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Graduate Schools for Law and Politics

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I. Schedule overview

| Date | Time | Program | Place |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Mon. 2 Feb | 3:00 p.m. | Hotel check-in | Tokyo Garden Palace |
| Tue. 3 Feb | 8:45 a.m. | Meet at the hotel lobby | |
| | 9:30-10:00 a.m. | Registration & Opening remark | #101, School of Law Bldg. |
| | 10:00-11:15 a.m. | Japan's Criminal Justice System: Continuity, Change, and Controversy | #101 |
| | 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. | Prof. Dimitri VANOVERBEKE (Sociology of Law) | |
| | 12:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m. | Lunch | |
| | 2:30-3:45 p.m. | Japan's Criminal Justice System: Paragon or Pariah? | #101 |
| | 4:00-5:15 p.m. | Prof. Carol LAWSON (Comparative Law, Criminal Justice Regulation) | |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Welcome Party Speech: Prof. KAKIUCHI Shusuke (Vice Dean) | Kadoya Sanjo-tei |
| Wed. 4 Feb | 10:00-11:15 a.m. | Keeping Japanese Capitalism Fair: Insights into Competition Law | #101 |
| | 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. | Prof. Simon VANDE WALLE (Competition law) | |
| | 12:45-1:00 p.m. | Group photo | In front of Law Bldg. 3 |

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| | 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. | Lunch | |
| | 3:00- p.m. | Visit to law firms | |
| Thu. 5 Feb | 10:00-11:15 a.m. | Contemporary Issues in Japanese Insolvency Law Prof. JIN Chun (Insolvency Law, Asian Business Law) | #101 |
| | 11:30 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. | | |
| | 12:45 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. | Lunch | |
| | 2:30-3:45 p.m. | International Contract Negotiation Prof. MASUMI Junko (International Business Law) Prof. Carol LAWSON (Comparative Law, Criminal Justice Regulation) | #305 |
| | 4:00-5:15 p.m. | | |
| Fri. 6 Feb | 9:30-10:45 a.m. | Exploring the Intersection of International Law and the Japanese Legal Order: with a Specific Focus on Human Rights Prof. TERAYA Koji (International Law, International Human Rights Law) | #101 |
| | 11:00 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. | | |
| | 12:15 p.m.- 1:40 p.m. | Lunch | |
| | 1:40 p.m. | Meet in front of Faculty of Medicine Bldg. 2 | |
| | 2:45 p.m. | Visit to the Supreme Court | |
| Sat. 7 Feb | 10:00-11:15 a.m. | Immigration and Refugee Law from a Comparative Perspective Prof. OHNISHI Nami Thea (German Law) | #101 |
| | 11:30 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. | | |
| | 12:45 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. | Lunch | |

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| | 2:30-3:45 p.m. | Copyright Law Issues surrounding Generative AI Prof. TAMURA Yoshiyuki (Intellectual Property Law) | #101 |
| | 4:00-5:15 p.m. | | |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Farewell Party Speech: Prof. HASHIZUME Takashi (Dean) | Cerfeuil (Forest Hongo) |
| Sun. 8 Feb | By 11:00 a.m. | Hotel check-out | Tokyo Garden Palace |

II. What to bring

- **A copy of your passport photo page**

When checking in at the hotel, you may be asked to either show your passport or submit a photocopy. Please prepare a copy in advance.

- **Business cards**

Not mandatory, but you may have an opportunity to exchange business cards when visiting a law firm.

III. Accommodation

Tokyo Garden Palace Hotel

https://www.hotelgp-tokyo.com/english/sty01_e.html

Address: 1-7-5 Yushima, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0034 Japan

Telephone: +81-3-3813-6211

Check-in: After 15:00, **February 2, 2026**

Check-out: By 11:00, **February 8, 2026**

- ※ We have reserved a hotel room for you from the night of February 2 through the night of February 7.
- ※ Please check in at the hotel after 3:00 p.m. on February 2.
- ※ At check-in, please inform them of your name and that your reservation is for the University of Tokyo Winter School. Also, submit a copy of your passport that you have prepared in advance.

IV. Access to the hotel

Access map from JR Ochanomizu station

https://www.hotelgp-tokyo.com/english/map01_e.html/

- **How to get from Narita Airport to Hotel Tokyo Garden Palace by train:**

✈ Option 1: By Narita Express (Recommended Route)

Route: Narita Airport → Tokyo Station → Ochanomizu Station

1. From Narita Airport Terminal 1 or Terminal 2·3 Station, take the Narita Express (N'EX) bound for Tokyo Station.
 - Travel time: about 1 hour
 - Fare: around 3,000–3,200 yen (reserved seat only)
2. At Tokyo Station, transfer to the JR Chuo Line (orange line) bound for Mitaka or Takao.
3. Get off at Ochanomizu Station (2 stops, about 5 minutes).
4. After exiting the station, use the Hijiribashi Exit to reach the street level. The hotel is a 5-minute walk from the station.

Note:

The Narita Express runs approximately once per hour. You can buy your ticket at the JR East Travel Service Center or ticket machines inside the airport station.

Option 2: By Keisei Skyliner

Route: Narita Airport → Keisei Ueno Station → Ueno Station (JR) → Ochanomizu Station

1. From Narita Airport Terminal 1 or Terminal 2·3 Station, take the Keisei Skyliner to Keisei Ueno Station.
 - Travel time: about 45 minutes
 - Fare: around 2,600–2,700 yen (reserved seat only)
2. Walk about 5 minutes to JR Ueno Station.
3. Take the JR Yamanote Line (green line) or JR Keihin-Tohoku Line to Akihabara Station (2 stops).
4. At Akihabara, transfer to the JR Chuo-Sobu Line (yellow line) and get off at Ochanomizu Station (1 stop).
5. From Ochanomizu Station, walk about 5–10 minutes to your hotel.

Note:

The Skyliner runs approximately every 20 minutes. Tickets can be purchased at the Keisei Skyliner ticket counter or machines in the airport station.

* There are various ways to travel from Narita Airport to Ochanomizu Station besides the routes mentioned above. Please consider other options based on your arrival time and preferences.

● How to get from Haneda Airport to Hotel Tokyo Garden Palace by train:

1. At Haneda Airport:

After arriving at Haneda Airport, follow the signs to the Keikyu Line train station. There are two main stations at the airport: Haneda Airport Terminal 3 Station and Haneda Airport Terminal 1-2 Station.

2. Take the Keikyu Line:

Board a Keikyu Line train heading towards Shinagawa or Tokyo. Many Keikyu Line trains continue directly onto the Toei Asakusa Line after Shinagawa, so you can stay on the same train without transferring.

※ If your train terminates at Shinagawa, transfer to the JR Yamanote Line or JR Keihin-Tohoku Line heading towards Tokyo or Ueno.

3. Transfer at Shimbashi Station (if on the Toei Asakusa Line):

If you're traveling on the Toei Asakusa Line, get off at Shimbashi Station and transfer to the JR Yamanote Line or JR Keihin-Tohoku Line heading towards Ueno or Tokyo.

4. Transfer at Akihabara Station:

From either Shinagawa or Shimbashi, take the JR Yamanote Line or JR Keihin-Tohoku Line and get off at Akihabara Station.

At Akihabara, transfer to the JR Chuo-Sobu Line (local) heading towards Mitaka or Nakano.

5. Arrive at Ochanomizu Station:

Get off at Ochanomizu Station, the next stop after Akihabara.

Once at Ochanomizu Station, exit through the Hijiribashi Exit. The hotel is a short 5-minute walk from the station.

Total travel time: About 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Cost: Around ¥600–¥1,000, depending on the exact route and train type.

* There are various ways to travel from Haneda Airport to Ochanomizu Station besides the route mentioned above. Please consider other options based on your arrival time and preferences.

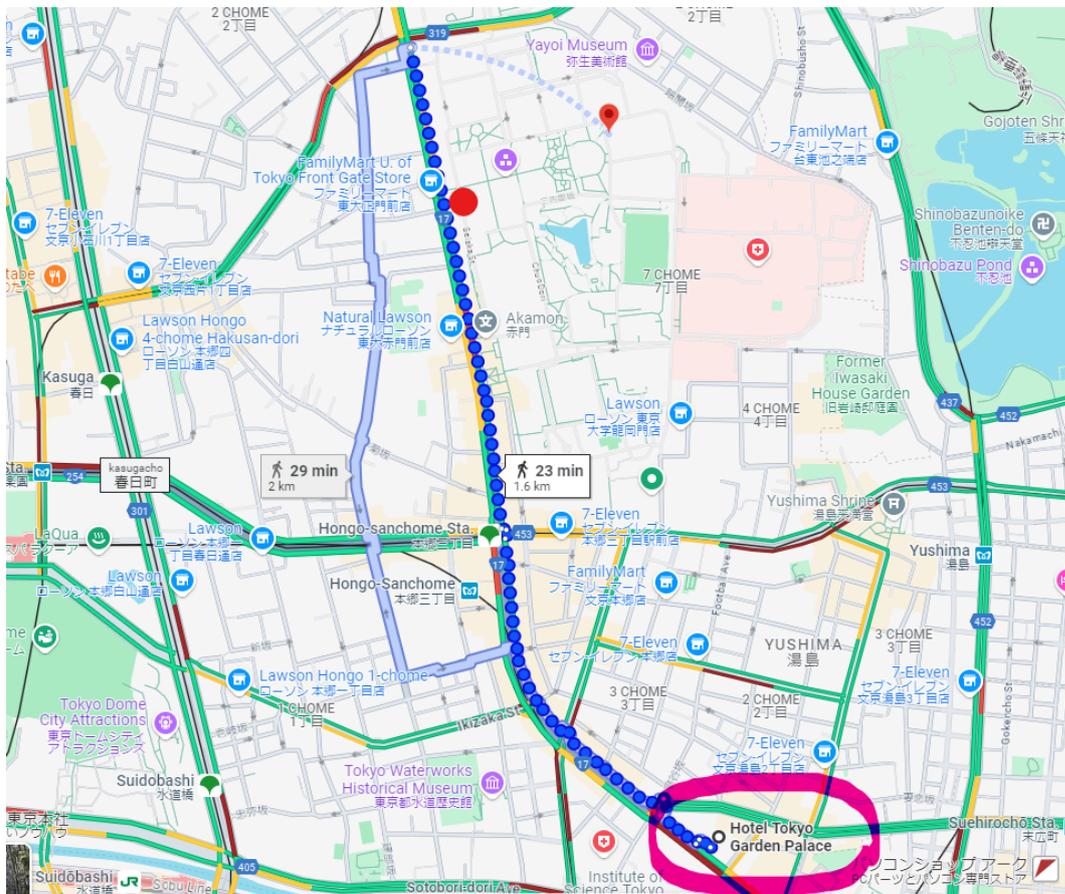
V. Access to the University of Tokyo from the hotel

On February 3, the first day of the lecture, UTokyo students will meet you in the hotel lobby at **8:45** and accompany you to the campus.

From the second day onward, please come to the university on your own.

<How to get to the University of Tokyo from the Hotel>

● On foot



It is approximately 25 minutes walk.

- By subway

Walk from the hotel to Ochanomizu Station, and take the subway Marunouchi Line towards Ikebukuro. Get off at the next station, Hongo-sancho, and it's about a 10-minute walk to the School of Law building.

VI. Costs

<To be covered by the University of Tokyo>

- Accommodation in Tokyo for the nights of February 2 to February 7 (six nights), including breakfast.
- Lunches from February 3 to February 7 and dinner on February 3 and 7 (as welcome party and farewell party)

<To be covered by participants>

- Airfare to and from Japan (Please purchase your own airline ticket.)
- Transportation and meals not covered by the University of Tokyo
- Overseas travel insurance
- Items from the hotel minibar, laundry services, etc.

VII. Getting around campus

- Campus map

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400020145.pdf>

(Click here to view a larger map)

The building highlighted in yellow on the map is where the Winter School classrooms are located (㊥ School of Law Building).



● Meal coupons

We will distribute meal coupons for lunch. Please note the following information about their usage:

- ◆ Each coupon can be used for a single meal, covering up to 1,500 yen, at the Chuo Dining Hall (Campus Map No. 4).
- ◆ The coupons can only be used at the Chuo Dining Hall, including "Uogashi Hongo." They cannot be used at "PANES HOUSE" or "Cafe Vigore."
- ◆ If the total cost exceeds 1,500 yen, the user must pay the difference using cash, credit card, or transportation IC cards.
- ◆ Meal coupons can be used at any cashier in the Chuo Dining Hall. Please note that some cashiers do not accept cash. If you need to pay the balance in cash, please follow the instructions provided in the Central Cafeteria and proceed to a cashier that accepts cash.
- ◆ If the total cost is less than 1,500 yen, no change will be provided, and the coupon cannot be reused.

- Internet/Wifi

We will issue you an eduroam Wi-Fi account for use during your stay. This account can be used on the University of Tokyo campus. Do not use free Wi-Fi spots from unknown or unidentified service providers.

- Facilities

- ◆ There is a water dispenser on each floor of the School of Law building. If you bring your own bottle, you can drink water from there anytime.
- ◆ There is a beverage vending machine on the second floor of the School of Law building.
- ◆ Unlocking Hours of the School of Law Building: 8:00 – 17:30

- Smoking area

The red circles on the map below indicate the smoking areas closest to the School of Law Building. Please note that smoking is prohibited throughout the campus except in these designated areas.



VIII. Schedule for each day

February 2

- Please check in at the Tokyo Garden Palace Hotel after 3:00 p.m.

February 3

- 8:45 a.m. The University of Tokyo students (mentors) will come to the lobby of the hotel to escort you to the university.
- 9:30 a.m. Registration begins
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome Party at "Kadoya" in Sanjo Conference Hall, Hongo Campus

February 4

- Please arrive at the classroom by 10:00 a.m. on your own.
- After the morning class ends, there will be a group photo session. Please remain in the classroom after the class.
- For the law firm visit, please refer to "X. Guidelines for visiting law firms and Supreme Court" section.
- Law firm visits

Meeting place: #101, School of Law Building

Meeting time:

- ◆ TMI Associates 15:15
- ◆ Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu 14:10
- ◆ Anderson Mori & Tomotsune 14:10
- ◆ Mori Hamada & Matsumoto 15:10
- ◆ Nishimura & Asahi 14:10

After the visit to the law firm, the group will disperse at the site.

February 5

- Please arrive at the classroom by 10:00 a.m. on your own.
- Please note that the afternoon session will be held in **Room #305**, not

Room #101 as usual.

February 6

- Please arrive at the classroom **by 9:30 a.m.** on your own.
- 1:40 p.m. Meet in front of Faculty of Medicine Bldg. 2
 - * We will depart by bus from the Hongo Campus for a visit to the Supreme Court. **There will not be time to return to the hotel after class, so please come dressed appropriately for the Supreme Court visit.**
- After the visit to the Supreme Court, **the group will disperse at the site.**

February 7

- Please arrive at the classroom by 10:00 a.m. on your own.
- 6:00 p.m. Farewell Party at Cerfeuil, Forest Hongo

February 8

- Please check out the hotel by 11:00 a.m.

IX. Lecturers

<Professor Dimitri VANOVERBEKE>

Dimitri Vanoverbeke is Professor of Sociology of Law at the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics of the University of Tokyo. Trained in Japanese Studies at KU Leuven, where he earned his PhD and later became Full Professor, he developed the Japanese Studies department and helped build double-degree exchanges and broader EU–Japan academic cooperation. His research focuses on law and society, crime and criminal policy, jury trials, and the relationship between law, politics and society in modern and contemporary Japan in a domestic and international context. He has published over 100 scholarly articles and several books, including *Juries in the Japanese Legal System* (Routledge, 2015).

< Professor Carol LAWSON >

Professor Carol Lawson specializes in empirical sociolegal research using a comparative approach grounded in Anglo-American law. She has a particular interest in the role of regulatory actors in Japan's criminal justice system.

She holds a PhD in Law (ANU); an LLM in Asian & Comparative Law (UNSW) and an MA in Advanced Japanese with Distinction (USheffield) well as BA (Asian Studies) and LLB degrees (ANU) and is admitted to practice law in the Australian Capital Territory.

Professor Lawson teaches Japanese and Anglo-American law and lawyering skills in both the LLB and JD programs at UTokyo.

<Professor Simon VANDE WALLE>

Professor Simon Vande Walle specializes in competition law, with a focus on antitrust and comparative law. He graduated from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven with both undergraduate and master's degrees in law and completed further studies at Kyushu University (LL.M. and LL.D.) and Georgetown University (LL.M.). After gaining extensive practical experience as an associate at Linklaters in Brussels and later as a case handler with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition, he joined the University of Tokyo in 2019 as a professor. His current teaching includes courses on Japanese, EU and U.S. competition law, and the competition challenges raised by Big Tech.

<Professor Chun JIN>

Professor Chun Jin joined the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics at the University of Tokyo in September 2024. After graduating from the Renmin University of China Law School, she worked at the Shenyang Intermediate

People's Court before earning her LL.M. and Ph.D. from Kyoto University. She previously taught at Daito Bunka University (2008–2013) and Doshisha University (2013–2024), specializing in civil procedure and insolvency law. From 2015 to 2017, she conducted research at Melbourne Law School. Her current research interests include insolvency law, Asian business law, arbitration and ADR, and procedural issues such as standing in litigation.

<Professor Junko MASUMI>

Junko Masumi is a Professor at the Graduate Schools of Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo, since April 2023. Her academic focus includes International Business Law, International Commercial Arbitration, and International Commercial Transactions. She also teaches seminars on Commercial Law (International Corporate Legal PracticeI) and Commercial Law (Start-up Investment).

Prior to joining academia, she spent over 25 years at Toppan Printing Co., Ltd. She began her career in the Legal Department in 1997 after graduating from the University of Tokyo (LL.B.). In 2002, she earned an LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. She held various senior roles at Toppan, including Head of Legal and IP Department. From 2019 to 2023, she served as an Executive Officer and Chief Legal Officer.

<Professor Koji TERAYA>

Koji Teraya is a Professor of International Law at the University of Tokyo, specializing in public international law and international human rights law. He graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1994 and previously held an academic position at Hokkaido University before joining the University of Tokyo. He was a visiting fellow or scholar at leading institutions, including the Universities of Cambridge, Columbia, and Michigan.

Professor Teraya served as a member of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances (2017–2021) and currently serves on the United Nations Human Rights Committee (2023–). He is actively involved in several international law societies and academic networks, and he teaches a wide range of courses in international law and international human rights law.

<Professor Nami Thea OHNISHI>

Nami Thea OHNISHI is a Professor at the Graduate Schools of Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo. She joined the Graduate Schools in 2024 as an Associate Professor and was promoted to Professor in October 2024. Her research interests focus on several key areas, including Federalism, Immigration Law, and Constitutional Jurisdiction.

She began her academic career at the University of Tokyo as an Assistant Professor in 2007, the same year she completed her M.A. in Law and Politics from the university. She previously earned her LL.B. from the University of Tokyo in 2005. Before returning to her alma mater, she taught at several institutions, serving as a Lecturer at Komazawa University from 2013, and later joining Senshu University where she was promoted to Associate Professor in 2016 and then Full Professor in 2022.

<Professor Yoshiyuki TAMURA>

Professor Yoshiyuki TAMURA graduated from the Faculty of Law, the University of Tokyo, in 1987 and began his academic career as an Assistant at the same institution. After serving as Associate Professor and later Professor at Hokkaido University, he joined the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics at the University of Tokyo in 2019. He has led major national research initiatives, including the MEXT 21st Century COE Program and the Global COE Program, both focusing on advanced studies in law and policy. His teaching and research center on intellectual property law and information law policy.

X. Guidelines for visiting law firms and Supreme Court

The dress code for visits to the Supreme Court and law firms is business casual.

< Important notes for visiting law firms >

By participating in the visit to the firm on February 4, the participant shall undertake as follows:

They understand that the firm's information assets that they may obtain or have access to while at the firm's office premises (including, but not limited to, (i) information relating to the projects and matters being handled by the firm, (ii) names and information relating to clients, vendors, and business partners (including potential clients, vendors, and business partners) of the firm, and (iii) information relating to the firm's management, finance, sales, organizational structure, human resources, and personal information (including personal numbers and personally identifiable information) of members of the firm (lawyers and staff) (collectively referred to as "Confidential Information") belong to the firm, regardless of whether such information assets are in paper media, electromagnetic recording, oral communication, or other forms, and they shall strictly observe the following during and after their visit to the firm:

- (a) maintain the confidentiality and integrity of the Confidential Information;
- (b) not record in writing or reproduce any Confidential Information by any means;
- (c) not record or keep any photos, videos, sound recordings, or other types of media recordings of the Confidential Information;
- (d) not remove Confidential Information from the firm's office premises;
- (e) not provide or disclose Confidential Information to third parties (including their family members or other participants in the firm office visit), whether

directly or indirectly; and

(f) not use Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever (including, but not limited to, using the Confidential Information for securities transactions that violate laws and regulations such as insider trading) for the benefit of themselves or third parties.

They have no relationships with any organized crime groups, organized crime group members, quasi-organized crime group members, organized crime group-related persons, quasi-organized crime groups, organized crime group-related companies, corporate racketeers, or any other persons equivalent thereto (collectively referred to as “Antisocial Forces”), and they will not have any relationships with Antisocial Forces in the future.

< Important notes for visiting the Supreme Court of Japan >

- The court has a strict schedule. Please cooperate by following the staff's instructions.
- Photography
Photography on the premises is prohibited in principle. Since this visit is not a general tour but an invitation as guests of Judge Okino, we kindly ask for your special cooperation. In some areas, staff from the Supreme Court may permit photography; however, **under no circumstances should the photos taken be uploaded to social media.**
- Conduct inside the government building
The Supreme Court is a large and complex building, and even the staff often get lost. Therefore, we kindly request that you stay together in groups as much as possible. We are unable to extend the time allocated for discussions, so please be mindful **not to exceed your visit duration.**

XI. Attendance policy

Participants are required to attend all sessions in person; online participation is not permitted. Full attendance is mandatory for program

completion, including classroom sessions, visits to the Supreme Court, and a law firm.

Participants must attend all scheduled activities unless there are unavoidable circumstances, such as health issues, religious observances, or family emergencies. In such cases, participants must consult with the program organizers in advance.

Please note that failure to attend without a valid reason will result in the denial of a certificate of completion.

XII. Important notes

These notes contain important rules related to privacy, security, and accommodation. Please review them carefully.

Privacy & Photography

- Please note that photographs may be taken during the sessions and may be used for promotional purposes on the university's website or other official media. **Your preferences regarding photo use will be respected** if you indicated non-consent in the initial form.
- **Do not post photos taken during the Winter School on social media** without the consent of the individuals in the photos.
- Please also refrain from posting photos of university buildings or facilities without proper consideration or permission.

IT & Online Safety

- Please make sure **antivirus software is installed on your computer**.
- **Do not use unknown free Wi-Fi hotspots** from unidentified providers, as they may pose risks of malware infection or data theft.
- Important information may be shared via Slack. **Please check it**

regularly before, during, and after the Winter School, and follow appropriate online etiquette.

Accommodation Rules

- **Only program participants may stay in the guest rooms.** This is in accordance with the venue's policy and the Japanese Hotel Business Act.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

<Winter School Office>

Email: utwinterschool.j@gs.mail.utokyo.ac.jp

Phone: **080-7604-0566** (Available from February 3 to February 7 only)

Please feel free to contact the Winter School Office not only in emergencies, but also if you feel unwell or have any concerns during the program.

You may also contact the Winter School Office via Slack. Office members can be identified by "(office)" after their names.