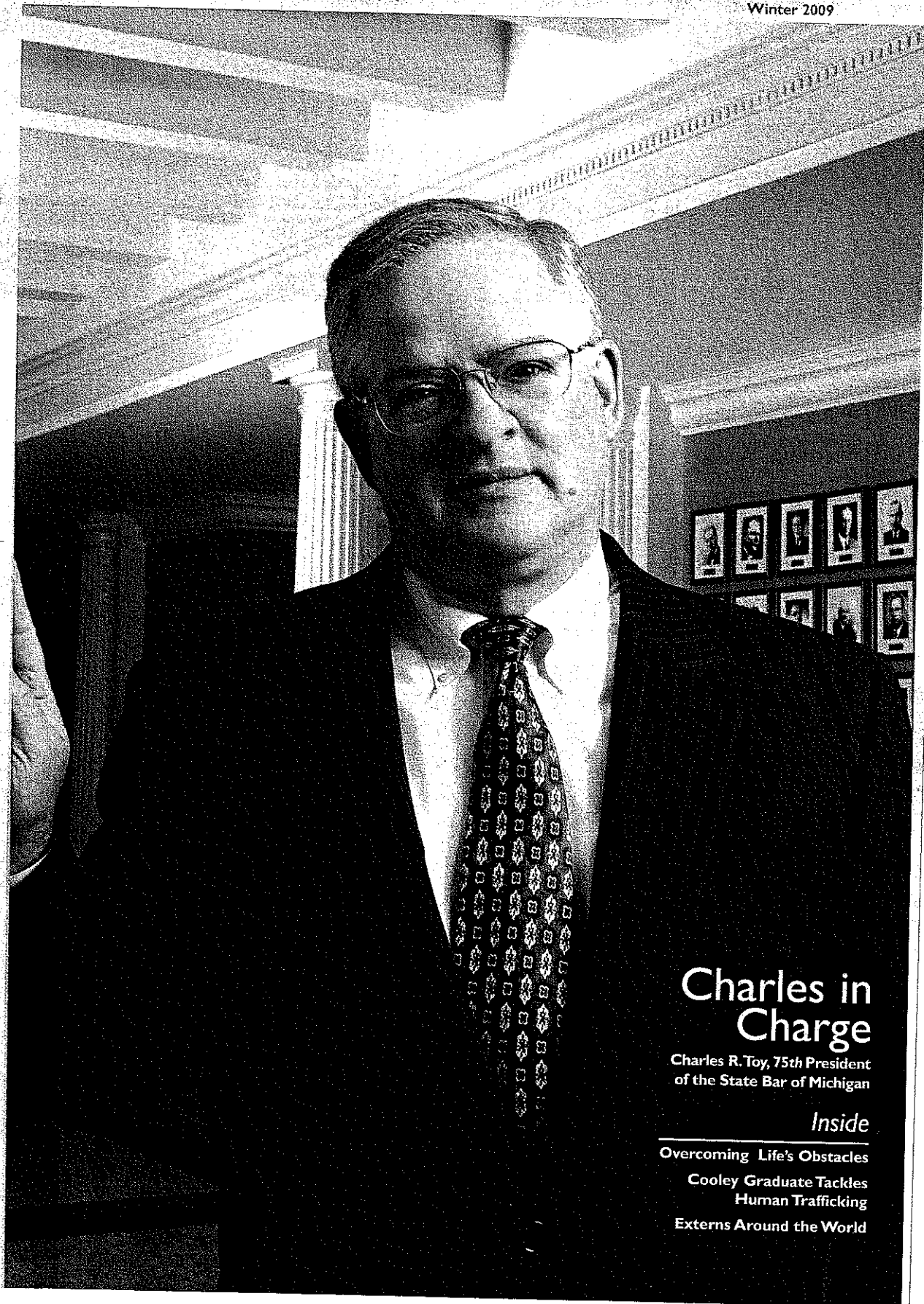


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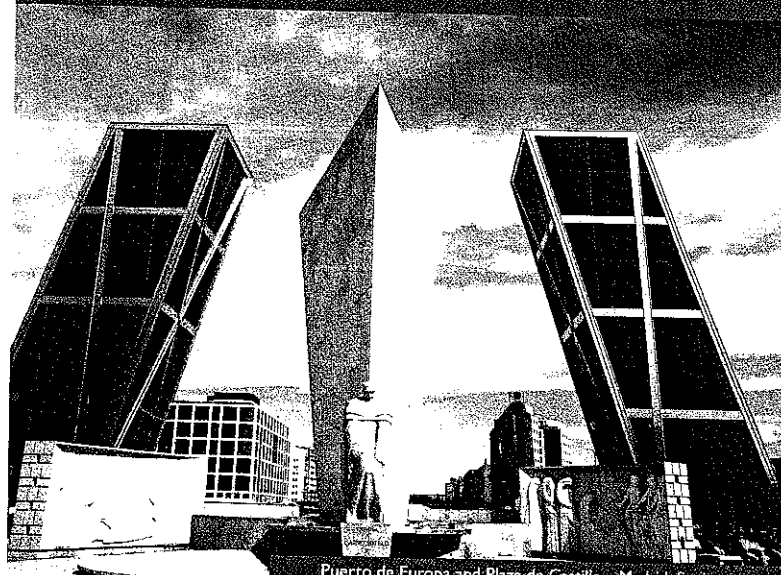
Melanie gained experience in a number of areas working for a five-attorney law firm in Spain during the summer of 2009. In addition to writing contracts and translating legislation, articles and correspondences, she also researched Spanish and European Union law, and observed the process by which settlements were made and negotiations were resolved.

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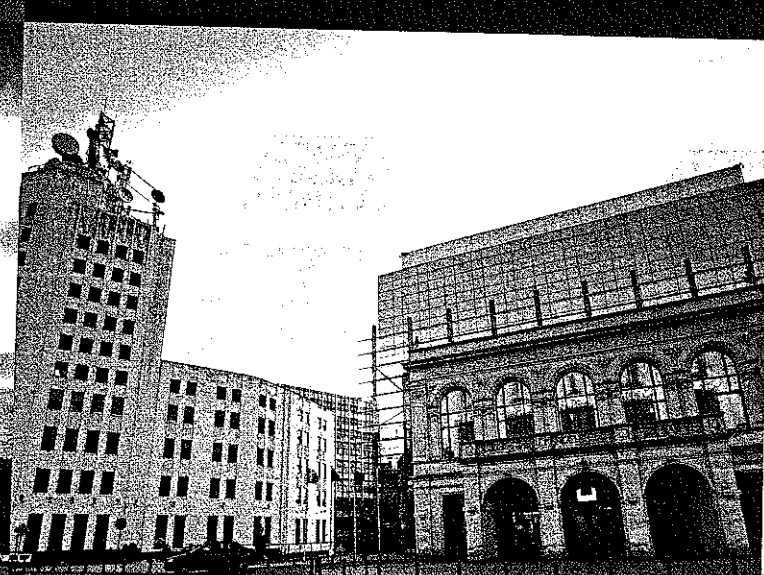
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Rusudan's interest in European Union and international law as well as international taxation took her to Romania in the summer of 2009. There, she gained an in-depth perspective of the interworking of civil law. She also learned how European Union law interacts with domestic laws. Her research in taxation helped her learn more about the practice area and influenced her decision to focus on the area in her future studies.



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"Working at Mariscal & Associates helped me to apply the legal substance garnered from Cooley Law School, and taught me the process by which the law comes alive in drafting legal documents, client interactions, and negotiations."

"I found that working in the country where I did not speak the language was at first intimidating and scary. But after awhile, I got accustomed and learned how to adapt to new situations and feel at ease."