



University of Michigan Law School

LL.M.  
ADVANCED  
LEGAL  
STUDIES

S.J.D.

RESEARCH SCHOLARS



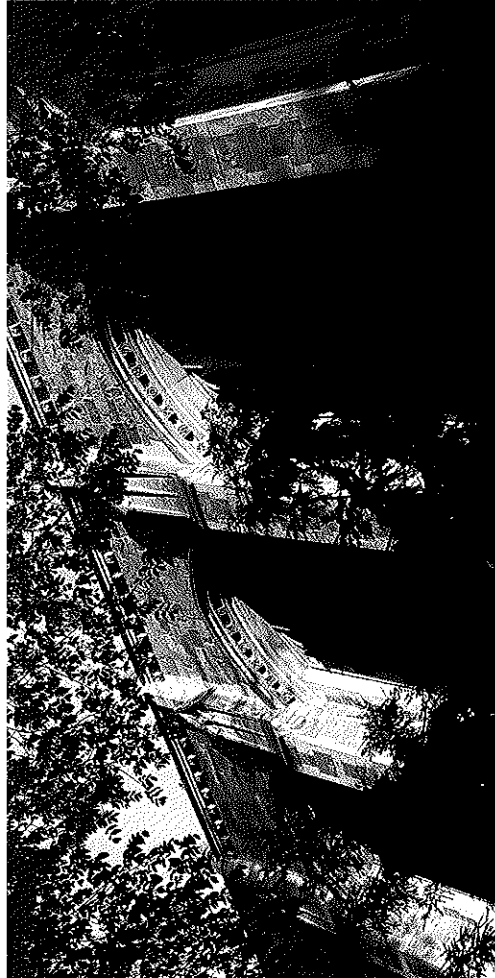
## THE PROGRAMS Small, Select and Rigorous

Our select LL.M. cohort consists of approximately 40 students from over 20 countries. The small class size ensures that everyone in the program gets to know, and learn from, each other, that faculty are accessible, and that administrative support is readily available. LL.M.s are fully integrated with J.D. students in classes, student organizations, Law Quad housing accommodations, and student life. (There are over 1000 J.D. students selected from all over the United States as well as from abroad.) Michigan Law classrooms offer ample opportunities for an exchange of legal perspectives from various backgrounds, foster a deep understanding of American legal thought, and lead to creation of a broad and international network of friends, colleagues, and mentors.

Michigan LL.M.s and S.J.D.s are free to choose their courses according to their interests – whether in commercial or corporate law, constitutional law, intellectual property, trade law, international law, or one of the many other areas reflected in our diverse curriculum. The S.J.D. program is intended for those who seek to write a dissertation of publishable quality under faculty supervision. The LL.M. in International Tax is designed for 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.

*"As a Japanese lawyer working on international transactions, I wanted to study advanced corporate law as well as the basics of the American legal system and the fundamental ideas behind American legal thinking. UMLS is perfect for these goals: the LL.M.s enjoy great freedom in choosing their courses and are fully integrated with the J.D.s in the classrooms. This year couldn't have offered richer insights."*

**Makoto Saito, '06**  
Associate, Nigeshima Ohno & Tsunenishi  
Tokyo, Japan



## THE INSTITUTION

### Internationally Recognized Excellence

*"Having studied in Germany, France, Belgium, and the UK, I can confidently say that my year in Ann Arbor was by far my most productive and rewarding year at university. Without Ann Arbor, my career as practitioner of international business law — successively in four different continents — wouldn't have been possible."*

*Dr. Wolfgang Knapp, '71  
founding partner of Cleary  
Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton's  
practice in Germany*

The University of Michigan, established in 1817, and its Law School, founded in 1859, are ranked among the premier educational institutions of the United States, and both are recognized worldwide as international centers for interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship.

The Law School welcomes highly accomplished law graduates who wish to experience an excellent and rigorous American legal education while benefiting from the Law School's extensive resources. Foremost among those resources is a distinguished faculty. Regarded as leaders in their respective legal specializations, more than 40 percent of Michigan's law professors also hold doctorates in other fields and nine are members of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. We also take great pride in our Law Library which has one of the world's most outstanding collections of international and U.S. materials consisting of nearly a million volumes in addition to extensive electronic resources. International students and visitors often discover that materials on their native countries are more accessible and complete here than back home.



## THE PEOPLE

### Focused Commitment to a Global Perspective

*"The combination of the study of law from the common law perspective and the international atmosphere of the Law School and Ann Arbor enriched me personally and professionally. For legal practitioners rooted in the continental European tradition, the Law School's experience is unique — it's both American and international."*

*Sérgio de Freitas Costa, '91  
Partner, L.O. Baptista Advogados  
Sao Paulo, Brazil*

Michigan's faculty teach and write in a breadth of fields ranging from corporate law to human rights to intellectual property, and the curriculum reflects the importance the Law School places on the international implications and cross-border complexities of the law. An abundance of workshops, symposia, and conferences regularly draws renowned speakers to Michigan from all over the world. Prominent hosts at the Law School include the John M. Olin Center for Law & Economics, the Center for International and Comparative Law, the Intellectual Property Workshop, and the Program in Refugee and Asylum Law. In addition, the many student-run organizations and journals offer a broad spectrum of activities, as well as opportunities for networking within and far beyond the Law Quad.

Michigan's J.D., LL.M., and S.J.D. alumni (altogether over 20,400 worldwide) are represented in prestigious positions in academia, private practice, government, the judiciary, and international organizations in 79 countries. Michigan alumni have served, for example, as ambassadors to foreign countries, the UN, and the WTO; as top officials at the European Commission; in the Senate of the Philippines; as president of the International Bar Association; and as professors at renowned research centers and universities across all continents.


Please visit the following Web sites for information on:

- the prestigious Michigan Grotius Fellowships for graduate students and research scholars  
[www.law.umich.edu/prospectivestudents/graduate/financialaid.htm](http://www.law.umich.edu/prospectivestudents/graduate/financialaid.htm)
- details specific to the Advanced Legal Studies Programs  
[www.law.umich.edu/prospectivestudents/graduate/advanced-index.htm](http://www.law.umich.edu/prospectivestudents/graduate/advanced-index.htm)
- further information on the University of Michigan Law School  
[www.law.umich.edu](http://www.law.umich.edu)

We also welcome inquiries by e-mail at [law.grad.admissions@umich.edu](mailto:law.grad.admissions@umich.edu), by phone at 734.764.0537, or by fax at 734.647.3218.

Graduate Degree Applications should be submitted between November and January 3 electronically or by post to:

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11. How did you hear about the graduate programs at the University of Michigan Law School?

12. In what specific areas of law do you wish to pursue graduate study?

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

13. Application for (check appropriate boxes):  MCL  LLM  International Tax LLM  SJD  Research Scholar  
For the academic year beginning:  August 2008  August 2009

14. If you applied to the University of Michigan Law School before, state for which program term and year:

PROGRAM	TERM	YEAR
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### PARENT OR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

15. Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If either of your parents is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, please indicate his or her name and year of graduation. \_\_\_\_\_

### RESIDENCE STATUS

16. Residency status for tuition and admissions purposes is determined by criteria set forth in the University's Residency Classification Guidelines, which can be found on the Web at [www.umich.edu/~regoff/resreg.html](http://www.umich.edu/~regoff/resreg.html). The Guidelines can also be obtained by contacting the Residency Classification Office at 1210 LSA Bldg., 500 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382 U.S.A., phone 734.764.1400.

If a student believes he or she is eligible for resident classification, it is the student's responsibility to read the University's Residency Classification Guidelines and to file an Application for Resident Classification for an official determination of status. It is the responsibility of the student to register properly insofar as residence status is concerned.

Are you a Michigan resident?  Yes  No

For Michigan residents:

How long have you been a Michigan resident? \_\_\_\_\_

On what basis do you consider yourself a resident of Michigan? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your county of residence? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have attended the University of Michigan, were you classified as a Michigan resident?  Yes  No

### EDUCATION

Please supplement the following information (Q. 17 through 24) with a curriculum vitae (résumé) on a separate sheet.

17. Please indicate the country in which you received your first degree in law: \_\_\_\_\_

18. If you received your law degree in the United States or Canada, list your LSAT score(s) and date(s) taken: \_\_\_\_\_

19. List all colleges and universities attended, including those in which you are currently enrolled. **Begin with the most recent.** Please indicate class rank (e.g. 2 out of 150) and whether it is estimated or official rank. Also indicate honors (i.e., *cum laude* in the United States, "class" honors in the United Kingdom, "mention" in France) received.

19. a) Name and location of institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates attended: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field of concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of degree (do not translate non-U.S. degrees) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date granted or expected \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Honors (do not translate) \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank \_\_\_\_\_

b) Name and location of institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates attended: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field of concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of degree (do not translate non-U.S. degrees) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date granted or expected \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Honors (do not translate) \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank \_\_\_\_\_

c) Name and location of institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates attended: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field of concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of degree (do not translate non-U.S. degrees) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date granted or expected \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Honors (do not translate) \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank \_\_\_\_\_

20. On a separate sheet, please describe the grading and honors system used in the academic institutions where you pursued legal studies and evaluate your academic record in that context.

21. List academic honors and prizes received:

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

22. List scholarships or fellowships held at present or in the past (give source or sponsor, amount, where held, and dates):

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

23. List books, articles, or theses you have published (give title, date of publication, and name of publisher):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

e) Name of employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Job title and duties: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates of employment: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

29. Indicate where you are admitted to practice law and the date(s) of such admission: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**LANGUAGE**

30. What is your native language? \_\_\_\_\_  
 31. What was the language of instruction at your university? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: if your native language and the language of instruction at your university are not both English, you must submit a TOEFL or IELTS score to be considered for admission. The University of Michigan Law School TOEFL Institution code is 1839 03.

32. Please provide the dates and scores of all English tests taken. (Kindly also submit paper copies of the results of all tests):

DATE	YOUR NAME ON TEST	TOEFL SCORES	IELTS SCORES
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

33. Do you plan to take either of the tests in the future?  Yes  No  
 If so, which test \_\_\_\_\_ when? \_\_\_\_\_

34. Please describe your study of the English Language:  
 In secondary school: Number of years \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 In college/university: Number of years \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Under private auspices: Number of years \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

35. Please describe your knowledge of languages other than English: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDERS**

36. Provide a list of the names and addresses of your proposed recommenders. (Although Michigan requires two letters of recommendation, applicants are welcome to submit more.) Please have these letters submitted directly to the Law School. These letters may be submitted in the recommender's native language, if accompanied by a certified translation. *Letters of recommendation should be submitted on the recommender's official stationery when possible.*

a) Name: Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

b) Name: Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

b) Name: Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

**CONDUCT**

Note that an affirmative answer to any of these questions does not necessarily preclude or even prejudice admission. Answers will be reviewed in relation to all aspects of the personal experience, academic achievement, and potential. A supplementary statement is required for any affirmative responses; please provide complete details, including dates and resolution on a separate sheet.

37. Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for academic or other reasons in any of the colleges, universities, graduate or professional schools you have attended?  Yes  No  
 Are there any disciplinary charges pending or expected to be brought against you?  Yes  No
38. Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations?  Yes  No  
 Are there any criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you?  Yes  No
39. Have you ever been suspended from law practice or disbarred?  Yes  No  
 Are there any disciplinary charges pending or expected to be brought against you?  Yes  No

**FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS – APPLICATION FOR A MICHIGAN GROTIUS FELLOWSHIP**

Please refer to the University of Michigan Law School Web site, at [www.law.umich.edu/prospectivestudents/admissions/financial.htm](http://www.law.umich.edu/prospectivestudents/admissions/financial.htm) for estimated program costs before completing this section. Personal financial information will be treated as confidential.

40. If you plan to come without a fellowship or grant, please indicate the amount (in U.S. dollars) available to you, and the source of your funds: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

41. If you wish to apply for full or partial financial assistance from the University of Michigan Law School, please

- a) specify the amount you are requesting in U.S. dollars: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b) indicate the source and amount of any grants applied for to cover all of your expenses. If, at the time you submit this application, you have not yet learned the results of your grant applications, please notify us when you do.

	Source	Amount	Date Result Expected
Applied for:	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
Received:	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____

- c) indicate your present annual salary in U.S. dollars: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_
- d) indicate your present annual nonsalary income in U.S. dollars: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_



- e) specify the amount (in U.S. dollars) and source of funds (i.e., personal savings and all other assets, sources of income from salary or investment, parental resources, spouse's resources, veteran's benefits, sabbatical leave pay, funds or loans from employer or other institutional sources, etc.) that will be available to you (and your spouse, if married) to help defray the expenses of graduate study. You must disclose the full amount of both your and your spouse's resources.

Amount (U.S. \$)	Source
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____

- f) specify the exchange rate you have used to arrive at the amounts (in U.S. dollars) above. \_\_\_\_\_

- g) List your dependents and their relationship to you. State whether they will be joining you in Ann Arbor.

## ESSAYS

Each of the required essays must be written by you in English; do not submit essays translated or edited by someone other than you. Please submit these statements on 8-1/2" x 11" (or A4 or B5 format) paper.

42. **Personal Statement**  
Michigan's student body is one of the Law School's richest resources. Each entering class is composed of people who bring a unique spectrum of experiences and perspectives to the Law School community. With this in mind, please use this essay as an opportunity to introduce yourself to the Graduate Admissions Committee. Rather than restating the information from your curriculum vitae, please focus on one or two specific experiences or aspects of your education (in the very broadest sense) or career that have been particularly important to you.
43. **Statement of Purpose**  
Please describe your areas of academic interest and your career goals. Indicate your reasons for wishing to pursue graduate study and how graduate study will contribute to your professional development.
44. **Prospectus of proposed thesis (for those wishing to be considered for direct admission to the S.J.D. program only).**  
Please provide a prospectus of your proposed thesis topic in sufficient detail to indicate its significance and originality. The prospectus should describe the nature of the topic, the questions to be explored, and your research methodology. (You may also provide a copy of your prospectus separately via mail to the Graduate Admissions Office. **Please note that your application will not be evaluated for direct admission to the S.J.D. program unless we receive a prospectus. If we do not receive a prospectus, we will consider your application only for admission to the LL.M. program.**)

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all statements and representations in this application and in all accompanying materials are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I will notify the University of Michigan if any of this information changes. I understand that false statements may result in the revocation of an offer of admission or expulsion.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make sure that your name appears on each separate piece of paper mailed to the Admissions Office. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that all necessary materials reach us. You will be notified once your application file is complete. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.*

# Michigan Law

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## Letter of Recommendation Information and Waiver Form

The University of Michigan Law School  
Graduate Admissions  
726 Oakland Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104 U.S.A.  
Telephone: 734.764.0537  
Facsimile: 734.647.3218  
E-mail: law.grad.admissions@umich.edu

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

### TO THE APPLICANT:

The Law School requires two letters of recommendation, in English, at least one of which must be from a member of your law faculty. You are welcome to submit additional letters of recommendation, and we encourage you to submit three. Please copy this form for each recommender. Complete the first part of the form. **Give the completed form to each recommender and ask each to return it directly to the University of Michigan Law School Graduate Admissions Office with the letter of recommendation.**

Federal legislation gives students in attendance at the Law School the right to inspect and review the letter(s) of recommendation contained in their educational records, unless that right is waived and the student or the applicant consents to the letter(s) remaining confidential between the Law School and the writer. (As an applicant or student, you may waive the right of access provided by the legislation.) You are not required to waive your rights as a condition for admission to the Law School or for the receipt of financial aid or any other benefits. All letters of recommendation, whether written in confidence or not, are carefully considered as part of the admissions decision. You alone must decide whether or not to waive your rights.

Letters of recommendation are most helpful when they contain candid and objective assessments of an applicant. The Law School believes that the writer of a recommendation should know prior to writing it whether it will be held in confidence. For this reason, we request that you: 1) indicate in the space provided below whether you wish to waive your right to inspect the letter, 2) show this statement with the completed portion indicating your decision to the writer before the recommendation is written, and 3) request the writer to complete the acknowledgment, also provided below, and attach this form (with both parts completed) to the letter of recommendation before sending it to the Law School.

- I hereby waive the right to examine this recommendation as provided by law.  
 I do not waive the right to examine this recommendation as provided by law.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant

### TO THE WRITER OF THE RECOMMENDATION:

Please comment with specificity on the applicant's intellectual and professional ability, character, and personality. Please describe in what capacity and how well you know the applicant and your opinion of the applicant's capacity for graduate study. It is helpful to learn your assessment of how the applicant ranked in his or her legal studies and how you compare the applicant to others who have pursued graduate legal studies at this or peer law schools in the United States. If you are recommending more than one person for graduate studies to this law school, it is helpful to learn how you compare them. Please comment on the applicant's academic career prospects if that is a desired professional goal. Please submit your recommendation on official stationery.

Please sign the statement below and return this form with your letter of recommendation:

I have read the statement above and acknowledge that both the statement and the applicant's declaration concerning access to the letter were shown to me prior to the writing of the attached letter of recommendation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Writer of Recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ Title & Institution

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Recommender (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_ City

\_\_\_\_\_ State

\_\_\_\_\_ Country

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code