

Summer 2008 Legal Institute in London

For lawyers and advanced law students trained outside the United States



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Working Effectively in Legal English with U.S. Attorneys
July 6 – 26, 2008

- Legal English
- Legal Writing

Key Doctrines in American Law and U.S. Legal Practice
July 27 – August 16, 2008

- U.S. Contract Law
- U.S. Corporate Law
- International Trade Regulation
- International Business Agreements

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The Boston University Summer Legal Institute in London

Commercial lawyers throughout the world must be able to work across borders and in multiple (common and civil law) systems. Increasingly, they must work in English and in concert with U.S. lawyers and law firms. To prepare international lawyers for the challenge of global practice, Boston University is pleased to offer its Summer 2008 Legal Institute in London — a unique program designed to provide intensive training in legal English and writing, and exposure to substantive American law topics in key areas of international business practice.

The Summer Legal Institute is offered in two parts:

- Part A is an intensive three-week course in legal English and writing, taught collaboratively by professors from Boston University School of Law (BU Law) and Boston University's renowned Center for English Language and Orientation Programs (CELOP).
- Part B offers a choice of substantive U.S. law classes taught by the acclaimed faculty of BU Law — America's #1 law school in Faculty Quality according to The Princeton Review and the #1 law school in Teaching Quality according to the Leiter Law School Rankings.

Who Should Attend

The Summer Legal Institute is open to graduates of law faculties outside the United States and to advanced, non-U.S. law students who are about to complete their law studies in their home countries. The program's content is ideally suited for current — and future — global lawyers who:

- seek to improve their ability to communicate, negotiate and work effectively in English with American-trained lawyers and U.S. law firms and corporations;
- want substantive training in important American commercial law topics; or
- anticipate pursuing an LL.M. degree at a U.S. school, whether at BU Law or elsewhere.

"The London Institute introduced me to American law in a short period of time, which was really challenging. I made friends with my fellow classmates from all over the world. The fact that the program is held in London made it an excellent and unforgettable experience."

—Patricio Rojas, a Bolivian lawyer who attended Part A and Part B of the 2005 Summer Legal Institute. He earned his LL.M. in American Law degree from Boston University School of Law in 2007.



Course Offerings



Part A: Working Effectively in Legal English with U.S. Attorneys

July 6 – 26, 2008

This intensive, interactive language and writing course is designed to help lawyers trained outside the U.S. work more effectively with U.S.-trained attorneys and their American clients and other legal professionals. The program focuses on key practical skills for the international lawyer:

- Recognizing, understanding and properly using U.S. legal language and terminology
- Writing clear and concise legal English communications

Legal English: Participants study the language and vocabulary of the fundamental doctrines of U.S. law and the American Legal system, including civil procedure, contracts, constitutional law, torts, criminal law, business organizations and commercial law. Participants engage in interactive in-class exercises to develop their oral communication and presentation skills and to gain proficiency in speaking the language of American law.

Legal Writing: Participants learn to produce a range of writings that foreign-trained attorneys are commonly called upon to create when working with U.S. lawyers and law firms, including a case brief, a client opinion letter, a simple agreement and an update of the law. In addition to lectures and group discussions, all participants receive immediate, personalized feedback on their written work through conferences with their instructors.

Part B: Key Doctrines in American Law and U.S. Legal Practice

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Part B participants select two classes from the four offered, each taught for ten hours per week for the three-week session.

U.S. Contract Law

This course teaches foreign lawyers to understand and interpret contracts written in English, by American lawyers. It covers the central themes of American contract law, with particular emphasis on the business and commercial aspects of the law. Topics will include: money damages as a preferred remedy to specific performance; the need for some contracts to be in writing; the extent to which oral understandings can be made part of a contract that is in writing; the rights of third parties; the necessity for and the nature of consideration to make most contracts enforceable; and how conditions written into a contract can dramatically change and even nullify the rights of the parties. The class will emphasize the significant doctrinal aspects of American contract law, not drafting or writing skills. (Students who wish to improve their writing skills should consider Part A.)

International Business Agreements

This course will provide an overview of the private dimensions of negotiating and drafting international business agreements, specifically on

the contractual aspects. Students will gain hands on experience in structuring, drafting and analyzing various documents including global joint venture agreements and privatization provisions; sales, distribution and franchise agreements; international finance and loan agreements; and technology licensing agreements. Students will learn to identify critical legal issues and techniques likely to affect the outcome of international business negotiations as well as build skills for factual development, drafting, negotiation, persuasion, and complex analytical thinking in cross-cultural practice settings. The course will emphasize the important differences between international and domestic agreements from the American law perspective.

International Trade Regulation

This course examines international trade regulation through the WTO legal system and under United States law. The role of the WTO legal system in interpreting and applying WTO trade treaties is of central concern, including experience with the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding. The class will review the transformation of the 1947 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) into the WTO of today, and the scope and major functions of the WTO. This will be followed by an examination

of the WTO discipline limiting measures for protecting domestic industry by excluding imported goods and services. In each case, including safeguards, antidumping and countervailing duties, and the protective effects of national health and safety measures, students will study the operation of United States law, administrative agencies, and judicial review.

U.S. Corporate Law

This course will explore the fundamentals of United States corporate law. The goal is to provide students with a solid understanding of the structure and an overview of the substantive rules of American corporate law, so that students can identify and address issues that may arise in transactions with American companies. The class will explore both corporate governance and transactional issues. Specific topics will include: the foundations of U.S. corporate law; fiduciary duties of directors and officers; limited liability and protection of creditors; friendly mergers and hostile takeovers; raising capital through the public securities markets and insider trading and shareholder lawsuits. US corporation law forms the backbone of the course, but the class will also briefly discuss tax law as it applies to the foregoing issues. Comparisons with the law of other jurisdictions will be encouraged.

Faculty



Among the anticipated instructors are such noted faculty as:

**Professor
Constance Brown**
Legal English and Writing

Constance Browne came to Boston University School of Law in 1982 as an instructor in the First-Year Writing Program and joined the full-time faculty of Clinical Programs in 1989. As an associate professor in the Civil Litigation Program, she supervises students who represent clients in special education, unemployment, divorce, disability and housing cases. She also teaches courses in lawyering skills, helping students to develop and polish their interviewing, counseling, negotiating and trial advocacy abilities.



**Professor
Virginia Greiman**
**International Business
Agreements**

Virginia Greiman has published and lectured extensively on international law, economic development, project finance, and international business transactions. She is a nationally-recognized expert on corporate reorganizations, privatization, international commercial contracting and international joint venture law. Professor Greiman has served in several high-level appointments for the United States government, including as international legal counsel to the U.S. Department of State. She currently has teaching appointments both at BU Law and at Harvard Law School.



**Professor
Walter Miller**
U.S. Contract Law

Professor Miller is a leading authority in contracts, commercial and bankruptcy law. The United States Supreme Court has twice cited his writings as relevant authority in its majority opinions. His latest



book, *Bankruptcy: Problems, Cases and Materials*, was published by Carolina Academic Press. He is also the author of *Contracts: Problems, Cases, and Materials* and numerous articles. A member of the School of Law faculty since 1965 and one of its most popular teachers, he is the winner of the School's Michael Melton Award for excellence in teaching.

**Professor
Kevin Outterson**
U.S. Corporate Law

Kevin Outterson began teaching law at West Virginia University in 2002 and joined the BU Law faculty in 2007. Before teaching at WVU, he was a partner in the Tax and International groups at McDermott Will & Emery and a partner in the Health Law group at Baker Donelson. He is a graduate of the University of Cambridge (LL.M.) and Northwestern University (B.S. and J.D.). His research work focuses on two areas: global pharmaceutical markets and health disparities. Professor Outterson teaches corporations courses as well as health care and globalization at BU Law.



**Professor
Daniel Partan**
**International Trade
Regulation**

Known throughout the world for his expertise in international trade law and international dispute resolution, Daniel Partan is the author of more than eighty publications including the casebook, *The International Law Process*. In addition to his teaching at BU Law, Professor Partan has taught in China on several occasions – as a Fulbright professor at Tsinghua University Law School in Beijing (2003); as visiting professor at Peking University's School of International Studies (2001 and 2005) and as visiting professor at Xiamen University Law School (2006).



**Professor
Robert Volk**
Legal English and Writing

As Director of BU Law's Legal Research and Writing Program, Robert Volk developed the curriculum for one of America's most highly acclaimed legal writing programs and oversees the writing program for BU Law's foreign LL.M. students. Professor Volk has been a member of the BU Law faculty since 1982 and served as associate director for the Morin Center for Banking and Financial Law. He has taught courses in banking law, law and morality, and the American legal system.



Patrick Cassidy
Legal English and Writing

Mr. Cassidy holds a B.A. in French, an M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language and a J.D. degree from Columbia Law School in New York. He spent several years teaching English in Japan and China and has taught legal research and writing to international LL.M. students at Boston University School of Law for several years. Mr. Cassidy has held legal positions at the Legal Aid Society of New York, the Massachusetts Superior Court and the Boston firms Burns & Levinson and Nutter, McClennen & Fish.

Michael Feldman
Legal English and Writing

Michael Feldman is a senior lecturer at Boston University's Center for English Language and Orientation Programs (CELOP), where he teaches English to international M.B.A and LL.M. candidates. He holds an A.B. degree in Psychology and Social Relations and an M.S. degree in Education. Mr. Feldman spent several years in Ecuador, where he founded the English Language department at Universidad Espiritu Santo (UEES) in Guayaquil. He also spent ten years living in Peru and has extensive knowledge of South American countries and culture.

"I've taught at the program for the past five years, returning more enthusiastically each year. I very highly recommend the program to anyone wanting an insight into American law and the way American lawyers interpret it."

—Professor Walter Miller

Facilities and Housing

The Summer Legal Institute is housed in Boston University's London Center in the heart of fashionable South Kensington, one of London's safest and most exclusive districts. Teaching takes place at the London Center or in neighboring classrooms. Participants receive housing accommodations for the duration of their programs and live in furnished apartments in South Kensington, within easy walking distance to the London Center and near many of London's major attractions. Apartments, which vary in size, configuration, and decor, include kitchenettes (or access thereto) and shower and toilet facilities. Single rooms are available on a limited basis at an additional charge of U.S. \$85 per week. The buildings are safe and secure and also have study rooms, telephones, and free Internet access. The London Center's staff is available to assist with all administrative matters and will contact participants directly with pre-departure information, housing, and other logistical information.

A full-time on-site Administrative Director will be present for the duration of the program to organize optional excursions to legal institutions and to assist with any problems or concerns.

Academic Standards

Because the Summer Legal Institute does not provide a review of basic English grammar or vocabulary, all participants must have a solid command of the English language. Applicants must certify their English proficiency to the Summer Legal Institute's satisfaction by submitting with their applications (1) a TOEFL score of at least 570 (paper-based), 230 (computer-based), or 88 (internet-based); or (2) a recommendation letter from an English-speaking instructor or colleague; or (3) a detailed description of their English-language training and exposure.

Part A Legal English and Writing sessions take place in the mornings and afternoons each day for three weeks, for approximately 75 hours



Participants from the SLI 2007 Part A program visited the Inns of Court with Professor Constance Brown.

of total classroom instruction. The Legal English and Writing classes are limited to small group sessions of no more than 16 students per instructor.

Part B classes meet daily for two hours each. The teaching approach is the "Socratic method" — the tradition in American law schools — with participants called upon in class to discuss and analyze the judicial opinions assigned to them. Readings in Part B courses primarily include American judicial opinions, as taught in U.S. law schools. This exposes participants to the primary source materials of American law and to the analytical training of American lawyers.

Students are expected to complete all readings and assignments (requiring several hours of outside preparation per weekday) and attend and participate regularly in all scheduled classes. Part B participants may elect to take written exams at the completion of their classes. Students will receive Certificates of Completion upon meeting the program's requirements. Students subsequently admitted to Boston University School of Law's graduate (LL.M.) programs may apply Summer Legal Institute Part A coursework to satisfy certain program requirements.

Program Costs

The following costs include tuition, course materials, furnished housing for the duration of the program, and all administrative expenses.

Part A: Working Effectively in English with U.S. Attorneys

U.S. \$3,750

Part B: Two of Four American Law Topics

U.S. \$3,750

Both Part A and Part B

U.S. \$7,300

Travel, visa, health insurance, and living expenses are not included. Students are charged separately for various optional excursions in and outside London. Because the Summer Legal Institute does not provide financial assistance, program participants should inquire with their employers and schools regarding scholarships and other financial support. Participants who desire single accommodations will be charged a supplement of U.S. \$85 per week, payable directly to the London Center.

"My experience with Boston University's Summer Legal Institute in London was exceptional; not only did I get to study contract law and transnational litigation with some of the best legal professors in America, but I also made friends for life with my fellow classmates from all over the world. My transnational litigation class with Professor Dan Partan inspired my legal dissertation topic at the University of Bristol in England, and Professor Partan also encouraged me to apply to the LL.M. program at BU. How many people can say that a summer program has had that great an impact on their lives?"



—Lisa Owusu, a Ghanaian-American raised in Côte d'Ivoire, completed her law degree at Bristol University in England. She

participated in Part B of the 2003 Summer Legal Institute and is a 2006 graduate of BU Law's LL.M. in American Law Program.

Other Opportunities for Foreign Lawyers at Boston University

> CELOP's Summer Legal English Program in Boston. For over 25 years, CELOP has helped international students meet their personal and professional goals for learning the English language. CELOP offers a number of Legal English programs, including a six-week summer program for students about to begin LL.M. programs in the U.S. in the upcoming fall semester. More information is available at www.bu.edu/celop.

> LL.M. in American Law. This is a one-year, full-time program for foreign lawyers who seek broad exposure to a range of fundamental American law topics. Students are fully integrated into the School of Law's J.D. curriculum and have the opportunity to select classes from more than 150 offerings in such important areas as corporate, commercial and business law, intellectual property and alternative dispute resolution. Students can also pursue one of two popular specializations or "concentrations" in International Business Practice or Intellectual Property. More information is available at www.bu.edu/law/americanllm.

> LL.M. in Banking and Financial Law. For lawyers with focused interests in banking and finance in the global marketplace, the School of Law's Morin Center for Banking and Financial Law Studies offers an LL.M. in Banking and Financial Law. The program — the first of its kind in America — prepares domestic and foreign lawyers for work with public and private clients in the new global financial markets. More information is available at www.bu.edu/law/banking.

> LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law. This program is designed to prepare lawyers for the challenge of the global information economy. In a year of full-time study, LL.M. candidates learn essential intellectual property theory — in copyright, patents and trademark — and also pursue a range of specialized electives in such rapidly emerging areas as biotechnology and the Internet. More information is available at www.bu.edu/law/ipllm.

> LL.M. in Taxation. For domestic and foreign lawyers planning to specialize in tax law, BU Law Graduate Tax Program provides a rigorous study of current tax law taught by major scholars and real-world practitioners. The curriculum offers a comprehensive mandatory course group and challenging electives in personal, business, and international tax law. Students may attend on either a full-time or a part-time basis. More information is available at www.bu.edu/law/gradtax.

"Being able to learn from BU Law professors in small class settings—amid the vibrancy of London—is a unique and valuable experience. There are not a lot of American law summer programs exclusively for non-U.S. trained students and lawyers."

—John Riccardi, BU Law's Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs and Director of the Institute.



Admissions

How to Apply

- Complete the application in this brochure or apply online at www.bu.edu/law/londonlaw/admissions.
- If a current student, enclose an official copy of your law school transcript with a certified English translation.
- Provide proof of English proficiency.
- Submit the non-refundable application fee of U.S. \$60.

Additional Admissions and Program Information

The application deadline for both Part A and

Part B is May 1, 2008. However, we review applications on a rolling basis. Because enrollment is limited, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Applications received after May 1, 2008, are considered on a space-available basis only.

Confirmation of attendance must be made and total program costs (including any supplementary housing costs for single accommodations) must be paid in full by June 1, 2008. A student who gives written notice to the director of his or her intention to withdraw from the Summer Legal Institute will be entitled to receive a 50 percent refund of tuition paid if the director receives written notice on or before June 15, 2008. Students who withdraw after June 15, 2008, will not be entitled to any refunds.

Online applicants may pay the application fee by credit card only. Other applicants may pay the application fee in the form of a money order or check in U.S. dollars, made payable to Boston University, or by wire transfer.

Payment of tuition may be made by Visa, Mastercard or Discover; in the form of a money order or check drawn on a U.S. bank; or by wire transfer. (For more information on wire transfers, please visit www.bu.edu/law/londonlaw/admissions.)

Boston University reserves the right to cancel the program in the event of compelling cir-

cumstances, including insufficient enrollment. If Boston University cancels the program, all monies paid will be returned to the applicant. Any changes in course offerings or other significant aspects of the program will be communicated promptly to all persons who have indicated their intention to matriculate.

Admitted students will receive pre-arrival information directly from Boston University's London Center, including scheduling and housing information. Students should call the U.K. consulate in their home countries to inquire about the possible need for a visa.

All payments should be sent to:

BU Summer Legal Institute
Boston University School of Law
Office of Graduate and International Programs
765 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 1534
Boston, MA 02215

Inquiries about program content or admissions should be directed to:

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Tel: 617-353-5323
Fax: 617-358-2720
Email: sli@bu.edu
Web site: www.bu.edu/law/londonlaw

Inquiries about housing and pre-arrival information should be directed to:

Summer Legal Institute
Program Coordinator
Boston University London Programmes
43 Harrington Gardens
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Tel: 44-2-07-244-6255
Fax: 44-2-07-373-9430
Email: summerlegal@bu-london.co.uk

Application Form



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Part B: July 27 – August 16, 2008

The application deadline for both Parts A and B is May 1, 2008. Applications received after that date are reviewed on a space-available basis. An online application is available at www.bu.edu/law/londonlaw/admissions.

Applicant information

Name (last/first/middle initial)

Current Mailing Address

Current Telephone

Current Fax

E-mail Address

Permanent Address

Permanent Phone

Permanent Fax

Place and Date of Birth

Sex

Citizenship

Your Native Language

I am a current law student law school graduate.

Proof of English Proficiency

I am submitting proof of my English proficiency by enclosing at least one of the following:

- TOEFL score results above 570 (paper-based), 230 (computer-based), or 88 (internet-based).
- A letter from an English-speaking instructor or colleague.
- A detailed description of my English language training and exposure.

Your application is complete when you submit:

- This completed, signed application form (or an online application).
- If you are a current student, an official copy of your law school transcript, together with a certified English translation.
- Proof of English language proficiency.
- A non-refundable application fee of U.S. \$60.

Academic and Professional Background

Please list below the academic degrees received and ones for which you are now studying. Include the university, degree, and year of graduation.

Professional Experience

Please list academic honors and awards, clubs or other memberships, and employment experience relevant to law. You may submit a résumé or curriculum vitae instead.

Current Employment

Please provide name and address of current employer, if any, and describe current position.



Application Form *continued*



Program and Course Preferences

I am applying to and, if admitted, I would enroll in:

- Part A: Working Effectively in Legal English with U.S. Attorneys (July 6 – 26, 2008)
- Part B: Key Doctrines in American Law and U.S. Legal Practice (July 27 – August 16, 2008) Choose two of the following four:
 - U.S. Contract Law
 - U.S. Corporate Law
 - International Business Agreements
 - International Trade Regulation
- Both Part A and Part B (with the Part B classes indicated above)

Housing

- I would like to request a single room. I understand that this request can be accommodated on a space-available basis only and that there is a supplemental charge of U.S. \$85 per week for a single room. I also understand I must pay this amount directly to the London Center on or before June 1, 2008.

Application Fee

Please enclose the non-refundable application fee of U.S. \$60 with your application form. Payment must be made in U.S. dollars in the form of a money order or check drawn on a U.S. bank, made payable to Boston University, and sent to Boston University School of Law at the address below; or by wire transfer. The application fee is not a deposit and does not apply toward the cost of tuition and fees.

I certify that all the information supplied in this application and any related materials is true and accurate and will notify Boston University of any changes or additions. I understand that my failure to do so could result in dismissal from the program.

Signature

Date



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