The Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies, in conjunction with the School of Law, recently completed an inaugural summer session of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) classes in Tokyo, Japan. Spanning five months, from March to July, the dozen CLE classes covered topics ranging from “The Pros and Cons of the American Tort Law System and Why Alleged Reforms Currently on the Table Won’t Work” to “Practicing Law in Japan: A Japanese Legal Ethics Survival Guide and Update for Persons Admitted to Practice in the United States.”

One class, “Japanese Investment in U.S. Real Estate” taught by Professor Jo Ellen Lewis and assisted by JD/MBA Adam Zuckerman was a testament to the program’s accomplishment. Attended by Washington University School of Law alumni, a Japanese law professor, as well as several practicing attorneys and graduate students, the class touched on hot topics, including real estate investment trusts, typical structures of real estate investments in the United States, and vehicles for financing investments. Utilizing a powerpoint presentation, handouts, and the collective knowledge brought by those present, the class discussed comparisons between the Japanese and United States legal system with respect to real estate acquisitions, financing, and leasing. Given the expressed interest in oversees CLEs by those present throughout the course of the lecture series, the possibility of future classes is real.

For more information, please visit: www.wulaw.wustl.edu/igls/tokyo

LL.M. graduate Kazuhiro Koide, Kathryn Adamchick and Professor Bruce La Pierre in Kyoto
March through June 2004

Through the generosity of Shin Watari, who provided the space, the encouragement and advice of alumni Katsumi Shirai (LLM ’03) and Takeshi Kanda (LLM ’03), and the able assistance of Yoko Manzawa and Chiaki Sato, the Harris Institute inaugurated a series of weekly lectures in Tokyo. The faculty participants and their topics are as follows:

18 March - Professor Charles McManis
*Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions in Intellectual Property Law*

25 March - Professor Dorsey Ellis
*The Microsoft Case - American and European Perspectives*

15 April - Assistant Professor Andrew Mertha (Political Science)
*Legal vs. Administrative Enforcement in China: The Case of Intellectual Property*

22 April - Professor Kathleen Clark
*Ethical Standards for Government Legal Advisors - The Torture Memos*

13 May - Professor Scott Kieff
*IP Transactions: Theory & Practice of Commercializing Innovation*

20 May - Professor Peter Joy
*Practicing Law in Japan: A Japanese Legal Ethics Survival Guide and Update for Persons Admitted to Practice in the United States*

27 May - Professor Bruce La Pierre
*First Amendment Religious Issues - Recent Developments in the Supreme Court*

3 June – Professor Bruce La Pierre
*Appellate Practice in the Federal Courts*

10 June - Professor Kim Norwood
*The Pros and Cons of the American Tort Law System and Why Alleged Reforms Currently on the Table Won’t Work*

17 June - Professor Neil Bernstein
*Rights of Individual Workers and Their Protection - American Views*

24 June - Professor Jo Ellen Lewis
*Introduction to Japanese Investment in U.S. Real Estate*

1 July - Professor C.J. Larkin
*Ethical Negotiation and Mediation Strategies*