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## LL.M. Students



### Fares Almodaihsh (Ferris Al-moe-daysh)

Age: 29

Home Country: Saudi Arabia

Previous University: Jamiat Al-Malik Saud [LLB, Law ('09)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in corporate and securities and international law; supervisor of legal department at Allied Cooperative Insurance Group; studied economics; extensive research experience; wrote on alternatives to incarceration

### Larissa de Carvalho



Age: 23

Home Country: Brazil

Previous University: Universidade Catolica de Pernambuco [LLB, Law ('15)]

Interests/Experience: Clerked for 2 years in Pernambuco Court of Appeals; Research Assistant in constitutional/human rights law; child advocacy volunteer; interested in international law and human rights; passed Brazil's equivalent of the Bar; wants to be a diplomat

### Mohammed Salman



Age: 24

Home Country: Saudi Arabia

Previous University: Jamiat Al-Malik Abdulaziz [LLB, Law ('13)]; Penn State [Legal English Certificate ('16)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in IP, civil rights, and corporate law; father is an attorney; wants to teach law; conducted study on alternative sentencing; likes the nuance of contracts



**Juan Trujillo**

Age: 31

Home Country: Colombia

Previous University: University of the Andes [LLB, Law ('13)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in corporate and international law, and litigation; worked as a judge at Superintendent of Industry and Commerce in business regulation; worked as a legal advisor for the Union de Tecnologia (UNITEL) S.A.S.; wants to improve investment and business regulations in Colombia; wants to take classes with Andy Spalding

## **Two-Year J.D. Students**

### **Victor Arca**



Age: 26

Home Country: Spain

Previous Universities: Universidad Pablo de Olavido [LLB, Law & Political Science ('13)]; University of London [LLM, Law and Finance ('16)]

Interests/Experience: Legal trainee with European Commission; Junior Associate at Cuatrecasas, Goncalves, Pereira SLP; member of Barcelona Bar; Clerked in the criminal court of Seville; interested in international and corporate law

### **Marc Bonorino**



Age: 49

Home Country: Brazil

Previous Universities: Federal University of Rio de Janeiro [LLB, Law ('97)]; Bond University (Australia) [MBA ('02)]; George Mason [MS, Conflict Resolution ('14)]; University of Liverpool [LLM, Banking &

Finance ('16)]

Interests/Experience: Former CEO of Optimal Power and Energy, Inc. and CLO of ZEC Wind Power; Senior Legal Consultant for Scotiabank and BCDX/Banco Fator Funds; wants to be barred in D.C. and New York; extensive international experience; interested in constitutional and energy law

### **Camila Conte**



Age: 25

Home Country: Brazil

Previous University: Universidade Candido Mendes [LLB, Law ('14)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in constitutional, international, and IP law; solo practitioner; interned with a variety of criminal, family, and labor law firms; extensive pro bono clinic experience; wrote a comparison of American and Brazilian appellate courts

**Roxanne Eastes**



Age: 25

Home Country: South Africa

Previous University: Stellenbosch University [BA, Law ('12); BA Honours, English ('13); BPhil, Journalism ('15)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in environmental, family, and IP law, and litigation; wants to help heal racial scars from Apartheid; worked as a journalist for Huisgenoot Magazine, the largest in South Africa; realized she had to make a change in her life to make a change in the world; wants to help parts of the law “for which the system does not cater automatically”

**Maria Teresa Salido Gusi**



Age: 26

Home Country: Spain

Previous Universities: Comillas Pontifical University [LLB, Law & International Relations ('14)]; GWU Law [LLM, IP ('16)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in IP, International, and sports and entertainment law; interned at Spanish consulate in Chicago; lifelong passion for arts; danced until age 16; led to interest in IP; worked as an attorney for Altamira Real Estate in Spain

## First-Year Students



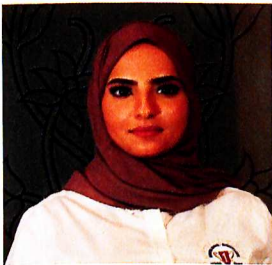
### Omar Alghamdi

Age: 25

Home Country: Saudi Arabia

Previous University: Penn State [BS, Geology/Earth Science ('13)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in corporate, environmental, and international law; educated in UK as a child; moved often (father is Deputy Minister for Petroleum and Minerals); Saudi Aramco scholarship for both undergrad and law school; wants to work in the energy sector and help produce a cleaner oil industry



### Jumana Almajed

Age: 26

Home Country: Saudi Arabia

Previous University: Aston University (UK) [BSc, Business Computing and IT ('13)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in corporate, IP, and tax law; studied in UK to get opportunities not available to women in Saudi Arabia; desire to lead community; works at Saudi Aramco and received scholarship for law school; hoping to be among the first Saudi women to be licensed to practice law



### Daria Ivanova

Age: 21

Home Country: Russia

Previous University: Lindenwood University (Missouri) [BA, Political Science ('16)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in corporate, IP, International, and Real estate law; played tennis in college; wants to help people break out of poverty; interned with law firm in Missouri





**Maria Mokrzycka (Maria Ma-kris-a-kah)**

Age: 28

Home Country: Poland

Previous University: Richmond SPCS [BA, Paralegal ('14); MA, Human Resource Management ('16)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in civil rights, immigration, and labor law; saw father experience hardship in post-communist Poland, as well as lack of recourse for mistreated women; came to America as au pair in 2007 to try and make her own life; wants to help protect workers' rights, particularly women



**Bobak Persis**

Age: 36

Home Country: Iran

Previous Universities: Allameh Tabatabai University [BA, English ('04)]; University of Waterloo (Canada) [MA, English ('14)]

Interests/Experience: Interested in civil rights, international, public interest, and education law; learned English as a teen to understand Megadeth lyrics; is an atheist, a criminal offense in Iran; immigrated to Canada; returned to Iran in 2009 to protest election and was arrested for treason; motivated to become an attorney to try and effect change in Iran; wants to pursue human rights prosecutions against Iran; college professor in Canada for last decade

## **Foreign Exchange Students**

### **Marie Borchers-Gasnier (Marie Boor-chars Gahn-yay)**

Age: 20

Home Country: Germany

Current University: Universitaet Muenster

### **Anton Ostros**

Age: 23

Home Country: Sweden

Current University: Uppsala University

### **Francesco Pedaci (Frahn-chesco Peh-dah-chee)**

Age: 22

Home Country: Italy

Current University: Universita Commerciale Luigi Bocconi

### **Giacomo Rapella (Ja-comb-oh Rapella)**

Age: 21

Home Country: Italy

Current University: Universita Commerciale Luigi Bocconi

