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PHOTO: 59th Academy of American and International Law
visit to Southern Methodist University's School of Law.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As President of The Center for American and International Law (CAIL), I am honored to reflect on a year of growth and share our vision for the future. Your steadfast support has been vital to our success, and I am deeply grateful for your partnership.

In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, we took deliberate steps to ensure CAIL's work remains innovative, relevant, and impactful. Under the leadership of Board Chairman Randall M. Ebner, we streamlined our Board and committees, fostering fresh perspectives and active engagement, and reinforcing our commitment to excellence and service.

Central to our mission is a dedication to the rule of law, which ensures fairness, accountability, and trust in our systems. By upholding this principle, we empower legal and law enforcement communities to lead with integrity and build stronger, more effective systems that benefit all.

We also refined our programs to better address the evolving challenges in law and law enforcement, ensuring they provide meaningful opportunities for learning, collaboration, and growth. Strengthening these connections enables impactful change across the communities we serve.

Looking ahead, CAIL is committed to building on this momentum. With the continued support of our Board, members, and partners, we are energized to explore new opportunities and further advance our mission.

Thank you for your trust and support. I encourage you to stay engaged, share your insights, and join us in making a positive and lasting impact.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T.L. Cubbage". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "T.L." and the last name "Cubbage" clearly distinguishable.

THOMAS (T.L.) CUBBAGE
President



PHOTO: *Participants of the 59th Academy of American and International Law.*



OUR IMPACT

OUR STORY

We recognize the importance of promoting the rule of law as a critical foundation for stable and just societies. For over 75 years, CAIL has significantly impacted the legal landscape in Texas and throughout the world.

Our inspiring origins trace back to the visionary **ROBERT STOREY**, a prominent Dallas lawyer who served as executive trial counsel to Justice Robert H. Jackson during the historic Nuremberg Trials that followed World War II.



PHOTO: Robert Storey, CAIL's founder, at Nuremberg Trials.



PHOTO: 59th Academy participants from Italy and Mexico pose with their nation's flags.

Fueled by his profound experiences, Storey founded the Southwestern Legal Foundation in 1947, which has since evolved into a dynamic and trailblazing organization now known as The Center for American and International Law.

Since its founding, CAIL has dedicated itself to providing cutting-edge education, networking and professional development for thousands of attorneys, lawyers, judges and law enforcement officials.

CAIL's institutes have established internationally recognized forums and programs addressing law enforcement administration, energy law, international and comparative law, transnational arbitration, law and technology, criminal justice, and other topics.

Our programs, conferences, and regional events have empowered thousands of lawyers and law enforcement officials from all 50 states and 130 countries, promoting high ethical standards, sharing best practices, and equipping them with cutting-edge knowledge and skills to uphold the principles of justice and fairness.

Storey's vision and CAIL's tireless efforts to provide exceptional education have been instrumental in enhancing the quality of justice and promoting the rule of law.

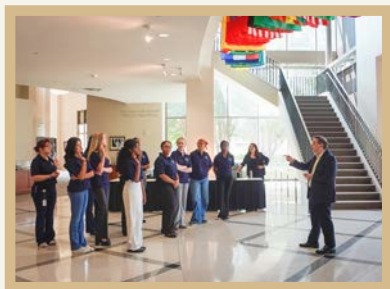


"Now more than ever, the [Southwestern Legal Foundation's] programs improve the abilities of those responsible for protecting the rights of others." - Robert G. Storey



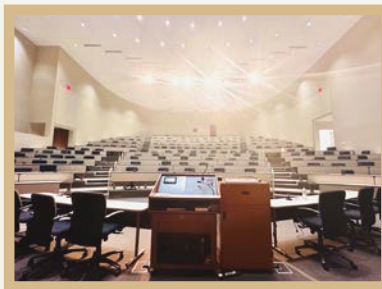
EDUCATION CENTER

Our education center is more than just a building; it is a community hub where ideas take shape and solutions are born. Designed by HKS Architects Inc., this 44,500-square-foot facility combines historical elegance with modern functionality. Nestled on 7.5 acres, the building houses CAIL's headquarters and offers a welcoming venue for impactful events.



ACCESSIBLE LOCATION

Located in the heart of Plano's business, shopping and dining district, the education center offers easy access, ample parking, and a welcoming experience for all guests.



COURTROOM

Our education center boasts a fully operational courtroom housed under a Jeffersonian-style dome that serves as a distinctive venue for mock trials, legal training, and more.



EVENT SPACES

Our AV-equipped courtroom and classrooms support everything from intimate workshops to large seminars and can be tailored to meet a variety of event needs.

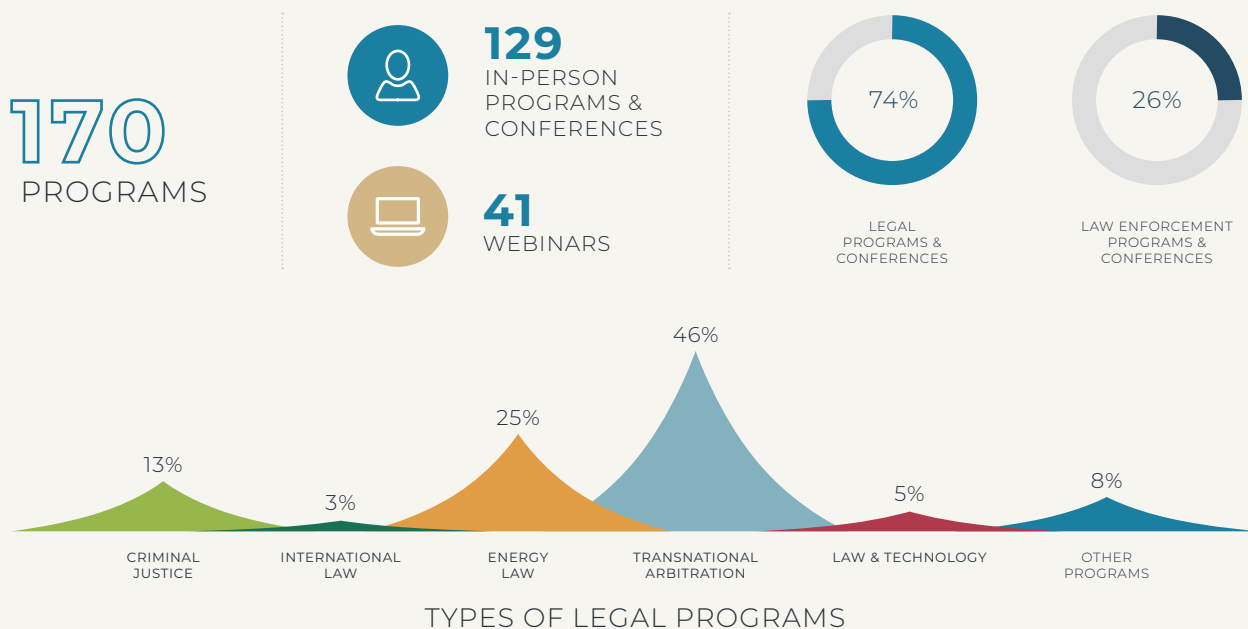
We invite you to reach out to explore how we can collaborate. With its combination of state-of-the-art facilities, accessibility, and a mission-driven environment, CAIL's education center is an ideal setting for organizations aiming to make a difference.

Please contact us at cail@cailaw.org or (972) 244-3400 to learn more.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF JUSTICE

This year, CAIL empowered legal and law enforcement communities worldwide with tools, knowledge, and connections to drive meaningful change. Through impactful programs and global partnerships, we advanced justice and fairness across six continents. Explore how our work continues to shape lives and foster collaboration.

OUR IMPACT



CAIL RECOGNIZED AS FINALIST FOR NONPROFIT AWARD

In 2024, The Center for American and International Law (CAIL) was a finalist for D CEO Magazine's Nonprofit and Corporate Citizenship Awards in the "Organization of the Year (Large)" category. This honor underscores CAIL's commitment to advancing justice and the rule of law through impactful programs serving legal and law enforcement communities worldwide.

2023-2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

This summary is from The Center for American and International Law's Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, and 2024. All figures are in thousands. To access the full report, visit CAILAW.org.

ASSETS (IN THOUSANDS)	2024	2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,082	\$712
Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$277	\$703
Other Current Assets	\$931	\$954
Investments	\$22,642	\$21,972
Property and Equipment	\$7,381	\$7,665
TOTAL	\$32,313	\$32,006

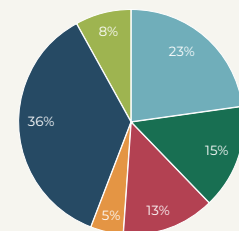
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS (IN THOUSANDS)	2024	2023
Current Liabilities	\$533	\$620
Deferred Revenue	\$258	\$283
Net Assets (with Donor Restrictions)	\$1,475	\$1,600
Net Assets (without Donor Restrictions)	\$30,047	\$29,503
TOTAL	\$32,313	\$32,006

OPERATING REVENUE (IN THOUSANDS)	2024	2023
Tuition & Projects	\$1,594	\$1,439
Annual Dues	\$1,044	\$1,009
Sponsorships	\$932	\$691
Contributions & Grants	\$331	\$1,078
Investment Earnings (net of fees)	\$2,527	\$1,619
Other	\$554	\$523
TOTAL	\$6,982	\$6,359

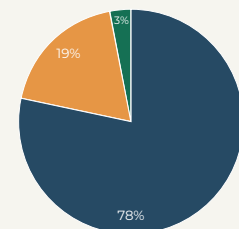
OPERATING EXPENSES (IN THOUSANDS)	2024	2023
Program Expenses	\$5,145	\$4,949
General & Administrative	\$1,231	\$1,299
Fundraising	\$188	\$533
TOTAL	\$6,564	\$6,781



PHOTO: Participants walk to classroom for a CJA program breakout session.



2024 OPERATING REVENUE



2024 OPERATING EXPENSES



PHOTO: Plano, TX Police Department color guard during 142nd School of Police Supervision Graduation Ceremony.

EMPOWER JUSTICE THROUGH GIVING



For nearly 80 years, CAIL has led legal and law enforcement education, shaping professionals who uphold justice and the rule of law. Gifts to CAIL help us work towards a more just legal system and interconnected world. Contributions from donors help law enforcement officers build safe and healthy communities, educate the key players in the justice system on how to prevent wrongful convictions, and help foster collaboration and discourse for lawyers from international countries.

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Include CAIL in your estate plan to create a lasting legacy, supporting its mission and ensuring future generations benefit from its work.

JOIN US IN DRIVING CHANGE

Support CAIL today by making a donation to drive meaningful change. Your gift equips legal and law enforcement professionals with the knowledge, skills, and leadership to uphold the rule of law and strengthen justice systems.

For questions, please contact our Advancement Office at advancement@cailaw.org or call (972) 244-3400.

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Contributions from generous donors and institute program sponsors enable CAIL to advance our mission in support of the rule of law and the legal and law enforcement professionals we serve.

We are deeply grateful to the individuals, foundations, law firms, and organizations whose generosity during our last fiscal year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) strengthened our programs and extended our impact.



PHOTO: Debbie Jones, victim's advocate & sexual assault survivor, shared her personal story on wrongful convictions during the Criminal Justice and Actual Innocence program, "Best Practices in Law Enforcement Investigations."

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PHOTO: Exonoree Charles Chatman speaks to Annual Program: Establishing Innocence or Guilt attendees about his personal journey to exoneration.



SPECIAL INITIATIVES

LEGACY & LEADERSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON

On November 30, 2023, CAIL's Legacy & Leadership Awards Luncheon at The Coronado Club in Houston honored [STEPHEN D. SUSMAN](#) and [CHARLES W. HALL](#) for their contributions to the legal profession and their unwavering commitment to the rule of law.



The late Stephen Susman was honored posthumously with the [ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE FOR ALL AWARD](#) for his visionary role in founding and growing the prestigious litigation firm Susman Godfrey, his transformative impact on civil jury trials, and his unwavering dedication to mentoring young lawyers. David Beck presented the award to Thomas Susman, who accepted it on behalf of Susman's family.



Charles Hall, a preeminent figure in the tax world and Norton Rose Fulbright's senior tax practitioner, was honored with CAIL's [LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD](#) in recognition of his distinguished career in tax law and his exceptional service to CAIL and other professional organizations. Kevin O'Gorman presented the award, celebrating Hall as a model of leadership and philanthropy.

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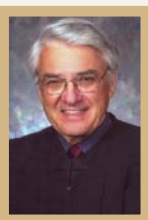


PATRICK E. HIGGINBOTHAM

AMERICAN INN OF COURT



PATRICK E. HIGGINBOTHAM
AMERICAN INN OF COURT



PHOTOS: (Left) Hon. Patrick E. Higginbotham; (Right) Rodolfo "Rudy" Rodriguez, Jr., current president.

The Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court has been proudly sponsored by CAIL since its inception. Originally founded in 1988 as the Dallas Inn of Court LVI and chartered by the American Inns of Court Foundation, it was renamed in January 1996 to honor [HON. PATRICK E. HIGGINBOTHAM](#) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Judge Higginbotham, a pillar of the legal community, exemplifies professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence in the legal profession. His influence extended to CAIL, where he left a profound and lasting legacy in his service as Chair of the Board of Trustees from 1998 to 2010.

2023-2024 HIGHLIGHTS

In June 2024, Dallas attorney [RODOLFO "RUDY" RODRIGUEZ, JR.](#) completed the first year of his two-year term as President of the Higginbotham Inn. Under his leadership, the Inn's 100-plus members—including Masters of the Bench, Barristers, Associates, and Pupils—engaged in mentorship, upheld professional excellence, and exchanged innovative ideas.



The year featured a series of engaging sessions that showcased the Inn's commitment to addressing significant legal and historical topics, which included:

- A panel on Killers of the Flower Moon examining the Osage Nation tragedy and its ongoing legal impact with Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear;
- A reenactment of Texas impeachment proceedings led by Justice Lana Myers;
- A presentation by Texas Lawbook editor Mark Curriden on the transformative Ed Johnson case.

The Higginbotham Inn of Court stands as a beacon of professionalism and ethical practice, setting the standard for excellence in the legal profession. By fostering mentorship, collaboration, and a commitment to justice, it continues to inspire and shape the next generation of legal leaders, ensuring a legacy of integrity and service for years to come.

ANNUAL ILEA-SWIICL JOINT LUNCHEON

On June 14, 2024, CAIL hosted a special luncheon uniting lawyers from the [59TH ACADEMY OF AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW](#) with law enforcement officers from ILEA's [TEXAS COMMAND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY](#) and [SCHOOL OF POLICE SUPERVISION](#). The luncheon, pictured below, facilitated meaningful cross-cultural interactions and demonstrate CAIL's dedication to nurturing a cooperative spirit across legal and law enforcement communities.



ACTUAL INNOCENCE & WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS VIDEO SERIES



PHOTO: Author John Grisham (right) and Talmage Boston (left) on *Innocence & Wrongful Convictions*.

CAIL's [ACTUAL INNOCENCE & WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS – A DEEP DIVE](#) video series features expert insights on wrongful convictions and the justice system. Available on YouTube with over 42.3k views, it serves as a valuable educational resource for the public.

An accompanying curriculum offers lesson plans, student handouts, and activities for high school legal studies programs. Previously used by schools like the Judge Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet School in Dallas, it helps students explore real-world legal issues and foster critical thinking and meaningful discussions about justice and wrongful convictions.

Schools interested in offering this curriculum can contact cail@cailaw.org for more information.





PHOTO: In 2024, CAIL hosted the Fifth Circuit Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference in New Orleans.



CAIL PROGRAM & INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS



CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ACTUAL INNOCENCE Programs

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, The Center for American and International Law's **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ACTUAL INNOCENCE PROGRAMS (CJAI)** made progress in providing essential training to legal professionals.

Supported by the **TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**, these programs delivered education on critical topics such as digital forensics, child protection, and mental health in the justice system.



PHOTO: Geoff Burkhardt (Fair Defense Project) spoke on systemic issues in actual innocence.

CJAI PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS (2023-2024)

16	712
PROGRAMS OFFERED	PROGRAM REGISTRANTS

This year's efforts led to a 66% increase in overall participation, reflecting a growing demand for specialized training in these areas.

LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH

This year, CAIL welcomed Shannon Evans as the new CJAI Program Director.

Evans brings extensive experience and leadership, helping to expand the CJAI programs with a focus on extending its reach and offering innovative, relevant

training in areas such as post-conviction remedies and forensic investigations.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Mobile Devices in Criminal Defense program offered vital insights into the use of digital tools in criminal cases, leading to a 75% increase in participation among defense attorneys.

The Prosecuting Child Sex Abuse Cases program similarly saw a 48% rise in engagement from prosecutors, equipping them to handle some of the most challenging cases. Additionally, the new Mental Health and 46B course addressed issues such as fetal alcohol syndrome disorder in capital defense cases, attracting 33% more public defenders than anticipated.

IMPACT AND OUTLOOK

Looking ahead, CJAI is committed to tackling emerging challenges in the legal field, such as integrating AI into defense strategies and addressing implicit bias in jurors.



PHOTO: Keith Hardin (Harris County MAC Office) spoke on importance of building client relations.

These programs empower legal professionals to drive meaningful change and create a more equitable justice system.


The progress achieved in 2024 reflects growing momentum, laying the foundation for even greater impact in the future. With continued support, CAIL's CJAI programs will expand their reach, offer innovative training, and help shape the future of justice through education and collaboration. 



PHOTO: Mitha Nandagopalan (Innocence Project) spoke on new developments in AI and facial recognition.



Institute for
LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
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INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS



PHOTO: 142nd School of Police Supervision Graduation Ceremony.

The INSTITUTE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (ILEA) continued its mission to advance law enforcement leadership and promote justice, human rights, and the rule of law.

Through innovative programs, ILEA has empowered law enforcement professionals with the tools they need to lead with integrity and positively impact their communities.

ILEA BY THE NUMBERS (2023-2024)

45	1,082
PROGRAMS OFFERED	PROGRAM REGISTRANTS

NEW ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR

In a key leadership development, Sheriff Marian Brown of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office has been appointed Chair of ILEA's Advisory Board.



PHOTO: Sheriff Marian Brown delivers a keynote address at ILEA graduation ceremony.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023-2024, ILEA advanced its training with the TEXAS COMMAND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY and the CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP program series.



PHOTO: ILEA's Texas Sergeant Academy graduates Officer Edna Mata (Brownsville PD) and Officer Iris Mata (Converse PD).

Supported by the Dallas Police Department, the Texas Command Leadership Academy completed its two-year commitment to train 40 Dallas Police Command Officers and Civilian Managers in critical leadership skills, serving as an advanced extension of the Texas Sergeant Academy.

Meanwhile, the Civilian Leadership series expanded to cities including Dallas, the Austin Metropolitan Area, and Oklahoma City, with interest from agencies in Chicago, Colorado, Florida, and Louisiana.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS


ILEA honored two law enforcement professionals for exceptional leadership and ethical excellence this year.

The Dr. Gary W. Sykes Award was presented to JUDY PAL, former Assistant Commissioner of the New York Police Department, for her exemplary leadership in fostering trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

The Ethical Courage Award was presented to Allen Police Department officer DOMINIQUE AKINS for his heroism and quick action during the 2023 Allen outlet mall mass shooting.

CONTINUING THE MISSION

ILEA remains dedicated to serving law enforcement through exceptional education and leadership training.

The institute continues to grow as a resource for leadership development and community engagement, reflecting its ongoing commitment to promoting justice and the rule of law. 

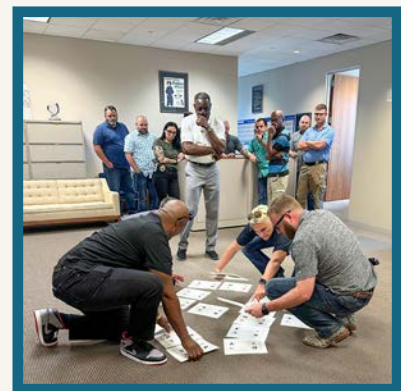


PHOTO: Instructor Frank Bradford leads a group of ILEA participants through an interactive exercise.



Southwestern Institute for
INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS

The SOUTHWESTERN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW (SWIICL) continued to strengthen its position as a leader in international legal education in 2023-2024, delivering key programs and fostering global collaboration among legal professionals.

SWIICL BY THE NUMBERS (2023-2024)

4	155
PROGRAMS OFFERED	PROGRAM REGISTRANTS

59TH ACADEMY OF AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

44 participants from 22 countries attended the 59th Academy of American and International Law (the Academy), marking the highest attendance since the pandemic and underscoring the growing demand for SWIICL's premier educational programs.



PHOTO: Vester Hughes Fellows: Daniela Zumarraga Paredes (Ecuador); Hon. Ruta Gabretsadik Alemayehu (Ethiopia); Ali Manrique (Philippines)

Three individuals—Daniela Zumarraga Paredes from Ecuador, Hon. Ruta Gabretsadik Alemayehu from Ethiopia, and Ali Manrique from the Philippines—were selected to receive scholarships to attend the Academy as VESTER HUGHES FELLOWS.



PHOTO: 59th Academy of American and International Law class.

RETURN OF ALUMNI REUNIONS

This year, the Academy of American and International Law reunions made a comeback, with the European reunion held in The Hague, Netherlands.

The reunions provide an opportunity for SWIICL Academy Alumni to reconnect, strengthen their professional ties, and extend their global networks.

RULE OF LAW LECTURE SERIES

The Dean Robert G. Storey Rule of Law Lecture Series continues to offer insights into pressing global legal issues by featuring prominent voices in law, welcoming distinguished guests like Professor LEILA NADYA SADAT, who explored crimes against humanity and the rule of law.

MARK SMITH ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

In 2023-2024, the Mark Smith Academy Scholarship Endowment Fund was established to honor former CAIL president Mark Smith's and his more than two decades of leadership at the Academy. Supported by contributions from alumni and the general public, this fund reduces financial barriers for non-U.S. legal professionals to participate in the Academy.

LOOKING FORWARD

SWIICL is set to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Academy, marking a milestone in its legacy of fostering international legal collaboration.

The year ahead will see expanded programs, new initiatives, and reunions that strengthen our global network. As we celebrate this historic milestone, SWIICL remains committed to fostering a more connected and equitable global legal community. [↗](#)



PHOTO: (Top) Academy participants experience and role play in a mock trial; (Bottom) Participants collaborate on a group assignment.



Institute for **ENERGY LAW**
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INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS



PHOTO: Fireside chat with Shell USA, Inc.'s Gretchen Watkins and interviewer Lauren Wygant Woodard.

The INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY LAW (IEL) had a standout year, celebrating key milestones and expanding its influence in the energy law sector.

IEL BY THE NUMBERS (2023-2024)

31	2,363
PROGRAMS OFFERED	PROGRAM REGISTRANTS

With a strong focus on community building and professional growth, IEL continued to strengthen its network through more than 30 conferences, webinars, and leadership sessions.

RECORD GROWTH

IEL achieved its third consecutive year of steady membership growth, driven by enhanced engagement initiatives that have cultivated a dynamic community of energy law professionals.



75TH ANNUAL ENERGY LAW CONFERENCE

In February, IEL commemorated the 75th anniversary of its flagship Energy Law Conference in Houston, Texas. The conference brought together over 450 leading professionals, industry experts, and legal practitioners from across the nation to engage in discussions on critical issues shaping the energy sector. Additionally, the event featured a leadership transition as **MICHAEL LENNON JR.** completed his term as Advisory Board Chair, succeeded by **KRISTI MCCARTHY**.

6TH LEADERSHIP CLASS

IEL's 2023-2024 Leadership Class welcomed 40 energy professionals into its yearlong program fostering skill-building, mentorship, and collaboration to shape the future of energy law.

EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY LAW

IEL celebrated industry leaders with the following awards:

- Distinguished Leadership in Energy Award: **GRETCHEN WATKINS** (Shell USA, Inc.)
- Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award: **BIANCA ROBERSON JOHNSON** (Shell USA, Inc.)

- Lifetime Achievement in Energy Litigation Award: **DAVID CASTRO, SR.** (Hess Corporation) (ret.)
- IEL Outstanding Young Energy Professional Award: **LAURA SPRINGER BROWN** (Liskow & Lewis)
- Emerging Star Awards: **GABRIELLA OXFORD** (Gray Reed), **SAMANTHA THOMPSON** (Hogan, Thompson & Schulke LLP), **HUMZAH YAZDANI** (Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP)

IEL'S MISSION AND GROWTH

IEL's mission to build community and advance professional development in energy law was evident through its programming and engagement efforts. IEL remains committed to shaping the future of energy law through collaboration and empowering legal professionals to navigate its rapidly-evolving landscape. ⁴⁷



PHOTOS: (Top) Kristi McCarthy and Michael Lennon, Jr.; (Middle Row, L-R) Bianca Roberson Johnson and Michael Lennon, Jr., David Castro, Sr.; (Bottom Row (L-R) Laura Springer Brown, Samantha Thompson, Brittany Salup, Gabriella Oxford, and Humzah Yazdani.



Institute for
TRANSNATIONAL ARBITRATION
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INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS

The **INSTITUTE FOR TRANSNATIONAL ARBITRATION (ITA)** reached new heights in 2023-2024, achieving remarkable progress in global reach, participation, and programming.

Through a series of successful events and initiatives, ITA reaffirmed its commitment to providing thought leadership and professional development to the international arbitration community.

ITA BY THE NUMBERS (2023-2024)

57 PROGRAMS OFFERED	3,163 PROGRAM REGISTRANTS
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KEY EVENTS

ITA hosted several events, including the 12th ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration in Houston, the 2nd ITA Conference on International Arbitration in the Mining Sector in Toronto, Canada, and the 21st ITA-ASIL Conference in Washington, D.C.



PHOTO: Panel session during 12th ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration.



PHOTO: Panelists at the 2nd ITA Conference on International Arbitration in the Mining Sector discuss settlement mechanisms for international mining disputes, moderated by Dietmar W. Prager (Debevoise & Plimpton LLP).

ANNUAL ITA WORKSHOP

The June 2024 Annual ITA Workshop and Meeting in Austin, Texas, drew a record number of in-person participants. The program united global arbitration professionals to explore the critical balance between conducting efficient arbitral proceedings and ensuring due process to secure court recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards.

GROWTH FOR YOUNG ITA

In 2024, Young ITA had a record-breaking year with 34 events on four continents. These events, held both in-person and virtually, offered young arbitration professionals unique opportunities to learn, network, and connect with peers worldwide, cementing Young ITA's position as a leader in fostering the next generation of arbitration practitioners.

LAUNCH OF "ARBITRATION INSTITUTIONS SERIES"

In 2024, ITA launched the **ARBITRATION INSTITUTIONS SERIES**, a monthly webinar series exploring the different capabilities and operating procedures of arbitration institutions worldwide. Designed for arbitration users, the series offers key insights to support informed decision-making in the field.

ITA'S GLOBAL MISSION

Through its initiatives and events, ITA continues to promote global commerce and reliance on the methods of law through arbitration to resolve disputes with international dimensions.



PHOTO: Hon. Diane P. Wood (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit) presents keynote address at 21st ITA-ASIL Conference.

In 2024, ITA expanded its presence with in-person conferences in Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Europe, strengthening the global professional community devoted to this method of upholding the rule of law in transnational settings. [↗](#)



Institute for
LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

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INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS



PHOTO: Participants at ILT's Intellectual Property Law conference.

The INSTITUTE FOR LAW AND TECHNOLOGY (ILT) made strides in 2023-2024, offering premier educational programs in intellectual property and technology law.

ILT BY THE NUMBERS (2023-2024)

6	283
PROGRAMS OFFERED	PROGRAM REGISTRANTS

This year, ILT experienced notable growth, both financially and programmatically. Its ability to deliver meaningful, high-impact programs reflects its leadership in professional development and its commitment to driving innovation within the legal community.

NEW LEADERSHIP

In her first year as ILT Director, VICKIE ADAMS prioritized financial stability while deepening her understanding of the institute's operations.

Her efforts contributed to a successful year and positioned ILT as a trusted resource for education and engagement in intellectual property and technology law.

KEY EVENTS

ILT's flagship programs equipped legal professionals with critical resources and insights, helping them navigate the complexities of these fast-evolving fields and reinforcing the rule of law.

The 7TH CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PRIVACY LAW CONFERENCE in September 2023 saw significant growth in both attendance and revenue, reinforcing the institute's leadership in addressing critical challenges in cybersecurity and data privacy law.



PHOTO: Bethany Salpietra (Baker Botts L.L.P.) leads session at ILT's Intellectual Property Law conference.

The 61ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY held in November 2023 remained a flagship event for ILT, attracting higher participation and revenue compared to previous years.

The increased engagement that these programs receive reflects ILT's essential role in the intellectual property law community, providing a vital platform for professional development, networking, and the in-depth discussion of key legal issues.



PHOTO: Adam Sencenbaugh and Susan A. Wetzel (Haynes and Boone, LLP) discuss cybersecurity's impact on HR at ILT's Cybersecurity conference.

UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW

Through its programming and leadership, ILT remains dedicated to advancing the rule of law in the intellectual property and technology sectors.

By fostering education and collaboration, ILT empowers legal professionals to navigate complex legal landscapes and contribute to a more equitable society. 



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OTHER PROGRAMS

Beyond the work of our specialized institutes, CAIL also hosts unique programs designed to address niche areas of law and foster collaboration among legal professionals.

These offerings provide an opportunity for deep dives into specific legal disciplines, connecting experts and practitioners in meaningful discussions about contemporary challenges and their solutions.

FIFTH CIRCUIT BANKRUPTCY BENCH BAR PROGRAM

In 2024, CAIL hosted the Fifth Circuit Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference in New Orleans, bringing together bankruptcy judges, leading attorneys,

and professionals to explore pressing topics while fostering connections within the Fifth Circuit legal community.

Under the theme “Charting the Course of Bankruptcy Law,” the program featured engaging panels and discussions on key challenges and trends shaping the field. Sessions addressed topics such as emerging developments in bankruptcy legislation, case law updates, and best practices for practitioners navigating the complexities of bankruptcy cases.

MICHELLE MENDEZ SERVIAM AWARDS

A highlight of the event was the presentation of the 2024 MICHELLE MENDEZ SERVIAM AWARDS, which



PHOTO: 2024 Michelle Mendez Serviam Award recipients (L-R) William Wallander, Judge Douglas D. Dodd, and Stephen Smith, CPA.

honors individuals for their exceptional service and contributions to the field of bankruptcy law.

The 2024 award recipients were:

- **JUDGE DOUGLAS D. DODD** (United States Bankruptcy Judge, Middle District of Louisiana, ret.)
- **STEPHEN SMITH, CPA** (Director, Harper, Rains, Knight, & Company, Mississippi)
- **WILLIAM WALLANDER** (Partner, Vinson & Elkins LLP, Texas)


Participants praised the program for its insightful content, engaging discussions, and meaningful networking opportunities, reinforcing its importance in CAIL's legal programming. 



PHOTO: Participants at the Fifth Circuit Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference engage in insightful discussions and presentations, exploring key topics in bankruptcy law and fostering professional connections.

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