McCall Carter, JD ’10, who interned on two defense teams at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia as a TLP student, is presently working at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

“Shortly after graduating, I found myself on a plane headed to Arusha, Tanzania, to work as a pro bono legal researcher in the Chambers of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), where I now serve as an associate legal officer in the Registry,” Carter says. “In addition to assisting the ICTR perform its functions, I also have had the opportunity to become involved in preparing for the commencement of the various tribunals’ successor, the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals. The TLP opened doors for me to be involved in the important work to establish a new institution for international justice.”

ALSO AS PART OF ITS INTERNATIONAL reach, the law school is deepening its relationships with several long-standing partners, while seeking new academic partnerships. In 2011, the law school and T.C. Beirne School of Law at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, announced a dual-degree program whereby students would be able to earn law degrees in the United States and Australia. The first Australian students under this program started their U.S. studies in August 2012.

As the law school explores similar opportunities in France, other recent agreements include those with Bucerius Law School, Germany’s first and leading private law school, and Radzyner Law School at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Israel, one of Washington University’s McDonnell Academy partners and a leading law school in Israel. The law school also has growing faculty and student exchange partnerships with National University of Singapore, Hong Kong University, Fudan University in China, National Taiwan University, and Korea University.

“Our challenge is to provide meaningful opportunities for our students to prepare to join a legal profession that has become truly international and transnational,” says Michael Peil, associate dean for international programs, TLP executive director, and lecturer in law. “Our community, which includes a globally engaged faculty and an active corps of alumni all around the world, is rising to meet that challenge.”

National Externship Programs

LAUNCHED IN FALL 2011, the New York City Regulatory & Business Externship is another success story. The program places law students in various nonprofit, government, and in-house counsel offices for in-depth professional experiences. The semester-long externships with attorney-mentors range from those at Standard & Poor’s to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the New York Attorney General’s office, and Anheuser-Busch/InBev.

“Today successfully in a tight job market, law graduates need demonstrable skills honed in hands-on work experience,” says Janet Laybold, associate dean for admissions, career services, and student services. “To that end, the school has ramped up its historically strong efforts to place students in externships, particularly in the concentrated markets in Washington, D.C., while adding programs in other key locations such as New York and Delaware.”

In the New York program, law students hone their skills in research, writing, legal analysis, client interviewing, negotiation, and advocacy. They also make valuable contacts in the financial industry and the New York legal community, including tapping the expertise of attorney Sasha Polonsky, JD ’06, who teaches in the program.

A required three-unit companion course on legal and business ethics, offered in conjunction with the Olin Business School, is also a key part of the program. The course builds on the expanding relationship with the business school, facilitated by Hillary Sale, the Walter D. Coles Professor of Law and professor of management. In addition to her work in New York, Sale helped establish the Corporate Judicial Externship program with the Delaware Supreme Court.
The New York and Delaware opportunities draw from the proven Clinical Education Program model of the long-standing Congressional & Administrative Law Program in Washington, D.C. During the last several years, the law school has been adding significant resources to the 35-year-old program in the nation’s capital. Thanks to a university-wide partnership with the Brookings Institution, law students are benefiting from expanded externship opportunities, as well as new programming available through recently created classroom and office space.

One of the oldest legal externship programs in the capital and one of the law school’s oldest clinical offerings, the D.C. program places third-year students in federal agencies like the Securities and Exchange Commission, executive branch departments like Health and Human Services and the Treasury, congressional committee offices such as the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Foreign Relations, and in the Brookings Institution itself. Nearly 40 students participate each academic year.

IN ADDITION TO HELPING students strengthen their lawyering skills, these externships immerse participants in legal and business environments, polish key personal management abilities, and help prepare students to transition easily into practice after graduation. “This real-world experience,” says David Myrie, JD ’11, of his New York externship at Standard & Poor’s, “provided the perfect complement to the theoretical training I received in law school.” Thanks to the professional experience and contacts he made, Myrie is currently working in the Big Apple for JPMorgan Chase & Co.’s Management Associate Program.

“Both the D.C. and New York programs have been quite successful,” Laybold says. “We’ve even had students from other law schools asking if they can participate. We’ve had to turn them down, but this shows just how coveted these programs are. The attorney-supervisors also have been highly supportive and are impressed with the work our students are doing. Ideally, we would be able to expand this model to other cities in the near future.”

The CSO also helps students find summer internships and clerkships, another avenue for honing skills and acquiring experience. Now third-year law student Jacqueline Emge landed two summer 2012 opportunities with the CSO’s help.

“I appreciate that the CSO has been so actively involved in my job search,” says Emge, who interned for the St. Louis American Parkinson Disease Association and for Rosenblum, Schwartz, Rogers & Glass PC.

**Intensive Intersession Programming**

**OF COURSE, CAREER PREPARATION** starts well ahead of these on-the-ground experiences. Beginning with Orientation, law students are immersed in programming detailing what it means to become a professional. The fall semester is then filled with numerous career-related programs. Then in January, the week-long Intersession for first-year students focuses extensively on career exploration and development. In 2012 alone, Intersession featured more than 50 representatives of law firms from across the country, who showcased their organizations and got to know students. During the immersion program, experts share advice about ways to accelerate professional development.