Meet our faculty

At the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, our faculty of respected scholars and legal experts stands ready to help you achieve your academic and career goals, as you pursue the Master of Laws (LL.M.) or Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) degree.

Below are brief introductions to our distinguished graduate program faculty. For more information, please visit http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/faculty-staff/.

KAREN E. BRAVO
Vice Dean and Professor of Law

A graduate of The University of the West Indies, Columbia University School of Law (J.D., 1997) and New York University School of Law (LL.M., 2004), Dean Bravo’s research interests include illicit international markets, human trafficking and slavery, and business and human rights. She practiced corporate law with international law firms in New York and Massachusetts before leaving to serve the American Bar Association’s Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative in the Republic of Armenia. Dean Bravo is the faculty advisor for the American Law for Foreign Lawyers Track of the LL.M. program.

FRANK EMMERT
John S. Grimes Professor of Law and Executive Director, Center for International and Comparative Law

Professor Emmert is a graduate of the University of Munich, the University of Michigan (LL.M., 1989) and the University of Maastricht, the Netherlands (Ph.D., 1998). He also earned a diploma in European law from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. Professor Emmert has taught at universities all over the world and regularly advises governments, NGOs and private companies in matters related to international law. Many of his over 100 publications are accessible via ResearchGate. Professor Emmert is the faculty advisor for the International and Comparative Law Track and the World Trade Law Track of the LL.M. program.

XUAN-THAO NGUYEN
Gerald L. Bepko Chair, and Director, Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation

Professor Nguyen graduated from Oberlin College and Northeastern University School of Law (J.D., 1995). She is a legal scholar in the intersections of Intellectual Property, Secured Transactions, Bankruptcy, Licensing, and Taxation. She is currently working on a new book on taxation of the IP Holding Company, as well as a new Secured Transactions book. She is a consultant for the World Bank/IFC on Secured Transactions in China, Vietnam, and the Mekong Region. Professor Nguyen is the faculty advisor for the Intellectual Property Law Track of the LL.M. program.

LEA SHAVER
Professor of Law and Dean’s Fellow

Professor Shaver graduated from Yale Law School (J.D., 2006), after completing a B.A. and a master’s degree focused on human rights and development at the University of Chicago (B.A., M.A., 2002). She has collaborated on human rights litigation in South Africa, advised the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, and consulted to the UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. She specializes in economic, social and cultural rights, and is best known for her work conceptualizing the right to science and culture. Professor Shaver is the faculty advisor for the International Human Rights Law Track of the LL.M. program.
Meet OUR FACULTY

FRANK SULLIVAN, JR.
Professor of Practice
Professor Sullivan is a graduate of Dartmouth College (A.B., 1972), the Indiana University Maurer School of Law (J.D., 1982), and the University of Virginia School of Law (LL.M., 2001). He joined the faculty at IU McKinney Law in 2012 following 19 years as a Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. Sullivan is a member of the American Law Institute, a Commissioner from Indiana to the Uniform Law Commission, and Vice-Chair of the Indiana Business Law Survey Commission. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Sullivan served as Indiana State Budget Director and Executive Assistant for Fiscal Policy to Governor Evan Bayh. Prior to his state service, he practiced corporate finance and securities law at Barnes & Thornburg, LLP. Professor Sullivan is the faculty advisor for the Corporate and Commercial Law Track of the LL.M. program.

NICOLAS P. TERRY
Hall Render Professor of Law and Executive Director of the William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health
Educated at Kingston University and the University of Cambridge (LL.M., 1977), Professor Terry began his academic career at the University of Exeter in England. He served as a Senior Fellow at Melbourne Law School and held visiting faculty positions at the law schools of Santa Clara University, the University of Missouri-Columbia, Washington University, and the University of Iowa. From 2000-08, Professor Terry served as co-director of Saint Louis University’s Center for Health Law Studies. He is a permanent blogger at Harvard Law School’s Bill of Health. Professor Terry also is the co-presenter of the “The Week in Health Law” podcast. Professor Terry is the faculty advisor for the Health Law, Policy and Bioethics Track of the LL.M. program.

MEET OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Program Director, Miki Pike Hamstra, can help you through the process of applying to IU McKinney and can also provide guidance while you are a student at the school.

MIKI PIKE HAMSTRA
Director of Graduate Programs
As Director of Graduate Programs, Miki Pike Hamstra’s responsibilities include international recruitment, administration, student services, and advising to the law school’s graduate students. She is a graduate of Butler University, Boston University (M.A., 2002), Indiana University (M.A., 2010) and Ball State University (M.A., 2014).

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