

IELE's Global Reach Now Stretching Farther

Do a little exploring inside Berkeley Law and you can sometimes see around the world—or so it seems.

By doubling its offerings in the past year, the school's International and Executive Legal Education (IELE) program is welcoming more and more professionals from more and more countries.

"Dean [Sujit] Choudhry has a vision of Berkeley Law being a global crossroads for people and ideas," says IELE Executive Director Louise Francis. "IELE's mission is to bring to that crossroads the professional who seeks continual engagement in practice, in scholarship, and in the exchange of ideas across borders."

In January, more than 30 participants from six continents gathered at the law school for IELE's new winter sessions, which include week-long certificate programs in American Law and Intellectual Property Law. Attendees included lawyers from as far afield as the Philippines and Australia, as well as regulators from Nigeria's National Broadcasting Commission.

This summer, interested attorneys and other professionals can spend up to five weeks at Berkeley Law, participating in an expanded range of certificate programs that include Business Law and advanced certificates in Environmental Law and Energy Law.

IELE also offers professional skills workshops, such as Writing to Persuade, and customized



training sessions created for groups ranging from Oracle Corporation's global tax department to senior associates at a leading Brazilian law firm to members of Thailand's judiciary.

As the program grows, so does its alumni base. "We're aiming to create a community, across legal systems, that's focused on a shared passion for learning," Francis says. "Our program participants leave here connected to each other and to Berkeley Law, across practice areas and national boundaries." —Wendy Witherspoon

WHAT IELE OFFERS

Certificate programs in American Law, Intellectual Property Law, and Business Law

Advanced certificate programs in Environmental Law and Energy Law

Continuing Legal Education programs in areas such as legal writing

Customized training for law firms, universities, corporations, and government agencies