Partner University Fund – LSU Law / Université de Nantes
“Training Multilingual Jurists”

LSU Law and the University of Nantes received a prestigious Partner University Fund (PUF) Grant for the years 2012-2015. Established in 2007, PUF is a collaboration between the French government and American private and corporate donors to support academic partnerships between French and American institutions of higher education. PUF promotes three-year university academic and research partnerships at graduate and post-doctoral level. This innovative program supports joint research, mobility of professors and students, dual degrees, and shared curricula in all disciplines.

Among other things, the PUF grant will fund translation projects conducted at the CCLS, and particularly the translation into French of the current Louisiana Civil Code, prepared by graduate students visiting from Université de Nantes. In Nantes, the Research Institute in Private Law (IRDP) relies on the Master’s Program in Trilingual Studies (Master Juriste Trilingue) and related academic work to develop methodological aspects of legal terminology and translation, while improving training of professionals. The Master’s Program, taught by jurists and linguists, educates on French and other legal systems with a rich linguistic training, including internships and supervised projects.

Both partners work in synergy with other universities worldwide, the Agence universitaire de la francophonie, and other international organizations such as the American Society of Comparative Law, Juriscope, the Fondation pour le droit continental, the Association Capitant des amis de la culture juridique française, the Société de législation comparée, and the newly created Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire en juritraductologie (CERIJE).

Louisiana Colonial Archives Go Digital

On December 8, 2012, the Louisiana State Museum organized a very successful event at the old U.S. Mint in New Orleans, to raise funds for the ongoing digitalization of the Colonial Archives, including thousands of legal documents from the French and Spanish periods. This will be a highly valuable resource for legal historians, already calling international attention. For more information and support click here. On the occasion, Jacques and Pauline Royal presented bilingual illustrated books, sold to the benefit of the Digitalization project.
12th Congress of the International Association of Legal Methodology

The College of Law of Loyola University New Orleans, with the support of the LSU Law Center, the Association Capitant des amis de la culture juridique française, and the Historical Society of Louisiana, organized and hosted the 12th Congress of the International Association of Legal Methodology, on November 1 and 2, on the general theme of Transparency. The Congress was attended by scholars from several continents. The papers will be published.

Semaine française – French Week, New Orleans

At a Business Seminar organized on November 15 by the French-American Chamber of Commerce and the French Consulate in New Orleans, Prof. Olivier Moréteau organized and chaired a session on Louisiana Civil Law and Business Opportunities, featuring the following presentations:

- Julien Meyer (City of New Orleans Law Department), A French Trained Lawyer Practicing in New Orleans
- Prof. David Gruning (Loyola University College of Law), Rewriting the Louisiana Civil Law of Sale: Using the Experience of the Other States
- Prof. Nadia Nedzel (Southern University Law Center), The Proof of Contract under the CISG and the Louisiana Civil Code
- Prof. Ron Scalise (Tulane University School of Law), What’s around the Corner in Louisiana Civil Law? : Agreements to Shorten and Toll Liberative Prescription
- Eric Belin (Provosty & Chair of French American Chamber of Commerce, Gulf States Chapter), The System of Class Actions and MDLs in States and EU Efforts or Lack Thereof the Adopt Same, What’s to Gain and not by Adoption
- Prof. Olivier Moréteau (LSU Law Center), The Louisiana Civil Code Translation Project

An Energy Seminar, organized and chaired by Prof. Robert Sloan, Director of the New Energy Law Center at LSU, was also well attended.

Visit to France (November 19 – December 3)

Prof. Olivier Moréteau taught a one-week Comparative Tort Law class in the LL.M. in International and European Business Law at Université Jean Moulin – Lyon 3, France. He gave a lecture at the Centre de droit économique at Aix-Marseille Université (The Place of Comparative Law in the Revision of the Louisiana Civil Code), where he met the students of the Master’s program in Comparative Law and discussed cooperation projects between LSU Law and Aix-Marseille Université. In Paris, he had meetings with Prof. Mireille Prodeau, Academic Director of the Mission interuniversitaire de coordination échanges franco-américains (MICEFA), and Dr. Sylvie Monjean-Decaudin, Director of the Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire en juritraductologie (CERIJ).

Recent Publications by Professor Olivier Moréteau

- Mare Nostrum as the Cauldron of Western Legal Traditions: Stirring the Broth, Making Sense of Legal Gumbo whilst Understanding Contamination, 4 JOURNAL OF CIVIL LAW STUDIES, 516-538 (2011).


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