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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends of Bucerius Law School,

Spring is always synonymous with renewal: new leaves on bare tree branches, welcomed changes in the weather, extended daylight hours. Therefore it is fitting that we choose springtime to introduce the new Bucerius Newsletter for Friends and Partners.

In our continued effort to improve our communication, programs and services, we have tailored the content and layout of the new newsletter to better meet the needs and interests of our friends and partners. The electronic publication will now be delivered every *other* month, as opposed to the former monthly edition, in order to consolidate information and present it more efficiently.

Additionally, we have crafted the newsletter to reflect the interests of our partners and friends and restructured the format focus on topics that are of greater interest to you. "Bucerius Today" keeps you abreast of academic series, events and relevant student affairs. "The Bucerius Community" focuses on resource development, news from Bucerius partners, sponsors and alumni and off-campus events in the greater Bucerius community. And a "Calendar of Events" keeps readers up-to-date on upcoming events, lectures, and other activities. We welcome and encourage feedback on the changes in order to ensure that the newsletter is as useful and user-friendly as possible.

Yours,



Dr. Hariolf Wenzler, CEO, Bucerius Law School

BUCERIUS TODAY

HELMUT SCHMIDT'S 90TH BIRTHDAY Celebration for the Former German Chancellor at Bucerius

On January 22, 2009, former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt celebrated his 90th birthday with friends at the ZEIT Stiftung Ebelin and Gerd Bucerius. Schmidt is a publisher of "Die Zeit" and a member of the Board of Trustees of the ZEIT Stiftung. Schmidt had no idea what –or who – was waiting for him in the Bucerius Law School auditorium. Long-time friend and former French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing was on hand to lead a toast in Schmidt's honor. D'Estaing explained that he was asked by his mother as a small child if he was happy that he was born in Germany. "Yes," he replied, "because it increases my chances of bumping into Helmut Schmidt." Their meeting would first happen some 40 years later.



Helmut Schmidt with wife Loki and distinguished guests

Henry Kissinger, former US Secretary of State, came all the way from the US for the celebration. He recalled the phrase, "A friend is someone you can call at 3 a.m." and told the tale of the call he received from Schmidt at an

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ungodly hour while in Algeria, asking for instructions on how to handle d'Estaing.

Other prominent speakers included former German President Richard von Weizsaecker, television talk show host Harald Schmidt, Professor Manfred Lahnstein, Friedrich Nowotny, Sandra Maischberger – who won the “Golden Camera” award for her documentary, “Helmut Schmidt Out of Service”- and Juliane Angermann, Bucerius Law School alumna.

The 400 invited guests, representing political, economic, cultural and media circles, including Senator Christa Goetsch, US Consular General Karen E. Johnson, former Polish Ambassador Janusz Reiter, journalist Ulrich Wickert and photographer F.C. Gundlach, serenaded Mr. Schmidt with an boisterous rendition of “Happy Birthday.” A surprise guest came all the way from the UK to say a few closing words- his daughter, Susanne Schmidt - thereby concluding an emotional and festive birthday celebration.

CELEBRATING BUCERIUS PRESIDENT SCHMIDT'S 70TH BIRTHDAY Presentation of an Honorary Publication

By Jasper Stallmann, Student

On the occasion of his 70th birthday, Professor Karsten Schmidt, President of Bucerius Law School and member of the board of the ZEIT Foundation Ebelin and Gerd Bucerius, was joined by numerous international and German scholars, local politicians and affiliates of Bucerius who gathered in the school auditorium for an academic celebration.

Following the warm welcome given by Professor Jörn Axel Kämmerer, Vice-President of Bucerius and Professor Michael Göring, Chairman of the Board of the Board of Directors, Professor Marcus Lutter paid tribute to Professor Schmidt's impressive and prominent academic career in his lecture, “Karsten Schmidt on his 70th”. Professor Georg Bitter then presented him, in the name of the publisher and over 100 contributing authors, the 1,854-page honorary publication.



Professor Georg Bitter has a gift for President Schmidt

Professor Christian Bumke presented Professor Schmidt with a birthday gift from the entire faculty – a collection of lectures given by the Bucerius faculty in honor of their president.

In closing, Markus Baumanns, CEO of the Board of Directors of the ZEIT Stiftung and Chair of the Supervisory Board of Bucerius Law School, with Hariolf Wenzler, CEO of Bucerius Law School, held a “CEO's Dialogue of a Special Kind” – a few shared words between CEOs in honor of Professor Schmidt. A few Bucerius students lent their talents as classical musicians: Mirja Müller, Anne-Kathrin Bertke (both violin), Philipp Tieben (viola) and Friedrich von Schönfeld (violincello) and Eva-Maria Hoyler (piano) provided the musical backdrop for a lovely morning birthday celebration.

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OBAMA BRINGS NEW PERSPECTIVES Overflowing Congress Center Listens In



FLtR: Dr. Josef Joffe, Dr. Gary Smith, Prof Hellmuth Karasek, Dr. Klaus von Dohnanyi

Although the projection screens at the Congress Centrum Hamburg (CCH) might have led one to believe otherwise, Barack Obama was not personally in Hamburg. Regardless, he was still the center of attention at the Transatlantic Lecture held there on January 21, 2009. Dr. Klaus von Dohnanyi, former mayor of Hamburg, Dr. Josef Joffe, publisher of *Die Zeit*, and Dr. Gary Smith, Director of the American Academy in Berlin, discussed the US in the new age of Obama focusing on International conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as domestic social and economic problems. Professor Hellmuth Karasek moderated. 700 guests were in attendance.

LECTURE SERIES AT THE IUKR Corporate Compliance

By Sebastian Pläster, Research Assistant

On February 5, the Institute for Business and Capital Market Law (IUKR) held their lecture series entitled, "Businesses and Capital Market Law – Fixed Locations and Perspectives" with the lecture "Corporate Compliance". Numerous Bucerius students joined Professor Rüdiger Veil, director of the Institute and Alfred Krupp Professor of Civil Law, German and International Business

and Economic Law and Professor Christoph H. Seibt, Honorary Professor and Chair of the Foundation for the Development of the IUKR.



FLtR: Prof. Rüdiger Veil, Prof. Peter Hommelhoff, Dr. Thomas Kremer, Prof. Christoph H. Seibt

ROM II - A MODEL FOR THE US? Conflict of Laws at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference

By Monika Mohrdieck, Chair, Private Law

The Association of American Law Schools' (AALS) 171 members are focused on the continued improvement of legal education. The annual conference, the largest of its kind, was held from January 6-10, 2009 in Sand Diego, California and focused on the theme, "Intellectual Pluralism".

Panel discussant Professor Karsten Thorn, Bucerius Chair for Civil Law, International Private and Commerce Law and Comparative Law, spoke of the January 2009 coming into force of the EU decree concerning the non-contractual obligations applicable law, known as the "Rom II" decree.

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BACHELOR CELEBRATION **Richard M. Buxbaum awarded Law School's** **first Honorary Doctor**

The awarding of the Bachelor of Laws degree is a date that the entire law school, especially the honoured class of students, looks forward to – not least of which is because it is followed by the law school ball. On March 7, the graduating class of 2009 marked the conclusion of the first stage in their legal studies – the completion of their first 10 trimesters.



FltR: Dr. Werner Marnette, President Karsten Schmidt, Prof. Dr. Richard M. Buxbaum, Prof. Dr. Hein Kötz, Prof. Dr. Hans-Bernd Schäfer

Dr. Werner Marnette, Minister for Science, Economy and Transportation for Schleswig-Holstein, gave the keynote speech, "Enrichment of the Academic Landscape through Private Universities" before 450 guests in a packed auditorium.

Another high point of the ceremony was the awarding of Bucerius' first "Honorary Doctor" to Prof. Dr. Richard M. Buxbaum, professor at Boalt Hall School of Law at University of California at Berkeley. The honor was presented by his colleague, Professor Hans-Bernd Schäfer, Director Emeritus for the Institute for Law and Economics at the University of Hamburg.

Buxbaum was born in 1930 in Germany and emigrated to the United States in 1938 with his family. He was a member of the founding commission of Bucerius Law School.

Professor Hein Kötz, founding president of Bucerius Laws School, expounded on Buxbaum's instrumentality in the founding of the law school and the forging of the partnership between Bucerius and UC-Berkeley.

In closing, Astrid Schnabel was awarded the fourth annual Montblanc prize for best Bachelor's thesis. The firm Baker & McKenzie awarded the sixth annual prize for best seminar work, this year to Friedrich von Schönfeld. And the first annual "Bucerius Alumni Award for Exceptional Teaching" went to Professor Florian Faust, chair for Civil Law, Commercial and Economic Law and Comparative Law.



The graduates

LABOR LAW PRACTITIONER SEMINAR **Current Trends in Consumer Protection Law** **with RiBAG Dr. Mario Eylert**

By Christopher Krois, Research Assistant

On the evening of February 12, legal practitioners from all over northern Germany as well as interested students had the opportunity to get an expert's perspective on the labor law advisory practice: Dr. Mario Eylert, lecturer on German labor law spoke to an audience about current trends in consumer protection law at the invitation of Prof. Dr. Matthias Jacobs, Chair for Civil Law, Labor Law and Civil Process Law at Bucerius Law School and Prof. Dr. Hartmut Oetker, Chair for Civil Law, Labor Law

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and Economic Law at Christian Albrechts University in Kiel.

As a member of the Second Senate Committee on Dismissals, Eylert elucidated the newest decisions of the Federal Labor Court, particularly regarding the controversial questions surrounding the legitimacy of age discrimination and the notice of dismissal. At the same time, he gave insight from his perspective on nursing care time and the newly adopted laws on dismissal protection for employees and their dependents. The depth of his professional experience and his amusing stories of the everyday life of a federal judge made it easy for Eylert to entertain the audience.



Dr. Mario Eylert

LABOR LAW: THE EMPLOYEE'S TAKE Guest Lecture

By Mirjam Liebmann, Student

In the framework of Professor Matthias Jacobs', Chair for Civil Law, Labor Law and Civil Process Law regular lecture series, Klaus Müller-Knapp, specialist in labor law with Müller-Knapp Hjort Brinkmeier, took center stage. Participants got a glimpse of the work of practitioners from the employees' side.

It was explained in two cases: as an introduction to the classic case of complaint of wrongful dismissal and the

extent of the compensation. Through the requirements of the transfer of undertakings in accordance with § 613a BGB are deepened as to entertain the notion of "managing employees". The second case is more complicated as it grapples with the question, "How and with what motives can the worker's committee alter the Works Consti-



tution Act in accordance the law?" Of particular interest to the audience was Müller-Knapp's brief anecdotes about figuring out which "tricks" an employee's lawyer could apply in order to enforce the claims against his mandate.

LAW SCHOOL VISIONS A Discussion with Bucerius' Founding Fathers

By Roman Strecker, Bucerius Alumni Association

On February 17, the Bucerius Alumni Association invited students and faculty of the Law School to a discussion panel entitled "Law School Visions" and featuring four of founding fathers of Bucerius: Prof. Dr. Hein Kötz (founding president), Jürgen Büring (first CEO), Dr. Holgar Raulf (first director of Studium Generale) and Dr. Jens Jeep (first Director of Curricular Affairs). The panel discussed possible directions the Law School should take in the future including – the belief that the study of law alone does not a lawyer make. The curriculum must cover other academic topics in order to produce well-rounded and informed legal practitioners.

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THE BUCERIUS COMMUNITY

BUCERIUS LAW SCHOOL'S NEWEST SUPPORT: AUDI AG



Dietmar K. Elasser, left, with Dr. Hariolf Wenzler

The carmaker Audi AG is the newest in a growing list of sponsors of Bucerius. The generous donation of two automobiles, an Audi A8 and an Audi A6 Avant, will be used to pick up and deliver guests of the Law School and assist with related needs. Dietmar K. Elasser, Marketing Director for Audi Region North, said, „Just as Audi is a top ranking car manufacturer, so is Bucerius Law School a top ranking academic institution. Bucerius' achievement-oriented management and forward-thinking orientation is something we both have in common.”

MLB GOLF EVENT Birdies, Bogies... and Bucerius

By Sam Winston, Student

Birdies, pars, and bogies were the talk of the day on a warm sunny afternoon at the first ever Master of Law and Business Golf Networking Event. It was the culmination of a rigorous eight-week internship period for MLB students and an opportunity to take internship employers out for a day of golf and good times at the Golf & Country Club Gut Bissenmoor.



A few practice swings

Out on the course, the experienced golfers were put into teams and played a nine-hole Texas Scramble. The rest had a mini-competition of their own on the practice range following a lesson from course pros. Christoph Eschke of Ebner Stolz Mönning Bachem & Partner, Lars Luck of Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Attorney Ernst J. Hoffmann, and MLB student Conrad Poczka won the scramble with an impressive even par final score.

“I am more than happy about the outcome of the golf event,” says Julia Mertins, MLB Internship Coordinator and creator of the event. “Everyone seemed to have a great time and the mixture between playing golf and networking worked out perfectly. It would be a pleasure to organize such an event again in the future.”

RECRUITING DESPITE THE CRISIS Fourth Annual Recruiting Fair at Bucerius

This spring, students had more to smile about than just the gorgeous weather: the Career Office and the Bucerius Alumni Association put on the fourth annual graduate fair at the Law School. A total of 27 supporters of the Law School came out in defiance of the financial crisis to set up over 400 informational interviews with

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more than 100 graduating students about potential employment opportunities. Over 300 interested students and graduates used the opportunity to speak with representatives at information booths about the law firms, specializations, business and practice groups and atmosphere in the workplace.



EVENTS

A Talk with TaylorWessing

On January 28, the popular "Talk with TaylorWessing", part of the Studium Generale curriculum, featured Head of the Hamburg Symphony, Daniel Kühnel. A former student of law, Mr. Kühnel remained true to his first love, music. His childhood dream was to become a famous musician or conductor. In his lecture, Mr. Kühnel spoke about the orchestra situation in Hamburg from the perspective of employment law. He mulled over the question: Is Hamburg ready to become a musical metropolis through the Elbe Philharmonic?

Art: The private collection of TaylorWessing

The private art collection of TaylorWessing partner Maja Stadler-Euler is a true feast for the eyes. On February 11, 40 Bucerius students were graciously invited to a viewing and self-curated tour. A number of legal counsellors from TaylorWessing were on hand to greet students and talk art over soup and wine.

The Linklaters Frankfurt Trip

On February 11-12, 25 Bucerius students accepted the invitation of Linklaters Law Firm and travelled to Frankfurt for a financial tour entitled, "Stocks, Banks and Advisors." This year's tour was particularly interesting when set against the backdrop of the international financial crisis. Dr. Thomas Prüm and Dr. Burkhard Rinne, Managing Associates at Linklaters, provided background in their lecture, "From Memphis to Frankfurt". In the evenings, students were invited to dine with counsellors from Linklaters and Frankfurt-area Bucerius alumni who shed more light on the financial situation from a legal perspective.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BUCERIUS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM Leadership skills for lawyers

by Birte Gall, Bucerius Education GmbH

A gap in the German legal further training market is being closed by Bucerius Education GmbH and their new "Bucerius Leadership Program." The program is designed for senior associates and emerging partners, who are going to assume management responsibilities and who want to contribute to the strategic development of their law firm.

The program is divided into the two sections "Leadership in Law Firms" and "Corporate Strategy and Business Development". The program has been exclusively designed to address the challenges faced by legal practitioners working at law firms and will be taught by four people: Professor Dr. Ashish Nanda from Harvard Law School together with Dr. Torsten Schumacher, Leadership Consultant, will teach "Leadership in Law Firms"; Markus Hartung, Linklaters, and Dr. Friedrich Blase from the New York law consultancy firm KermaPartners will teach "Corporate Strategy and Business Development".

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The Bucerius Leadership Program will take place from May 25 to 29, 2009 at Bucerius Law School and in Goßlerhaus in Blankenese. In addition to academics, participants will also be able to take part in an extracurricular program. Further information is available at: [HUUwww.buceriuseducation.de/buceriusleadershipprogram.html](http://www.buceriuseducation.de/buceriusleadershipprogram.html)

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