



The US-China Legal Exchange Foundation

中美法律交流基金会

## INTRODUCTION



The U.S.-China Legal Exchange Foundation (UCLEF) was founded in 2008 and is headquartered in New Jersey. As an independent nonprofit organization, UCLEF's mission is to promote, facilitate, and strengthen legal communication and collaboration between China and the United States by bringing together relevant resources from both countries.

To promote professionalism, education, and cooperation, UCLEF is dedicated to the following principal activities:

- Strengthening the exchange of legal information and cultural communication between China and the United States
- Promoting cooperation among Chinese and American legal scholars and practitioners
- Initiating and supporting legal research, education, and training
- Organizing and developing public discussions, forums, conferences, and seminars on relevant Chinese and American legal issues
- Undertaking and supporting the publication of materials focused on legal research and legal education
- Providing legal aid and public interest-oriented programs to communities in both China and the United States

Since its inception, UCLEF has collaborated with prestigious universities, government agencies, and industry associations in both the United States and China to develop a series of training and exchange programs for lawyers, law students, and business professionals. UCLEF has become an important platform for promoting Sino-U.S. legal exchange and cooperation.

The Foundation is located in Hillsborough, New Jersey. It is conveniently situated with access to major transportation routes connecting New York and Boston to the north, and Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., to the south.

## CONFERENCE



UCLEF played a leading role in organizing and coordinating high-profile U.S.–China legal conferences and forums, in partnership with prestigious organizations, to advance cross-border collaboration, legal education, and professional exchange between Chinese and American legal communities.

- Business and Legal Forum on US-China Trade and Investment, in partnership with the United States Council for International Business, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Council for International Business and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (2012-2013, Washington DC, Beijing)
- International Conference for Commercial Legal Service, in partnership with China Association of Trade in Services (2013, Beijing)
- Investment and Legal Compliance in E.U. and U.S., in partnership with China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (2016, Beijing)
- Workshops on M&A in the U.S for Chinese Companies, in partnership with Shanghai Zhejiang Chamber of Commerce and Shanghai Equity Investment Association (2016, Shanghai)
- Chinese Outbound Investment and Trade Facilitation Legal Forum, in partnership with China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (2017, Nanjing)
- Sino-US Intellectual Property Forum (2019, New York)

## TRAINING PROGRAM



Since 2009, UCLEF has led and coordinated a wide range of advanced training programs and educational initiatives for Chinese lawyers and law students in collaboration with leading international institutions. Delivered both in person and online across New York, Washington, D.C., Boston, Beijing, and Europe, these programs are designed to strengthen legal education, enhance professional skills, and promote meaningful cross-border collaboration between Chinese and international legal communities.

- Advanced Training Program for Chinese Lawyers, in collaboration with Fordham Law School (2009, New York)
- Summer Program in American Law, in collaboration with Boston University Law School (2011–2019, Boston)
- Financial Intermediation Workshop for China Resources Group, in collaboration with New York University Stern School of Business (2012, New York)
- Training Workshops on Cross-Border M&A for Chinese Lawyers (2016, New York)
- Law Firm Management and Leadership Programs for Senior Partners of Chinese Law Firms (2014–2017, New York; Washington, D.C.; Central and Eastern Europe; and United Kingdom)
- English Bridge Program for Chinese Lawyers (pre-LLM), in collaboration with William & Mary Law School (2019–2022, Online & Beijing)
- Legal Writing Course, in collaboration with Hon. Gerald Lebovits, New York State Supreme Court (2020–Present, Online)
- Diploma in English Law (focused on Commercial Law) and Legal Skills – China Program, in collaboration with Juris Angliae Scientia, University of Cambridge Faculty of Law, United Kingdom (2021–Present, Online)
- English Gateway Program (Pre-LLM), in collaboration with St. Mary's Law School (2022–Present, Online)

# TRAINING PROGRAM

## Legal Writing Course



2nd "Pilot Program" Training Camp  
"领航计划" 培训营 第二期

### Online Legal Writing Program

Professor Hon. Gerald Lebovits  
May-July 2020

Shanghai Bar Association 上海市律师协会  
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5th "Beijing Lawyers Association Sailing Plan's Training Program"  
北京市律师协会扬帆计划培训项目第五期

### Online Legal Writing Program

Professor Hon. Gerald Lebovits  
July-Oct 2020

Beijing Lawyers Association 北京市律师协会  
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广东省涉外律师法律英语写作在线培训班  
Online Legal Writing Course  
for Guangdong International Lawyers

Professor Hon. Gerald Lebovits  
January 23- April 9, 2021

Guangdong Lawyers Association 广东省律师协会  
US-China Legal Exchange Foundation 中美法律交流基金会



南京市涉外律师法律英语写作培训班  
Legal Writing Course for Nanjing International Lawyers

Professor Hon. Gerald Lebovits  
June 25- September 9, 2022

Nanjing Lawyers Association 南京市律师协会  
US-China Legal Exchange Foundation 中美法律交流基金会

This course is taught by Hon. Gerald Lebovits of the New York State Supreme Court, who also serves as an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School and New York University School of Law. Since its launch in May 2020, the program has attracted strong support from major bar associations across China. The Shanghai Bar Association, together with the Jiangsu, Zhejiang, and Anhui Bar Associations, as well as the Beijing, Tianjin, Guangdong, and Nanjing Bar Associations, has organized hundreds of Chinese lawyers to participate in the online course, generating over 4,000 hours of online learning.

The program has received enthusiastic feedback from participants. Many noted that the course not only significantly improved their legal English writing skills, but also provided valuable insights and practical guidance for improving legal writing in Chinese, making it highly relevant for their professional practice.



# TRAINING PROGRAM

## Diploma in English Law (focused on Commercial Law) and Legal Skills China Program



This program is in cooperation with Juris Angliae Scientia(JAS) based at the Faculty of Law, University Of Cambridge from 2021. Lawyers and corporate legal counsels from all over China have participated in this course.

### Course Content

This course consists of two main parts: The foundations of English Common Law / Practical Legal Skills and UK / EU Commercial Law, with a total of 8 modules. Students will systematically study UK law and legal skills within one year.

- Part One: The foundations of English Common Law / Practical Legal Skills

The foundations of English Common Law covers the English Legal System, Contract Law, Tort Law, and Trust Law.

Practical Legal Skills include litigation techniques, contract negotiation and drafting, and legal writing.

One of the highlights of this course is teaching how to apply the law and how to become a competent lawyer.

- Part Two: UK / EU Commercial Law

This part covers Company Law, Intellectual Property Rights, International Litigation, and Advanced Contract Law.

### Course Faculty

The faculty includes full-time lecturers from the British Law Centre of JAS, professors from Faculty of Law ,the University of Cambridge and other prominent UK law schools, former judges of the UK Supreme Court, and senior lawyers from leading international law firms.



## DEGREE PROGRAM



UCLEF also facilitates international degree programs for Chinese legal professionals, offering opportunities to gain advanced training in U.S. and transnational law:

- LL.M. in Transnational Commercial Practice, Center for International Legal Studies (2015–2023, Budapest, Warsaw, Vienna)
- LL.M. in the American Legal System, William & Mary Law School (2019–Present, Williamsburg, VA)
- LL.M. and Master of Jurisprudence (M.Jur.) Degree Programs, St. Mary's University School of Law (2022–Present, San Antonio, TX)

These programs help Chinese lawyers and law students acquire advanced legal knowledge while strengthening academic and professional exchanges with global legal communities.



## J-1 INTERN AND TRAINEE PROGRAM

The New York State Judicial Internship Program for Chinese Law Students and Lawyers

The J-1 Intern/Trainee Program is designed to provide foreign college and university students, as well as foreign professionals, the opportunity to gain exposure to U.S. culture and acquire hands-on experience in U.S. business and legal practices within their chosen field.

This program specifically aims to enhance interns' legal English skills, both written and spoken, while providing practical training in court procedures and judicial decision-making. Participants gain direct experience by working on real cases at the New York State Supreme Court (Manhattan), offering a unique insight into the U.S. judicial system.



## VISITING PROGRAM



UCLEF also organizes visiting delegations for Chinese lawyers and law students to provide hands-on experience in foreign legal systems:

- Chinese Law Students Visiting Delegation to the U.S. (2010–2019)
- Chinese Lawyers Visiting Delegation to the U.S., Europe, and Mexico (2009, 2016, 2017, 2024)
- Judicial Study Program for Chinese Lawyers (2024)

Over the past 16 years, participants have visited:

- 14 prestigious law schools, including Harvard, Yale, Columbia, NYU, Georgetown, Boston University, Stanford, William & Mary, and Eötvös Loránd University in Hungary
- 21 European and American judicial institutions, international organizations, and industry associations, including the New York State Supreme Court, Federal Court of International Trade, American Bar Association, World Bank, UNCITRAL (Vienna), and the European Commission
- Over 40 world-renowned and boutique law firms in the United States, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, and the United Kingdom

These initiatives have significantly strengthened cross-border legal understanding, enhanced professional development, and fostered collaboration between Chinese and international legal communities.





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