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July 5—July 24, 2026

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COURSES & FACULTY

INTRODUCTION TO COMMON LAW REASONING

Jody Kraus

Alfred McCormack Professor of Law
Columbia Law School

INTRODUCTION TO NEGOTIATION

Shawn Watts

Clinical Assoc. Prof., U. Kansas School of Law
Justice, Supreme Court of the Nottawaseppi
Huron Band of the Potawatomi Nation

U.S. CORPORATE LAW IN AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

John Armour

Dean and Professor of Law and Finance
Oxford University

DEALS: THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF TRANSACTIONS

David M. Schizer

Dean Emeritus, Harvey R. Miller Professor of Law
Columbia Law School



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(As of June 2026 – subject to revision)

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WEEK 1	July 5 9:00 a.m. (and after) Check-in to on-campus accommodations	July 6 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast & Orientation 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro to Common Law Reasoning Jody Kraus 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Infosession: ISSO & the L.L.M. programs at CLS 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro to Common Law Reasoning Jody Kraus	July 7 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro to Common Law Reasoning Jody Kraus 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro to Common Law Reasoning Jody Kraus	July 8 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro to Negotiation Shawn Watts 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: “When Big Law Lawyers Sue Their Firms” 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro to Negotiation Shawn Watts	July 9 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro to Negotiation Shawn Watts 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: “How US Multinationals Hire and Fire Local Counsel” 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro to Negotiation Shawn Watts	July 10 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Official Welcome Event New York Harbor Cruise	July 11
	WEEK 2	July 12	July 13 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective John Armour 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective John Armour	July 14 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective John Armour 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: “White Collar CrimPro in NY and Paris” 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective John Armour	July 15 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective John Armour 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: “The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act” 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective John Armour	July 16 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective John Armour 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective John Armour	July 17
WEEK 3		July 19	July 20 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions David Schizer 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions David Schizer	July 21 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions David Schizer 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions David Schizer	July 22 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions David Schizer 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: “Intl. Arbitration for Business Lawyers” 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions David Schizer	July 23 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions David Schizer 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: “From NY Big Law to Paris Tech” 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions David Schizer	July 24 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Closing Reception

Location for all program events: Jerome Greene Hall. Lunchtime topics are subject to change.