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May 19-June 30, 2017 Application Deadline • March 20, 2017





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OVERVIEW

Approved by the American Bar Association, the Prague program is open to students in good standing at ABA-accredited United States law schools. The program begins with an orientation session on Friday, May 19, 2017. Each class in Session One meets for thirteen (13) class periods on the following dates: May 22-26; May 30-June 1; June 7-9; June 12-13, 2017. A reading day on June14 is followed by final exams for Session One on June15, 2017. Session Two classes will meet on the following dates: June 19-23, June 26-28, with a reading day on June 29, and final exams on June 30, 2017.

"The Magical City," "The City of a Hundred Towers," and "The Paris of the East" are some of the common descriptions of Prague. Lying proudly along the banks of the River Vltava, Prague offers a wealth of artistic and cultural treasures, and possesses an individual charm with its many buildings of spectacular architectural form and proportional harmony. During his reign from 1346-1378, Charles IV made Prague the capital of the empire and founded Charles University in 1348. Prague grew into one of the largest cities in Europe and acquired many of its Gothic landmarks, including the Charles Bridge and St. Vitus Cathedral, during this period. Along with its fascinating history, Prague remains a bustling city of sights, sounds, and culture not to be missed.

COURSES

Orientation and classes will be held at the historic Charles University Law Faculty Building located in the Josefov section of Prague, near Old Town (Stare Mesto). All courses are taught in English and assessment of student performance uses the same criteria employed in upper-division elective courses, which includes written final examinations, graded projects and presentations. The professors responsible for each of the courses offered both write and grade the examination for his/her course. Courses in the first session of the 2017 Prague summer program are; *Democracy, Politics and Courts; Cross Cultural Negotiation and Dispute Resolution; Legal Profession in a Comparative Context;* and *Sexual Orientation and the Law: A Comparative Analysis of Human Rights in Changing Societies.* Students choose two of the courses offered for a total of four (4) semester credits in the Session One. Students may earn two (2) additional credits by enrolling in Session Two from June 19-June 30, 2017 and choosing either *Transnational Civil Litigation or Civil Liberty and National Security.*

In order to complement the summer curriculum, one or two class days during Session One will be spent visiting legal institutions, including the Higher Court in Prague. A trip to the Terezin Concentration Camp is organized as part of program costs. While coursework is intensive during the week and attendance at orientation, all class sessions, enrichment lectures, and visits to governmental agencies and courts is mandatory, two long weekends allow for travel to nearby destinations. *Students should bring a business suit for the court visit.*

SESSION ONE - MAY 19 (ORIENTATION) - JUNE 15, 2017

Classes: May 22–June 13, 2017; Reading Day June 14, 2017; Final exam June 15, 2017 > Choose one course per timeslot in Session One for four (4) credits:

Daily 9:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

CROSS-CULTURAL NEGOTIATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION > Two semester hours credit

> Professor Mark Weinstein, California Western School of Law

This interactive course examines negotiation theory and practice in a cross-cultural context. The course consists of a variety of readings, exercises and role-plays to encourage each student to develop the critical assessment necessary to employ learned theory into practice. Topics include the basic models of negotiation and the types of strategies and tactics that could be implemented during the different phases of the process. In addition, the course explores the application of these models in various lawyer contexts including transactional deal-making and dispute settlements. Students will participate in exercises and simulations which focus on the importance of advanced preparation, question-asking techniques, concession patterns and issue linkage, and reaching a final agreement. In addition, special emphasis will be given to developing awareness and sensitivity to potential ethical issues, cultural diversity issues and gender issues that may impact the negotiation process. Accord-



ingly, European negotiation norms will be examined including the most common mistakes made by US attorneys when negotiating with European attorneys.

OR

Daily 9:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

DEMOCRACY, POLITICS AND COURTS ➤ Two semester hours credit ➤ Professor Kenneth Klein, California Western School of Law

This course tries to teach in a fun and interactive way a subject that touches on all of our lives. Courts in mature and existing democracies must respond to dual pressures to be democratic and impartial. The balance a system strikes between these conflicting pressures emerges in how decisions are made (by judge or jury), how decision makers are chosen (election or appointment of judges; selection of jurors), and how decision makers are removed (term limits, recusal, disqualification, election). In this class, we will look at the choices available in structuring courts in democracies, and the reasons supporting each choice. The class will have a heavy component of experiential learning, including simulations of writing advertisements for judicial

elections, questioning a judicial nominee, arguing Supreme Court cases, and picking a jury. We also likely will visit and observe a portion of an actual trial.

AND

Daily 11:00 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

LEGAL PROFESSION IN A COMPARATIVE CONTEXT > Two semester hours credit > Professor Katerina Lewinbuk, South Texas College Of Law Houston

This course is intended to expose students to various types of regulation of lawyers in different parts of the world. It will comparatively examine the structure and ethical framework of the legal profession in the United States, European Union and in a few selected countries, such as Russia, including the recourse that may be taken against attorneys for misconduct and professional malpractice. Other topics to be covered will include a range of accompanying ethical and legal issues, such as the role of lawyers and judges, beginning and ending of the attorney-client relationship, globalization of the legal profession and the image and expectations of lawyers in different parts of the world. The course will also address various aspects of law practice in selected countries and analyze the reasons behind established traditions and practices in various legal systems. The assigned course book will be "Global Issues in Legal Ethics" by James Moliterno & Paul Paton (Thomson West 2014) and a number of supplemental handouts will be distributed.

OR

Daily 11:00 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND THE LAW: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHANGING SOCIETIES > Two semester hours credit > Professor David Austin, California Western School of Law

This course focuses on LGBT rights and contrasts some of the progress made in Western Europe and the United States (e.g., United States Supreme Court cases on same-sex marriage) with some of the homophobic measures currently being enacted in Eastern Europe and elsewhere (e.g., Russia's law criminalizing the promotion of homosexuality). The class will provide students with an overview of the ways in which different legal systems have regulated homosexuality. It will examine the mechanisms, social and legal, that led to the decriminalization of homosexual conduct and an increasing recognition that LGBT rights are human rights. Finally, the class will examine the backlash against LGBT rights that is currently under way in some parts of the world and challenge students to consider how international bodies, such as the European Court of Human Rights, might promote equality for sexual minorities.

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SESSION TWO JUNE 19-30, 2017

Classes June 19-28; Reading day June 29, Final exam June 30, 2017 > Choose one course for two (2) credits:

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

TRANSNATIONAL CIVIL LITIGATION > Two semester hours credit > Professor Jeff Rensberger, South Texas College of Law Houston

It is increasingly important, as international commerce becomes more routine, for American lawyers to know the procedures for litigating disputes in which one or both of the parties is outside the United States (either physically or as a matter of citizenship or both). This course gives some basics of U.S law relating to transnational litigation. At the same time, we will look at the corresponding law of the European Union for a comparative perspective. We will begin with a refresher on the U.S. law of personal jurisdiction, focusing in detail on jurisdiction in U.S. courts over foreign Defendants. We will then cover some advanced topics of federal subject matter jurisdiction relating to suits for damages arising from violations of International Law in other countries and also suits against foreign states. We will study how to effect service abroad for an action pending in a U.S. court. Finally, we will look at the problem of parallel litigation and the enforceability of foreign judgements in the U.S. and in Europe.

OR

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CIVIL LIBERTY AND NATIONAL SECURITY > Two semester hours credit > Professor Timothy Casey, California Western School of Law

This course outlines the tension between the individual and the community in the context of the debate over liberty and national security. The first part of the course reviews the philosophical justification for the existence of governments in the post-Enlightenment era. We then move to an overview of the arguments surrounding the formation of the United States Constitution, with particular attention to the separation of powers, federalism and the Bill of Rights. The second part of the course reviews the basic structures of surveillance law, including the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), the National Security Act, the USA PATRIOT Act (and Amendments), and the cases and decisions interpreting these statutes. The third part of the course examines the expansion of the technological capacity and the simultaneous diminution of jurisprudential protection for individual security. The fourth part of the course compares international laws regarding privacy, surveillance, and national security, focusing on the way legal, social and political structures challenge the balance between liberty and security. The course will follow a discussion format with assigned readings for each class meeting. For this course, materials are compiled into a course pack.

FACULTY

David Austin, Professor of Legal Writing at California Western School of Law, served as the acting director of the National Immigrant Justice Center's Asylum Project before joining the faculty of California Western School of Law. In that capacity, he handled refugee and asylum cases for individuals escaping persecution around the world, including individuals who were forced to flee because of their LGBT status. His litigation experience includes three years as an associate at Jenner & Block, the firm responsible for the landmark victory in Lawrence v. Texas. Professor Austin served for two years as clerk to the Honorable Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon of the Hawai'i Supreme Court, the first judicial body in the United States to recognize the concept of marriage equality in its Baehr v. Lewin. Prior to law school, he worked for Italian non-governmental organizations involved in the fight against AIDS as well as for the Italian Ministry of Health. He was elected to the board of the European Council of AIDS Service Organizations and, in that capacity, organized workshops and seminars on AIDS-related issues in a number of different European countries. Professor Austin is the author of an annual survey on developments in sexual orientation and the law for the ABA's International Law Section and was the co-chair of the Global Legal Skills conferences at the University of Verona law school in Italy in 2014 and 2016. Professor Austin will teach *Sexual Orientation and the Law: A Comparative Analysis of Human Rights in Changing Societies* in Session One.

Timothy Casey, Professor of Law at California Western School of Law, directs the California Western's STEPPS Program, an innovative course that focuses on the development of professional judgment through simulated law office experiences. He developed the materials for the course and oversees the STEPPS Program faculty of twenty adjunct professors. He previously held an appointment as Professor of Law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and has taught courses in Criminal Justice, International Human Rights, Professional Responsibility, Surveillance and National Security. A specialist in clinical education, Professor Casey has worked with several international groups to further the rule of law through legal education programs. In 2009, he received a Fulbright award to develop the curriculum at the Universidad de San Andres, an emerging law school in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Before joining the faculty at Case Western Reserve University, he was an Associate in Law at Columbia Law School, where he received the Presidential Teaching Award. Professor Casey's prior practice experience includes extensive trial and appellate work with the Manhattan office of the Legal Aid Society of New York, where he specialized in *coram nobis* proceedings. His efforts led to the exoneration of wrongfully convicted clients in two cases. He also directed the training of new lawyers in trial practice for the Legal Aid Society. Professor Casey will teach *Civil Liberty and National Security* in Session Two.

Kenneth Klein, Professor of Law at California Western School of Law, received his B.A. from Rice University and his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law. After practicing law in Texas for two years, he and his wife moved to San Diego, California, where he was a civil business litigator with national law firms for most of the next 20 years. In 2008, Professor Klein joined the faculty of California Western School of Law, where he teaches Civil Procedure, Evidence, and a seminar in Natural Disasters. The focus of his scholarly research is two-pronged: the constitutional protection of juries, and the intersection of the financial services industries and natural disasters. Professor Klein will teach *Democracy, Politics and Courts* in Session One.

Katerina Lewinbuk, Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law Houston, previously taught at DePaul University Law School in Chicago and practiced law at the Chicago office of Baker & McKenzie. Her major interest and research involve global and comparative legal ethics, profession and malpractice, as well as human rights law. Professor Lewinbuk served a two-year term as a Fellow from the Texas Project for Human Rights, and served as a Program Director/Course Advisor at the International Law Institute in Washington, D.C. She taught abroad as a Fulbright Senior Specialist in both Monterrey, Mexico and in Prague, Czech Republic, and has offered legal skills courses and lectured on law-related topics in multiple international locations. Professor Lewinbuk will teach *Legal Profession in a Comparative Context* and serve as program director in Session One.

Jeff Rensberger, Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law Houston, clerked for the Honorable Leroy J. Contie of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit before practicing law with the Chicago law firm of Kirkland & Ellis. Professor Rensberger has published extensively in the area of conflict of laws; has taught private international law courses in Malta and in Durham, England; and has been involved extensively in the study of international legal education. Professor Rensberger will teach *Transnational Civil Litigation* and serve as program director in Session Two

Mark Weinstein, Professor of Law at California Western School of Law, is the current Director of California Western's Clinical Internship Program. He has taught Legal Negotiation, Interviewing Counseling and Negotiation, Civil Procedure I and II and supervised students in California Western's Clinical Internship Program. Weinstein is a two-time winner of the "Teacher of the Year" award selected by students and was the Associate Dean for Administration for 5 ½ years. He has written a textbook on Civil Litigation and articles in the areas of law firm dissolution, clinical internships and is currently working on an article in the area of veterinary lien laws. Prior to joining the faculty of California Western, Weinstein was a clinical professor at Washington University Law School in St. Louis and the University of Pennsylvania Law School in Philadelphia. In addition, he was a partner in a law firm in Allentown, Pennsylvania, a Managing Attorney of Lehigh Valley Legal Services in Allentown, PA and a Staff Attorney for Central Pennsylvania Legal Services in Reading, PA. Professor Weinstein earned his B.A. degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ and his J.D. degree (with honors) from the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. Professor Weinstein will teach *Cross–Cultural Negotiation and Dispute Resolution* for the fourth time in Prague in Session One.

HOUSING

Students make their own housing arrangements for Prague. An internet search for "apartments in Prague" provides multiple links to companies that provide short term rentals. The law school is located in Prague 1 near Old Town (Stare Mesto) in Josefov, right on the river at the Cechuv "Most" (Most means bridge). The physical address of the Law Faculty building is Namesti Curieovych 7, Prague 1. Students are provided with transport passes that are valid on trams, buses and public transportation in Prague, so it is not necessary to live in the immediate vicinity of the law school. The college does not endorse any particular housing agents, but past students have made positive comments about their experiences with housing agencies in Prague such as: www.vrbo.com (select Europe, Czech Republic, then Prague), www.prestigeapartments.cz, and www.lovingprague.com. Costs for housing will vary based on location and desired amenities.

TRANSPORTATION

Arranging air and ground transportation to and from Prague is the student's responsibility. Several airlines serve Prague through European hub cities such as Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Paris and London. Locally, transportation to most areas of the city by tram, trains (Metro) and bus is inexpensive, reliable and easy to navigate. A transport pass valid for the duration of the program is included in program costs and provided at orientation.

ACCESSIBILITY

Facilities in Europe are not as accessible to individuals with disabilities as American facilities are. Individuals with special needs should contact the program at 713-646-1825 by March 20, 2017.

ACADEMIC CREDITS

Students should consult their home schools about transfer of credits and about their schools' grading requirements for transfer of course credits. It is unlikely that participation in foreign summer programs may be used to accelerate graduation. Students interested in acceleration of graduation should consult their home school about this possibility. For students not enrolled at South Texas College of Law Houston, transfer of summer program credits to another law school will be the responsibility of the students and requires receipt of a written Request for Transcript form.

ENROLLMENT

Twenty-four (24) students representing four (4) U.S. law schools attended the 2016 program in Prague. Expected enrollment for 2017 is forty (40) students.

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

Admission is open to any law student at an ABA accredited law school who is in good academic standing and who has completed the first year of full-time study or its equivalent in part-time study. Applicants should submit: 1) an application for admission along with \$200 application fee; and 2) a letter of good standing from his or her law school stating that credits earned in the Prague program will transfer toward his or her J.D.

Should an application not be accepted, South Texas College of Law Houston will return this application fee within 20 days. The application fee will be applied to the tuition and program expenses such as orientation, opening reception, and closing dinner and visits to courts and governmental agencies.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition for Session One is \$3,000 for up to four credits, or \$4,500 for six credits if attending both sessions. Tuition

includes the orientation program, transport pass, trip to Terezin Concentration Camp, court or government visits, use of facilities at the law library of the Charles University Law Faculty, and course materials supplied by the professors. It does not include airfare, medical insurance, traveling expenses, costs associated with optional tours, or field trips to areas outside the home campus, housing, meals, or books.

The application and \$200 application fee are due by March 20, 2017. The remaining balance of the tuition is due May 10, 2017. Enrollment is limited; therefore, early application is encouraged. Financial aid loans are generally available to students participating in this study abroad program. Students interested in obtaining loans for the study abroad program should contact the Financial Aid Office at their home school for applicable deadlines.

CANCELLATION

The sponsoring schools may cancel the summer program in the event of compelling circumstances, including unrest or instability in the host country or insufficient enrollment. If, during the course of a program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or Alert is issued for the Czech Republic, students will be notified promptly of the warning and given an opportunity to withdraw from the program. If students withdraw as a result of such a warning or if the program is terminated, students will be refunded fees paid to the program prior to the date of termination or withdrawal within twenty (20) days of withdrawal. The Prague program has never been canceled. In the event of cancellation, all monies, including the \$200 application fee, would be returned within 20 days after the program is canceled. Individual courses in any program may be canceled if they are under-enrolled. The \$200 application fee is non-refundable unless one is not accepted into the program or the program is canceled.

RESPONSIBILITY AND MODIFICATIONS

The sponsoring schools will not be responsible for personal injury or for loss or damage to personal property. Students are expected to maintain or obtain medical insurance coverage for accidents or illness that may occur during their participation in this program, including repatriation expenses.

The sponsoring schools reserve the right to change any aspect of the program which circumstances make necessary or desirable. Participants will be notified of material changes or cancellation of the program. Student and faculty conduct in the Prague program is governed by the rules on attendance, plagiarism, and sexual harassment of South Texas College of Law Houston. Any student who has questions about any aspect of this policy should contact the program director or Assistant Dean Wanda Morrow at South Texas College of Law Houston.

QUESTIONS

All inquiries, forms and correspondence about the program should be directed to:

2017 Summer Law Study Abroad Program South Texas College of Law Houston Attention: Assistant Dean Wanda Morrow 1303 San Jacinto Street Houston, Texas 77002-7006

Phone: 713-646-1825 Fax: 713-646-2929 E-mail: wmorrow@stcl.edu Internet: www.stcl.edu/study-abroad/prague.htm/

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Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcome 1: Substantive Law and Legal

Process Knowledge

Graduates of the law school will demonstrate mastery of the foundational areas of legal knowledge and legal processes with the proficiency suitable for a competent entry-level practitioner.

Learning Outcome 2: Legal Analysis, Reasoning, and Problem Solving

Graduates of the law school will demonstrate the ability to perform legal analysis, legal reasoning, and legal problem solving with the proficiency suitable for a competent entry-level practitioner.

Learning Outcome 3: Legal Research

Graduates of the law school will be able independently to conduct effective legal research with the proficiency suitable for a competent entry-level practitioner.

Learning Outcome 4: Other Professional Skills, Including Effective Communication

Graduates of the law school will be able to perform such other professional skills as are appropriate for a new lawyer in their chosen areas of specialization with proficiency appropriate for a competent entry-level practitioner.

Learning Outcome 5: Professional and Ethical Responsibility

Graduates of the law school will be able to demonstrate an ability to exercise the professional judgment and ethical standards expected of a competent entry-level practitioner.

Learning Outcome 6: Self-Management and Collaboration Graduates of the law school will be able to use the skills and concepts required for the effective and efficient management of law practice with the proficiency suitable for a competent entry-level practitioner.

2016 PRAGUE SUMMER LAW STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

(must be received by March 20, 2017)

G Number or Social Security Number		Date of Birth	
E-mail Address		Passport Number	
Full Name			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	
Mailing Address			
Street	City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Cell Phone		
Emergency Contact			
Full Name/Relationship	Phone	E-mail	
Education			
Law School	Location	Grad. date	
Year of law school completed by June 1, 2017:	First	Second	🗅 Third

Instructions

An applicant from a law school other than South Texas College of Law Houston must submit a written statement from the dean or other appropriate official of his or her law school certifying that the applicant is in good academic standing and is not on probation for disciplinary or other reasons. The statement should also indicate that the applicant's law school will accept the credit earned from the 2017 Prague Summer Law Study Abroad Program. The application will not be complete until this statement is received. Call 713.646.1825, fax 713.646.2929, or e-mail wmorrow@stcl.edu.

If accepted, I plan to enroll in the following sessions and courses:

Session One: May 19-June	16, 2017 (choose two courses, one per tin	ne slot)
	□ 9:00 a.m10:50 a.m.	Democracy, Politics and Courts (Prof. Kenneth Klein) OR
		Cross-Cultural Negotiation and Dispute Resolution (Prof. Mark Weinstein)
AND	□ 11:00 a.m12:50 p.m.	Legal Profession in a Comparative Context (Prof. Katerina Lewinbuk-Director) OR
		Sexual Orientation and the Law: A Comparative Analysis of Human Rights in
		Changing Societies (Prof. David Austin)

SESSION Two: JUNE 19-JUNE 30, 2017 (must also enroll in Session One, choose one course)

□ 9:00 a.m12:30 p.m.	Transnational Civil Litigation (Prof. Jeff Rensberger) OR
□ 9:00 a.m12:30 p.m.	 Civil Liberty and National Security (Prof. Timothy Casey)

RETURN THIS FORM AND A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$200 MADE PAYABLE TO SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW HOUSTON TO: South Texas College of Law Houston, Attention: Wanda Morrow-Assistant Dean, 1303 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas 77002-7006

The \$200 deposit is refundable only if you are not accepted into the program, or if the program is canceled. The sponsoring schools reserve the right to cancel this program in the event of compelling circumstances. In such event, all monies, including the \$200 would be refunded within 20 days. The Prague program is open to students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, age, race, color, religion, national and ethnic origin, or disability in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs or other school-administered rights, privileges, programs or activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING, THEN SIGN AND DATE:

I affirm that the information I have provided on this application form and on any other materials submitted by me is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I authorize each college or school I have attended to release academic and personal information related to this application upon request by South Texas College of Law Houston. I agree to submit other material, if requested, for this application. I understand that furnishing false or incomplete information may result in cancellation of admission.

Signature		Date
For office use only	Good standing	Financial aid

