailey; theater companies the Royal Shakespeare Company, Complicite, and the Abbey Theatre of Ireland; and global events featuring artists from Asia, Africa, the Arab World, Mexico, and the Americas. In addition, Ann Arbor attracts audiences to a widely recognized Blues Festival, several cutting-edge film festivals, a beloved symphony orchestra, and numerous jazz, blues, and comedy clubs. Poetry slams and independent film-making thrive here, along with many active community and University choir, dance, and theater groups. Moreover, each summer, the city hosts the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, one of the largest and best-known outdoor arts and crafts exhibitions in the country.

For the more athletically inclined, there are sports events galore, among which, of course, football in the impressive Michigan Stadium, which seats more than 107,000 fans, stands prominent. For the actively athletic there are not only multiple indoor facilities (including rock climbing) but also golf courses, tennis courts, cross country skiing, marathon events, and the many possibilities embedded in the natural surroundings. Such richness of arts and culture and entertainment in general is hardly typical of U.S. towns with a population just over 100,000 but it is an integral part of what makes Ann Arbor uniquely vital and attractive.

With the automotive capital of Detroit less than 50 miles to the east, and Chicago and Toronto just a few hours away, Ann Arbor is centrally situated. Train and bus stations are convenient to campus. Detroit's Metropolitan Airport, just a 30-minute drive from the Law School, ranks among the top 5 airports of comparable size around the world for its service quality. It offers well over 1000 daily nonstop flights to more than 160 cities throughout North America, Asia, and Europe, and easy connections to South America and Africa.
When you come to a new place, you should experience life, not just study. Here in Ann Arbor I could be relaxed and enjoy life even when I was studying hard. This has been a good chance to see a place that is totally different from my home country; I will never forget life and my friends here.

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