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Online Certificate Program for International Commercial Law and International Alternative Dispute Resolution

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Re: Online Certificate Program for International Commercial Law and International Alternative
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The goal of the project is to develop a three-module Distance Learning Certificate in International Commercial Law & International Alternative Dispute Resolution. The modules cover (1) International Commercial Law; (2) Alternative Dispute Resolution; and (3) Oral Advocacy in International Arbitration. The intended audience is Pace Law Students, students in developing countries who do not otherwise have access to such training, students from developed countries looking to gain further expertise and professionals looking for continuing legal education opportunities.

The modules are in advanced developed as the scope and lessons for the three modules have been developed, reading materials have been identified for each subject within the syllabi, and permissions have been obtained to reproduce the materials. Invitations have been sent out to guest lecturers and we are working out the quirks in the technology to tape their lectures. We have also collaborated with a premier online dispute resolution provider to incorporate their platform into the alternative dispute resolution module. Law students have been helping to draft simulations to be incorporated into the online modules. Further, we are coordinating the development of marketing materials for the program. We are intending to accept applications this month and start the program Summer ('13).

We have partnered with the Law School's CLE department and they will be approving the taped lectures for CLE credits. In addition to using the lectures for the Certificate Program, we will also be bundling these lectures and offering them to firms in exchange for sponsorship funding. This will enable us to offer limited scholarships to students in developing countries to participate in the program; it will also help foster relationships with these firms for Pace Law students' placement in internships or possible job opportunities.

Currently we are completing tapings and loading the identified readings and simulations onto our platform (Coursesite). We will also be putting the program live on our Database and accepting applications as of this month. We are also incorporating the use of the International Commercial Law module into the International Sales Law seminar that is taught here at the Law School for Pace students.