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History and Future of Clinical Legal Education

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An abbreviated version of Professor J. P. (Sandy) Ogilvy's film on the oral history of clinical legal education will be shown, followed by a discussion. The discussion will touch on the clinical legal education movement – its roots, its goals and the ongoing challenges. Clinicians have been both vocal and conscientious about preparation for effective lawyering and the obligation to assure that the benefits of our legal system are available to the poor. In the process, clinicians have established standards for legal practice and law teaching that have had a significant impact on the profession. Clinical legal education is a movement that has crossed many borders and is constantly evolving. As you step into this part of academia to join those of us who have been fortunate enough to be here for some time, what particular challenges should you be aware of and what new standards should you set?

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WILLIAM M. SULLIVAN, ET AL, EDUCATING LAWYERS: PREPARATION FOR THE PROFESSION OF LAW (Carnegie 2007)

ROY STUCKEY, BEST PRACTICES IN LEGAL EDUCATION (CLEA 2007)

Center for the Study of Applied Legal Education website: www.csale.org (source for data on clinical education practices, including evaluation and grading, teaching, and status).

Best Practices blog: <http://bestpracticeslegaled.albanylawblogs.org/> (discusses legal education goals and practices)

Clinical legal educators blog: http://kotplow.typepad.com/clinicians_with_not_enough/ (a new and informative source for discussion of topics relevant to clinical legal education)

AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education http://www.aals.org/services_sections_ce.php (sponsors annual teaching conferences and supports clinical legal education; provides the link to the clinical listserv)

The Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) <http://cleaweb.org/> (association of clinical law teachers committed to serving as a voice for establishing clinical programs within the law school and supporting excellence in clinical teaching)

The Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) www.saltlaw.org (progressive clinical and non-clinical law faculty dedicated to pursuing social justice and supporting teachers dedicated to bringing justice education to their students)

Clinical Law Review <http://www.law.nyu.edu/journals/clinallaw/> (jointly sponsored by the AALS, CLEA and New York University School of Law, it a journal devoted to issues of lawyering theory and clinical legal education)

American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar <http://www.abanet.org/legaled/> (sets standards and accredits law schools)