



Dean Rusk
International
Law Center

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW

Celebrating 40 years of excellence

The Dean Rusk International Law Center celebrated its 40th anniversary this year and continued its tradition of excellence in international law and policy education, scholarship and collaboration. The center is pleased to report that the *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the law school among the top 15 law schools in the country for international law, up three places from last year.

The center's new **leadership** structure took effect this year, with Kathleen A. Doty appointed director in August. She previously served as interim director and director of global practice preparation. The center's faculty co-directors, Diane Marie Amann, holder of the Woodruff Chair in International Law, and Harlan G. Cohen, holder of the Wilner/UGA Foundation Professorship in International Law, also support the center.

The center welcomed new **faculty** member Christopher M. Bruner, a J. Alton Hosch Professor. His scholarship incorporates the international and comparative dimensions of corporate, securities and financial law. This fall, the center will also welcome Associate Professor Melissa J. Durkee to the faculty. She specializes in international environmental law and corporations.

Two **visiting scholars** enriched the Dean Rusk International Law Center community this year. Yanying Zhang, from Shandong University of Finance and Economics in China, researched land takings and remedies in collaboration with Associate Professor Christian Turner. Piotr Uhma, from the Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Kraków University in Poland, researched cultures of international law in collaboration with Professor Cohen.

The 2017-18 LL.M. class included 15 foreign-trained lawyers from 10 countries on five continents.

The center continued its **global practice preparation** efforts for both LL.M. and J.D. students. They participated in **international law advocacy**, competing in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Students met weekly during the academic year for the **Legal Spanish Study Group**. Two students traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the American Society of International Law (ASIL) Annual Meeting, supported by **Louis B. Sohn Professional Development Fellowships**. Many students also attended events hosted by the Atlanta International Arbitration Society during the academic year.

The center's decades-old **Global Externship Overseas** initiative was again a success in summer 2018. Twelve students earned

practice experience at law firms, in-house legal departments, and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations in Asia, Europe, North America and the Pacific. Many worked in business-related areas like intellectual property, finance and trade, while others held public interest law placements in areas like international environmental law, international criminal law and international human rights. Thanks are due to many School of Law graduates who assisted in finding student placements. The center also presented the **Global Governance Summer School** in partnership with the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies in Belgium. Following classroom sessions in Leuven and professional development experiences in Brussels, students traveled to The Hague for briefings at international tribunals.

The center presented a host of **events** during the academic year, including a conference cosponsored by the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law (GJICL)*. "The Next Generation of International Trade Agreements" featured School of Law graduates Audrey Winter (J.D.'80), Tina Termei (J.D.'10) and center Director Emeritus C. Donald Johnson (J.D.'73). Other academic year events covered a range of topics presented by globally prominent speakers, including: Professor James Reap (J.D.'76), member of the U.S. Department of State Cultural Property Advisory Committee; Rick Kammen, lead defense counsel in *U.S. v. al-Nashiri*, a case before a U.S. Military Commission at Guantánamo; Nadia Theodore, Canadian consul general; Carita Wallgren-Lindholm, international arbitrator; and Benjamin Zawacki, human rights researcher. The center also co-sponsored an event at the ASIL Annual Meeting, "Arms Sales in Conflict: Examining the Impact on Yemen," featuring speakers from prominent NGOs and government service. Next year's offerings promise to be equally rich and, in particular, will include a spring 2019 *GJICL* conference on the United Nations' Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

Finally, the center continued to foster research in international law and policy. Publications in 2018 included two essay collections that Professors Amann and Cohen co-edited respectively – *Arcs of Global Justice: Essays in Honour of William A. Schabas* (Oxford University Press) and *Legitimacy and International Courts* (Cambridge University Press) – as well as *The Wealth of a Nation: A History of Trade Politics in America*, an Oxford University Press monograph by Center Director Emeritus Johnson.