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## LL.M. Students



### Nana Adu-Boateng (Nahh-nahh Adoo-Bo-teng)

Age: 27

Home Country: Ghana

Previous Universities: University of Ghana; Central University College

Previous Degrees: LLB, Law ('13); BS, Human Resources Management ('10)

Interests/Experience: HIV/AIDS Peer Educator; interested in making sure social justice is universal and proper legal assistance is guaranteed; lots of work with youth, including church groups; passion for music, especially singing



### Yasin Akalan (Ya-seen Akalan)

Age: 24

Home Country: Turkey

Previous Universities: Bilkent Universitesi; Anadolu Universitesi

Previous Degrees: BA, Law ('14); BA, Business ('13)

Interests/Experience: Apprentice to Law, Cinar & Cinar Law Office, specializing in commercial and international law; helped create "Sine Qua Non" journal at university in Turkey; written on Internet law in Turkey



### Mahan Ashouri

Age: 24

Home Country: Iran

Previous University: University of Tehran

Previous Degrees: BA, Sociology ('15); BA, Law ('13)

Interests/Experience: Trainee Attorney, Reza Ashouri Law Office; Legal Advisor, Setavandtir Firm; Legal Advisor, Parsholandia Firm; legal family; father teaches "penal law" at Tehran University, mother got law degree in Switzerland; managed history department for college prep service and published 10+ books in different fields



**Francois Babulu**

Age: 57

Home Country: Democratic Republic of Congo

Previous Universities: Theologat Eugene de Maznod/Catholic University; Universite Libre de Kinshasa

Previous Degrees: BA, Theology ('89); License Endroit (Congolese J.D.) ('97)

Interests/Experience: Ordained priest; became Dominican father and traveled throughout Africa; lived through Congolese Civil War; forced name change to "African" name (Gonda); wanted to go to law school to reform the country and stop violence; had to flee Congo in 1999 after speaking out against Human Rights violations by government; has been in Richmond as parochial vicar since 2009



**Muhammad Imtiaz Hussain**

Age: 34

Home Country: Pakistan

Previous Universities: University of the Punjab; Bahauddin Zakariya

Previous Degrees: LLB, Law ('05); MA, English ('03); BA, English ('02)

Interests/Experience: Advocate High Court, Punjab Bar Council; Public Prosecutor, Criminal Prosecution Department Punjab; Legal Aid for Gender Discrimination cases, Lahore Bar Human Right Wing; finish MPA at University of New Mexico; worked in anti-terrorism and anti-corruption in Pakistan; visiting professor for constitutional and criminal law at different colleges in Pakistan



**Hanif Khan (Haneef Khan)**

Age: 30

Home Country: Pakistan

Previous University: University of the Punjab

Previous Degree: LLB, Law (12)

Interests/Experience: Self-employed lawyer; admitted to Supreme Court of Pakistan bar



**Azar Mahmoudi (Ah-zár Mahmoudi)**

Age: 24

Home Country: Iran

Previous University: University of Tehran

Previous Degrees: BA, Sociology ('15); BA, Law ('13)

Interests/Experience: Trainee Attorney, Reza Ashouri Law Office; Legal Advisor, Setavandtir Firm; Legal Advisor, Parsholandia Firm; ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in law program and 1<sup>st</sup> in sociology; wants to fight gender inequality in Iran

## Two-Year J.D. Students

### Abdullah Alsugair (Abdullah Al-soo-gair)



Age: 24

Home Country: Saudi Arabia

Previous Universities: Jamiat Al-Imam Mohamad Ibn Saud Al-Islamiah; GWU Law

Previous Degrees: BA, Law ('12); LLM ('15)

Interests/Experience: Trainee Attorney, Ibrahim Alsugair Law Center; wants to help bring change to Saudi Arabia; interested in corporate, transactional, and banking law

### David Biro (David Beer-o)



Age: 23

Home Country: Hungary

Previous University: Miskolci Egyetem

Previous Degree: Law ('15)

Interests/Experience: Intern, Somosvari Law Office; Intern, Klebelsberg Maintenance Centre; had open heart surgery at age 6; interested in banking law; wants to work within EU

### Xi Cheng (Shee Cheng)



Age: 23

Home Country: China

Previous University: Nankai University

Previous Degree: LLB, Law ('14)

Interests/Experience: Intern, Health Bureau, Government of Hexi District; Assistant, Guangdong Yuli Law Firm; interested in IP; wants to work to stop Chinese IP infringement; wants to help pass laws to assist rural poor; goal of being a mediator





**Bonke Gudina (Bahn-kee Goo-deena)**

Age: 24

Home Country: Ethiopia

Previous University: Alemaya University

Previous Degree: LLB, Law ('13)

Interests/Experience: Associate Judge, Cheha First Instance Court; competed in Jessup Moot Court international competition; offered volunteer legal aid and counseling while at Alemaya University; interested in immigration and human rights law



**Zhi ("Maggie") Lei (Dzhee "Maggie" Lay)**

Age: 37

Home Country: China

Previous Universities: Chinese People's Public Security University; The University of Auckland

Previous Degrees: LLB, Law ('00); LLM, Law ('06)

Interests/Experience: Senior Police Officer, Ministry of Public Security Border Control Officer, Beijing Airport; Legal Assistant, Liaoning Kaiyu Law Firm; interested in foreign commercial law; strong knowledge of Chinese criminal and administrative laws



**Hyeon ("Heather") Mun (Hyuhn Moon)**

Age: 24

Home Country: South Korea

Previous University: Handong Global University

Previous Degree: BA, Law ('15)

Interests/Experience: English Teacher, Kids Club School; interested in litigation; might want to be a prosecutor; experience in counseling; wants to participate in Children's Defense Clinic



**Celtia Van Niekerk (Sell-sha Fan Nee-kirk)**

Age: 25

Home Country: South Africa

Previous University: University of the Witwatersrand; George Mason Law

Previous Degree: LLB, Law ('12); LLM, Law ('14)

Interests/Experience: Interested in international and antitrust law; wants to be an attorney in U.S. and realized the LLM wasn't going to make that happen; already passed New York bar

## First-Year Students



### Turki Alaskar (Turkey Al-askar)

Age: 31

Home Country: Saudi Arabia

Previous University: King Abdul Aziz University

Previous Degree: BS, Business ('13)

Interests/Experience: Legal IP Analyst, Saudi Basic Industries Corp.; selected by SABIC to attend law school; from a small village in Saudi Arabia; interested in/working in IP



### Aljawharah Alassaf (Al-jah-war-uh Al-as-saf)

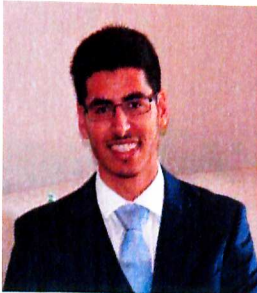
Age: 25

Home Country: Saudi Arabia

Previous University: American University

Previous Degree: BA, International Business ('14)

Interests/Experience: Interested in international law; worked as a research assistant with the World Bank; President of Saudi Student Organization at American University; published paper comparing insanity defense in Saudi and American law; would like to work at the UN or World Bank



### Husam Azhar (Hoo-sahm Az-har)

Age: 24

Home Country: Saudi Arabia

Previous University: University of Ottawa

Previous Degree: BA, Finance ('13)

Interests/Experience: Studied in Canada via SABIC scholarship; interested in financial regulation law; wants laws for finance to be more proactive than reactive; organized Islam Awareness Week at University of Ottawa; volunteered teaching Arabic in community



**Qingwei (“Grace”) Gu (King-way Goo)**

Age: 21

Home Country: China

Previous University: Boston University

Previous Degree: BA, Economics ('15)

Interests/Experience: Father is an attorney; interested in international law/globalization; family sponsored child in poor part of China to go to university; interested in human rights law, especially global poverty



**Mario Mazzone (Mario Ma-zone-ee)**

Age: 28

Home Country: Venezuela

Previous Universities: EADA Business School in Barcelona; Monteavila University

Previous Degrees: MA, Marketing ('11); BA, Business ('09)

Interests/Experience: Manager, Grupo Los Alpes; Founder/CEO Exclusive Green, program designed to bring sports to low-income communities to get kids away from drugs and gangs; interested in human rights and international law; passion fueled by experience being shot at in gang driveby; wants to work in Children's Defense Clinic



**Fernando Tevez-Rosales**

Age: 23

Home Country: El Salvador

Previous University: Methodist University

Previous Degree: BA, Political Science ('15)

Interests/Experience: Social Media Coordinator, Methodist University International Program; Intern, Permanent Diplomatic Mission of El Salvador; worked on elder rights at Diplomatic Mission; interested in civil rights and human rights; also interested in gender issues in law; defended himself from expulsion after coming out in Catholic school



**Hsiao-Han Wang (Shao-Hahn Wang)**

Age: 23

Home Country: Taiwan

Previous University: National Taiwan Normal University

Previous Degrees: BS, Engineering ('14); BA, Fine Arts ('14)

Interests/Experience: Interested in international law; involved in dozens of student groups, from managing finances to cheerleading; studied manufacturing and performance art

## Foreign Exchange Students



### Finn Fechner (Finn Fetch-ner)

Age: 25

Home Country: Germany

Current University: Universitaet Mannheim

### Mariachiara Goglione (Maria-kee-ara Gahg-lee-oh-nee)

Age: 22

Home Country: Italy

Current University: Universita Commerciale Luigi Bocconi



### Sandra Picicuto

Age: 21

Home Country: Italy

Current University: Universita Commerciale Luigi Bocconi

### Thomas Roller

Age: 20

Home Country: Germany

Current University: Universitaet Mannheim

### Charlotte Woodhams

Age: 22

Home Country: Australia

Current University: University of Queensland







