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### ***The Russell Long Chair and CCLS Newsletter***

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#### ***Professor Vernon V. Palmer delivers the 36<sup>th</sup> John H. Tucker, jr. Lecture in Civil Law***

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Vernon Valentine Palmer delivered the 36<sup>th</sup> Tucker Lecture, discussing “**The Quest to Implant Civil Law Method and Restrain Judicial Lawmaking: Tracing the Origins of Judicial Methodology in Louisiana.**”



Prof. Vernon Palmer is the Thomas Pickles Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Eason Weinmann Center for Comparative Law at Tulane University. He is internationally renowned for his contributions to the field of comparative law. His scholarly works include more than 12 books and 50 articles, much of it emphasizing the value of comparative law as a means of understanding the interaction between common law and civil law in world legal systems. His ground-breaking study *Mixed Jurisdictions Worldwide* (Cambridge Univ. Press) is the leading work in its field and his comparative treatises on strict liability and pure economic loss, written for the Common Core Project, have been widely acclaimed.

The lecture, which drew a large audience, was well-received and led to a spirited Question and Answer session. You may find the video of Prof. Palmer’s Lecture on our website ([www.law.lsu.edu/civillaw](http://www.law.lsu.edu/civillaw)) or directly from the following [link](#).

#### ***Journal of Civil Law Studies: Volume 4 Issue 2 (December 2011) soon Online***

The Center of Civil Law Studies announces the forthcoming publication of Volume 4 Issue 2 of the *Journal of Civil Law Studies* (JCLS). This issue features papers presented at the Juris Diversitas conference on “Legal Diversity in the Mediterranean,” organized in Malta in June 2010, in cooperation with the University of Malta. All volumes of the JCLS are freely accessible online, at [www.law.lsu.edu/jcls](http://www.law.lsu.edu/jcls).

## ***LL.M. Program at LSU Law***

The **Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program** is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. The LSU Law Center's distinctive curriculum, with fully-developed Civil and Common Law programs, provides a unique and intense legal education that gives our graduates qualifications not developed by other American law schools. For over 70 years, LSU Law has provided an LL.M. education of the highest caliber, while maintaining affordability; alumni of the LL.M. Program have gone on to positions at some of the top universities and law firms in the world.

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*The 2011-2012 LL.M. Candidates and International Students at the Louisiana Supreme Court in New Orleans, August 2011.*

## ***Distinguished Foreign Visitors***



**Dr. Ivan Tchotourian**, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Nantes (France), visited Baton Rouge with his wife Aurore and was in residence at the CCLS this fall semester. Dr. Ivan Tchotourian is also a researcher at the Research Institute of Private Law of the Faculty of Law (University of Nantes), an associate researcher at Sorbonne-Finance (University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) and at the Center for the Law of Business and International Trade (University of Montreal, Canada). He teaches courses in various areas of Commercial law. He was the recipient of the National Research Grant Lavoisier (EGIDE) to work for one year in Canada on the Corporate Social Responsibility of the corporations at the University of Montreal and will be Visiting Professor at Université Laval (Québec) in winter and

spring 2012. His present research focuses on Comparative Law between Europe and North America. At the CCLS, Dr. Tchotourian is translating into French several titles of the Louisiana Civil Code (Representation and Mandate, Suretyship, and Pledge) and is supplementing his knowledge and expertise in Louisiana and North-American law.

## **Conference Notes**

**Prof. Olivier Moréteau** travelled to France and Switzerland in October 2011, making the following contributions:

- **“Droit louisianais: why should we care? Comment la tradition civiliste survit en langue anglaise dans un environnement dominé par la common law et les leçons à tirer pour la France et pour l’Europe,”** Lecture at the Ecole Doctorale de Droit and Institut de droit comparé Edouard Lambert, Université Jean Moulin, Lyon, France, October 17, 2011.
- **“La traduction de l’œuvre de François Géný,”** international conference organized by the Institut Francois Géný, University of Nancy 2 and University of Metz, Nancy, France, October 20, 2011.
- Chair of final panel and concluding remarks at an international conference on **“The Concept of « Law » in Context : Comparative Law, Legal Philosophy, and the Social Sciences,”** organized at and by the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law and Juris Diversitas, Lausanne-Dorigny, Switzerland, October 22, 2011.