VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The University of Washington School of Law is distinguished by a vibrant Visiting Scholars Program. Designed for senior legal career professionals and eminent academics, the program attracts researchers and legal policy makers from around the world who wish to participate in the law school’s research. Notable scholars hosted by the law school include judges, prosecutors, professors, senior practicing attorneys, high level policy makers and government officials.

OVERVIEW

Visiting scholars conduct comparative research in areas ranging from intellectual property, criminal justice and global business law to constitutional law, human rights and environmental law. Many visiting scholars incorporate the product of their research at the law school into their teaching, practice and publications. Visiting scholars are encouraged to participate in the law school’s workshops, lecture series and colloquia. They are invited to give presentations to the law school community and are expected to contribute to the intellectual environment of the law school. At times, visiting scholars engage in collaborative research work with faculty members, which may result in joint or parallel projects and scholarship.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Visiting scholars make a vital and vibrant contribution to the law school and as such receive access to our library, computer facilities, courses and faculty to pursue their specialized research agendas. Visiting scholars can also make use of legal research services, as well as fee-based recreational and transportation privileges. Visiting scholars pay a fee to cover the cost of their visit and use of law school and library resources. Most visiting scholars are supported by funds from governmental scholarships, Fulbright Scholarships or sabbatical leave salary from their home university.

ADMISSION

Admission to the Visiting Scholars Program is highly competitive and is not automatic. The law school receives many more applications than there are places available. Most successful applicants are current law faculty, public legal officials or experienced attorneys who already hold an LL.M. or Ph.D. in law. A select number of scholars are invited by law school faculty and centers to engage in research projects at the law school each year. Visiting scholars may continue their research for up to one year, and may apply to extend the period for a maximum of one additional year.

Details on the Visiting Scholars Program admissions process and application requirements can be found at www.law.uw.edu/AsianLaw/Scholars/Admissions.aspx

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