

# AALS CLINICAL SECTION NEWSLETTER

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## From the Clinical Section Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

This is a bittersweet message as it marks the end of our year as Co-Chairs and the beginning of a new bar year and new Section leadership. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Certainly one of the highlights for us has been getting to know our members better. You make this Section great. Every time we reached out for help, you said “yes.” Thank you.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to Committee members and Chairs. They are too numerous to name, but due to their good work, we have been able to enjoy informative Newsletters, support scholarship, regional conferences and other endeavors. We have also been able to honor distinguished members, nominate Clinicians for leadership positions and key Committees within the AALS, and provide outstanding programming at the Annual and Clinical conferences and more.

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It bears noting, again, that AALS leadership bravely relocated the clinical conference from Austin to Chicago in protest over discriminatory practices by the Texas legislature. That was outstanding leadership! Finally, a big shout out to Judy Areen, Mary Cullen and Josh Albertson of the AALS. These folks make it all work for us.

Please plan now to attend the Annual Meeting in New Orleans! We will hand off the gavel and enjoy all the Big Easy has to offer! Our program, co-sponsored by Law, Medicine and Healthcare titled “Breaking out of Silos: Bridging Disciplines to Create the Next Generation of Collaborators for Justice, is set for Friday, January 4, 2019 at 10:30. Thanks to the Annual Program Committee Davida Finger (Loyola NOLA) and Joy Radice (Tenn.) for coordinating. Our luncheon follows where we will present the Pincus Award. This year, there are two recipients - Alex Scherr (U Ga) and David Santacrocce (MI). It is rare that we have given two Pincus awards, but the Nominating Committee felt it appropriate this year and your EC agreed. Stay tuned for more about these awesome professors!

Finally, we will vote on new leadership for the coming year - Chair, Patience Crowder (Denver), Chair Elect, Wendy Bach (Tenn.), Secretary, Kim Ambrose (Washington) and Treasurer, Fatma Marouf (TX A&M). We will also vote on at large members Shawn Watts (Kansas), Chloé S. Georas (U Puerto Rico) and Sue Schechter (Berkeley) recommended by the Nominating Committee chaired this year by Natalie Chin (Brooklyn) and Emily Suski (S. Carolina). This great leadership team makes the transition easier as we know the section will be in good hands.

Thanks again for this incredible honor. We wish everyone a great end of the semester and wonderful holiday season!

Warmly,

Allison K. Bethel (John Marshall, Chicago) and Scott L. Cummings (UCLA)



# Committee Reports

## MEMBERSHIP, OUTREACH, AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

Co-chairs Jodi Balsam and Katy Ramsey report a successful year for its initiatives. The Clinician's Helping Hand Project accomplished 38 mentoring and peer matches in the 2017-18 academic year, the highest annual number in its history. Those matches connected faculty at 59 separate law schools, primarily assisting new clinicians in transitioning to clinical teaching and meeting corresponding challenges that range from clinic design and supervision to developing a scholarship agenda. The program is also available to support clinicians at any level of professional development who are at a transition point in their academic careers. The past year also saw the MOT Committee circulate a revised edition of the Clinician's Desk Reference, a publication that provides guidance to the clinical law community on available resources, and on issues ranging from ABA Standards to law school governance and academic freedom.

Another core function of the MOT Committee is to assist with funding the Section's and the clinical community's activities. We contact every school annually as part of the Section's dues collection drive—this year our solicitation efforts helped increase overall collections. We then seek to deploy some of those funds by reaching out to every regional clinical conference to offer financial support. We invite conference organizers to contact us proactively for this purpose. At the annual Clinical Conference, the MOT Committee usually hosts a Poster Presentation on the mentoring project and offers other opportunities for clinicians to socialize in informal settings. We invite anyone interested in joining the MOT Committee to contact Jodi ([jodi.balsam@brooklaw.edu](mailto:jodi.balsam@brooklaw.edu)) or Katy ([kramsey@memphis.edu](mailto:kramsey@memphis.edu)) directly. No prior experience necessary, and it's a great way to get to know the clinical community and have them get to know you.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Your Communications Committee (Janet Heppard (University of Houston), Mike Martin (Fordham), Natalie Nanasi (SMU), and Gail Silverstein (UC Hastings), and Keeshea Turner Roberts (D.C. Law Students in Court)) has been very busy over the past year. After receiving over 100 responses to our survey about the LawClinic listserv, we are exploring and engaging in potential improvements that would make the listserv more user-friendly and beneficial to Section members. We are also actively engaged in conversations with AALS about upgrades to the Clinical Section website and improving our social media presence. Stay tuned for updates!

## TRANSACTIONAL CLINICS COMMITTEE

Following the business meeting in Chicago last May, the Committee has been pursuing a number of communication related items this year. Specifically, the Committee is exploring ways for members to share both 1) events and conferences relevant to transactional clinicians, and 2) recent scholarship on topics useful to transactional clinicians. To this end, Committee co-Chairs Lynnise Pantin (Columbia) and Ted De Barbieri (Albany) have discussed with the hosts of EshipLaw.org at UMKC School of Law communications features on that site for members to use to post such content. Stay tuned for additional updates about this initiative.

In addition, a number of Committee members are participating in a Discussion Group at the AALS Annual Meeting in New Orleans on Saturday Jan. 5, 2019, from 3:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. The title of the Discussion Group is "Building Bridges: Examining Race and Privilege in Community Economic Development." The Discussion Group is organized by Priya Baskaran (West Virginia), Renee Hatcher (John Marshall), and Lynnise Pantin. The Committee will hold a brief meeting in New Orleans at the AALS Annual meeting.

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## ADR COMMITTEE

The ADR Committee will host a spring webinar and discussion about requiring experiential learning in the 1L year. Specifically, the webinar will highlight different examples of curricular innovations that build ADR and skills learning into the first year. Stay tuned for more details.

## EXTERNSHIP COMMITTEE

Several subcommittees are hard at work on a variety of projects:

### Communication and Content Subcommittee

- **Responsible for promoting information sharing for the externship community via [www.lexternweb.org](http://www.lexternweb.org).** If you are looking for examples of various forms, agreements, syllabi, etc, check Lextern Web -- it has a wealth of great materials!  
*Co-chairs: Kendall Kerew ([kkerew@gsu.edu](mailto:kkerew@gsu.edu)) and Amy Sankaran ([aharwell@umich.edu](mailto:aharwell@umich.edu))*

### Membership, Outreach, and Training Subcommittee

- **Responsible for creating and updating an externship membership directory ([here!](#)) and ensuring that newcomers are introduced to externship resources.**  
*Co-Chairs: Lauren Donald ([lauren-donald@utulsa.edu](mailto:lauren-donald@utulsa.edu)) and Avis Sanders ([alsander@wcl.american.edu](mailto:alsander@wcl.american.edu))*

### Remote and International Placements Subcommittee

- **Responsible for facilitating the exchange of ideas among externship faculty teaching in remote and international placements through monthly video conference calls.** All are welcome to join even if you don't have a remote or international program. Watch Lextern for the monthly call announcements.  
*Co-Chairs: Gillian Dutton ([duttong@seattleu.edu](mailto:duttong@seattleu.edu)), June Tai ([june-tai@uiowa.edu](mailto:june-tai@uiowa.edu)), and Sue Schechter ([sschechter@law.berkeley.edu](mailto:sschechter@law.berkeley.edu))*

### Scholarship and Professional Engagement Subcommittee

- **Responsible for facilitating scholarly writing, conference presentations, and other forms of professional engagement by externship professors.** Stay tuned for upcoming virtual works-in-progress sessions.  
*Co-Chairs: D'lorah Hughes ([dhughes@law.uci.edu](mailto:dhughes@law.uci.edu)) and Kendall Kerew ([kkerew@gsu.edu](mailto:kkerew@gsu.edu))*

### Seminar Faculty Development Subcommittee

- This is a new committee that came from our meetings focusing on **issues common to externship program directors in supervising and training seminar faculty** (adjunct, clinical professors, lecturers, doctrinal professors, etc.).  
*Co-Chairs: Meg Reuter ([reuterm@umkc.edu](mailto:reuterm@umkc.edu)) and Sarah Shalf ([sarah.shalf@emory.edu](mailto:sarah.shalf@emory.edu))*

Sue Schechter ([sschechter@law.berkeley.edu](mailto:sschechter@law.berkeley.edu)) and Amy Sankaran ([aharwell@umich.edu](mailto:aharwell@umich.edu)), the current co-chairs of the Committee, are so grateful to all of the hard work by our externship colleagues. As always, if you want to get involved with any of the above subcommittees OR if you have an idea for a new initiative, please contact one of the subcommittee co-chairs or Amy or Sue. We are particularly interested in recruiting more folks to help with our Communications Subcommittee. But no matter your interest, we'd love to have you!

# Program Updates

In 2018, the **Saint Louis University School of Law**:

- Launched the [Business Law and Innovation \(BLI\) Clinic](#), which is directed by Patricia Lee. The BLI Clinic provides representation to innovators, entrepreneurs, small businesses, and tech and social enterprises. The BLI Clinic recently concluded its E-workshops, a collaborative business and legal workshop series hosted by the BLI Clinic, ITEN STL, and two local law firms.
- Welcomed [AJ Chivetta](#) as a Professor of Practice; AJ teaches in the Field Placement Program and oversees corporate (both non-profit and for-profit) placement opportunities.
- Welcomed Missouri Court of Appeals Retired Judge Lisa Van Amburg as a Professor of Practice; Judge Van Amburg teaches in the [Field Placement Program](#) and oversees judicial placement opportunities.

SLU **Civil Advocacy Clinic** students secured a [commutation of sentence](#) from the state's governor for clinic client Judy Henderson. **Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic** students, [in collaboration with several other nonprofit and local government stakeholders](#) (including the mayor of St. Louis), helped launch the [Vacancy Collaborative](#), a collation of partners committed to the reduction of vacant property as a top priority in St. Louis.

**The Human Trafficking Prevention Project** at the **University of Baltimore School of Law** received a \$254,957 grant from the State of Maryland. Student-attorneys in the clinic represent survivors of sex trafficking in vacating convictions stemming from crimes they were forced to commit by their traffickers. More information is here: <https://ublawacolades.wordpress.com/2018/10/11/human-trafficking-project-receives-255k-grant/>.

The **Bob Parsons Veterans Advocacy Clinic** and the Baltimore City Veterans Treatment Court celebrated the Court's three-year anniversary on November 13, 2018. VA Secretary Robert Wilkie was the keynote speaker. Clinic students participated in the planning and launching of the Court, and have since represented defendants in conjunction with the Office of the Public Defender.

**Northern Illinois University College of Law** started a **Prisoner's Rights Project** for the 2018 – 2019 academic year. The Project is a partnership between the NIU College of Law and the P. Michael Mahoney (Rockford, Illinois) Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. The students will be supervised by adjunct professor and Rockford attorney Lisa Jensen and will handle cases involving allegations of civil rights violations. It is a two semester clinic. The students will have the cases from the beginning including filing court papers, interviewing the client and witnesses, drafting interrogatories and eventually conducting the trial in front of a jury. Five students are currently representing three prisoners who have filed excessive force cases in Federal Court.



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The University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (UDC Law) is on track to complete its new-and-improved Clinical Program space in time for the Spring 2019 semester. The full-floor upgrade provides each of UDC Law's clinics with an office suite consisting of individual offices for clinic faculty and staff and a central teaching space for seminar instruction outfitted with the latest educational technology, including state-of-the-art interactive touchscreen displays. The roomy classroom space at the center of each office suite, flanked by wall-to-wall windows that fill the space with natural light, will allow UDC Law clinic faculty to hold class and conduct case rounds only steps away from their office and case files.

In addition to the new fleet of clinic suites, the Clinical Program floor hosts an array of interview and conference rooms giving students and faculty ample space for collaboration between clinics, as well as a spacious reception and waiting area to comfortably accommodate clients. The full-floor renovation supplies, among other things, several seminar classrooms, two tiered classrooms, a sizable new event space, kitchen, and pantry, located just outside the secure Clinical Program space. The renovation promises UDC Law clinics the room to grow for many years to come.

Cornell Law School is happy to announce several new clinical offerings:

- [The Entrepreneurship Law Clinic](#) provides transactional legal services to entrepreneurs and early-stage businesses, many of whom are seeking to form and grow their businesses in the local Ithaca area.
- [The First Amendment Clinic](#) engages in litigation and policy analysis that supports the cause of free speech, aids the news gathering process, and defends human rights advocates, political activists, and other individuals targeted based on their expression.
- [The Women's Decarceration Practicum](#) gives students the opportunity to contribute to post-conviction relief efforts on behalf of incarcerated women, engage in prison and reentry lawyering for incarcerated and recently released women's biopsychosocial health, and participate in related legislative advocacy and education.
- In the [Protest and Civil Disobedience Defense Practicum](#), students participate in the representation of defendants arrested in connection with protest and civil disobedience activities.
- [The Low-Income Taxpayer Practicum](#) provides complex and simple tax return preparation to farmworkers and other low-income clients.



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**Southwestern Law School** held its Third Annual Closing the Justice Gap for California's Youth Conference on October 18, 2018. The conference addressed issues that affect young people and the ways lawyers and non-lawyer advocates can help to close the justice gap. The keynote speaker, The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr., opened the conference with a powerful message about housing rights issues in the Los Angeles community. The panelists discussed how they have utilized the court system and other alternative means (alternative dispute resolution, policy reform, community activism, etc.) to help advance the basic human rights of children.



On October 26-28, 2018, nine Southwestern students and three Southwestern faculty/staff went to Tijuana for a Justice trip. The Southwestern contingent traveled alongside a group from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. Together, they assisted the organization Al Otro Lado in conducting 56 intakes and consultations. Through their work, they were able to screen individuals and assist them in preparing for their credible fear interviews when they present themselves at the border. Al Otro Lado was so appreciative of the work that our students did and are hoping to coordinate more trips in the future!



**Georgetown Law** launched its new [Health Justice Alliance Legal Clinic](#) as a stand-alone law clinic in 2018. As part of the clinic, students are integrated directly into Georgetown University healthcare clinics to help low-income families in Washington, D.C. address legal barriers that negatively impact their health and well-being. Professor Yael Cannon – who leads the students in providing direct legal representation in a variety of areas including education, housing, family law, and public benefits – also serves as the Co-Director of the broader [Health Justice Alliance](#), which combines service to the community, inter-professional education, policy advocacy, and research as part of the larger medical-legal partnership movement nationwide.

Additionally, Professor Alvaro Bedoya is the new Director of Georgetown's [Federal Legislation Clinic](#). An expert on digital privacy and surveillance – with a focus on their impact on immigrants and people of color – he also serves as the Founding Director of Georgetown's Center on Privacy & Technology. An especially exciting addition to the clinic under his leadership is the incorporation of a joint course with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where students partner with MIT engineering students to develop policy solutions to pressing challenges and pitch those ideas to leaders in the field. Previously a practicum at Georgetown, the initiative has been covered by the [Washington Post](#) and [WIRED](#).

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The **SMU Dedman School of Law Child Advocacy Clinic** is expanding its reach and impact to serve foster children who have aged out of care and who often are some of the most vulnerable youth in society. This fall, student attorneys launched a Podcast, “Aged Out: The Stories that Built Us™.” In each podcast episode, a former foster youth who “aged out” of the system is interviewed by a student attorney through open-ended questions allowing the youth to tell her story in whatever detail she wishes and ultimately express her own “call to action” for those who want to help youth in the child welfare system. In the students’ own words, “Our podcast mission is to empower our speakers to tell us their stories, educate our listeners, and make steps to improve the foster care system.” The podcast is live on iTunes and Spotify (search “Aged Out Project”).



To further serve these youth, SMU and the Child Advocacy Clinic applied for and received a grant from the Rees-Jones Foundation to hire a Law Fellow who, among other things, will research the most pressing legal issues for aged-out youth, grow relationships with the organizations who serve them, and create and administer “Know Your Rights” Sessions for these youth. Jiacheng Yu is the Law Fellow who will pursue this critical work. Jiacheng is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and Yale Law School, who spent the past three years as a trial attorney at the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Springfield, MA. With Jiacheng’s work and dedication to this population, SMU hopes to educate former foster kids to better enable them to make a successful transition to a productive adulthood, fully utilizing the rights and benefits to which they are entitled, and to avoid the legal problems that often can have a disproportionate impact on them.

Professor Nicholas Schroeck joined the faculty of the **University of Detroit Mercy School of Law** this July as the new director of clinical programs and associate professor of law. Prior to joining the faculty, he directed the Transnational Environmental Law Clinic and taught Environmental Law at Wayne State University Law School.



In 2018 Detroit Mercy Law partnered with the United States District Court for Eastern Michigan to create a **Pro Se Legal Assistance Clinic**. The Pro Se Clinic provides legal advice to low-income citizens who seek to represent themselves in federal civil lawsuits. The program is aimed at helping those who have legitimate claims but who cannot afford to hire a lawyer.

In partnership with the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center, Detroit Mercy Law will launch an **Environmental Law Clinic** in January 2019. The primary focus areas of the clinic will be Great Lakes water quality and quantity issues, with a particular emphasis on international agreements between the United States and Canada; environmental justice matters in Detroit, southeast Michigan, Windsor, Ontario and with Tribes and First Nations; transit issues; and historic preservation. The Environmental Law Clinic will be the eleventh clinic in the school’s program. The other clinics on Detroit Mercy Law’s roster are now Immigration Law, Criminal Trial, Veterans Law, Juvenile Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Patent Law, Housing Law, Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance, Trademark and Entrepreneur, and Family Law.



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The **Florida State University College of Law Public Interest Law Center** (PILC) is excited to report that it has increased its clinic and project offerings!

We launched the **Veterans Legal Clinic** in January 2018 to provide free legal services to veterans on a variety of cases, including driver's license reinstatements, family law cases, expunging criminal records, clemency applications and landlord/tenant cases. Clinical Professor Jennifer Parker LaVia directs this Clinic.

The **Immigration Law Project**, which launched this fall, is team-taught with FSU Visiting Clinical Professor Darby Kerrigan Scott and Professor Teresa Drake of UF Levin College of Law. The project focuses on eliminating economic barriers for immigrants and farmworkers and includes direct representation of immigrant survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence and other crimes; and policy advocacy and community outreach on issues impacting immigrants and farmworkers in the North Florida area. The Florida Bar Foundation supports this project.

Our newest clinic, the **Gender and Family Justice Clinic**, focuses on the intersection between mass incarceration, gender, and families. In January 2019, students will represent adults who are incarcerated and formerly incarcerated on family law matters—including child custody and visitation, child support, divorce, and injunctions for protection—and develop family law workshops to teach in nearby jails and prisons. Visiting Clinical Professor Carla Laroche directs this Clinic.



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### News from Harvard Law School:

The **Center for Health Law & Policy Innovation**, along with the Transgender Law Center, ACLU and Lambda, has launched a national advocacy and litigation initiative in response to the impending repeal of regulatory protections recognizing gender identity as a protected class for civil rights purposes. The **Crimmigration Clinic** and the Immigrant Defense Project (IDP) **issued** two resources for advocates and attorneys defending the rights of immigrants fighting deportation to countries where their life and freedoms are at serious risk. The **Democracy and the Rule of Law Clinic** filed a **lawsuit** on behalf of five Georgia voters seeking to block then gubernatorial candidate Brian Kemp from having any involvement in the final election proceedings. The **Emmett Environmental Law & Policy Clinic** **filed amicus briefs** in two cases challenging former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's directive to exclude scientists who hold EPA research grants from serving on the agency's science advisory committees. Student borrowers represented by the **Project on Predatory Student Lending** have emerged victorious in recent rulings **striking down** a number of illegal policies the Department of Education has enacted. **Immigration and Refugee Clinic** instructors and students **helped** represent fathers and sons detained and separated at the U.S.-Mexico border in immigration proceedings. The **Veterans Law and Disability Benefits Clinic**, along with OUTVETS and Veterans Legal Services, released a **report** of recommendations on how to break down the challenges of discriminatory policies LGBTQ Veterans face as they pursue access to essential services. The **International Human Rights Clinic** represents the family members of those victim to extrajudicial killings in Bolivia in 2003. In a landmark ruling earlier this year, a jury awarded the family members \$10 million in damages. The verdict was overturned by a federal judge and is currently being appealed.

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**Boston College Law School** has embarked on a full plate of special events to herald the founding of its first legal clinic in 1968. Here are three of the highlights:

Anniversary Celebration: On Friday, November 2, BCLS alumni helped us celebrate the 50th anniversary of Clinical Education. Throughout, the mission of our clinics has remained true: providing access to justice to those otherwise unable to obtain legal help and training law students to be expert at their craft. The day included a tribute to the Founders of the original clinic, our own version of "Moth" stories by clinic alumni, and a final presentation by current clinic members.

International Access to Justice Forum: On November 15, BCLS clinics co-sponsored panel discussions on access to justice in the U.S. and Brazil. Currently, Brazil provides government-funded representation in certain civil matters. This approach has benefits, but also costs, as the number of lawsuits pending in Brazil has grown to nearly one for every two people. Four Brazilian judges, including Judge Kazuo Watanabe, a distinguished senior jurist responsible for drafting various rules regarding civil procedure and class actions, joined panels debating mechanisms for enhancing access world-wide.

Spring Conference on "Lawyering at the Boundaries": On March 15, 2019, we will host an interdisciplinary conference focused on navigating the boundaries that have been embraced by substantive law. Both theory and lived experience tell us that these boundaries are both dynamic and often applied where the subject of the law does not match the more rigid legal boundaries. The conference, which will explore those systems at the individual, group, institutional and societal levels, will examine the multiple ways in which lawyers understand, navigate, and manage the boundaries inherent in these systems.

In the Fall 2018 semester, the **University of Houston Law Center** re-launched [Criminal Defense Clinic](#) under the direction of Adjunct Professor Erik Locascio. Students in the Criminal Defense Clinic primarily work on misdemeanor cases as they are exposed to a wide range of cases such as assaults, thefts, driving while intoxicated and drug possession.

On September 28, 2018, the **Immigration Clinic** sponsored an Asylum Advocacy CLE where clinic attorneys along with local attorneys led a discussion and gave information about how attorneys can effect changes to Immigration laws through appeals, how media can be used to effect change, and the ins and outs of Federal District Court. In addition, on December 17, 2018, the Immigration Clinic attorneys have organized another CLE titled: "Joseph A. Vail Asylum Law Workshop" covering appellate advocacy for asylum seekers.

In early summer 2018, the Clinic Program was awarded a grant of \$205,000 from the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund managed by the Greater Houston Community Foundation for a program to give consumer law legal assistance to community members affected by Hurricane Harvey. The Hurricane Consumer Assistance Project is headed by Professor of Practice, Ryan Marquez.

During the summer of 2018, the Immigration Clinic faculty and students along with faculty and students from the UH Graduate School of Social work traveled to the Karnes Detention facility in Karnes City, Texas to interview and provide legal assistance to the immigrants who were detained at that facility.

In the spring of 2018, UHLC welcomed Rosemary Vega as a Clinical Lecturer in our Immigration Clinic. The Immigration Clinic handles a variety of cases including Asylum, DACA, VAWA, U Visas, T Visas, and Federal Appeals.

In the Fall 2018 semester, the **Civil Practice Clinic** students collaborated with Lonestar Legal Aid in Houston, to assist local community members by drafting their wills and other estate planning documents and then participating in a will execution workshop to get their documents executed.

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**Penn State Law’s Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic** won several disability and back pay awards for veterans this year. Its most substantial victory was a 100-percent VA disability rating with back pay for 23 years totaling nearly \$700,000, for a veteran who “volunteered” for chemical warfare testing. From 1965 to 1975, at Edgewood Arsenal facility in Aberdeen, MD, the government exposed young soldiers to toxins to test the short-term effects without regard to the long-term health consequences. The veteran was 24 years old when he was injected with the nerve agent, VX. Just a few drops of VX rubbed on the face of a North Korean in an airport incident in 2017 was fatal.

The clinic helped veterans from seven different PA counties, including one Korean Conflict veteran who won \$40,000 in back pay and a 40 percent disability award for his stomach cancer, and two Vietnam veterans who won 100% disability and back pay awards for acute myeloid leukemia. It also helped a NJ Vietnam veteran to win a combined 60% disability rating for multiple conditions, providing over \$1,000 in monthly benefits.

Two students also made amici oral arguments—one for the prosecution and one for the defense—before the U.S. Air Force Criminal Court of Appeals last spring. Two teams from the clinic wrote amici briefs. The chief judge of the Court gave each student an Air Force medallion coin to recognize their hard work and dedication to the appeal.



Leah Davis, Veteran Dr. Ron Mehok, Jordan Leonard

After more than eleven years, Tirien Steinbach will be stepping down from her role as executive director of the **East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC)** at the beginning of 2019. She will join the EBCLC Board of Directors as a member once her tenure as ED concludes. EBCLC comprises a unique hybrid model: it is the largest direct legal services provider in Alameda County, and it simultaneously houses the largest clinical education program at **UC Berkeley School of Law**. Steinbach took the helm as Executive Director in 2007 after serving as a staff attorney and then as Director of Clinics and Programs for six years. It has been under her ambitious direction that EBCLC has become one of the most highly regarded community law clinics in the nation. In 2011, Steinbach incubated EBCLC’s Clean Slate Clinic, and since then has guided the revitalization and growth of EBCLC’s Community Economic Justice Clinic, Consumer Justice Clinic, Education Advocacy Clinic, Immigration Clinic, and the Youth Defender Clinic. During Steinbach’s tenure, EBCLC’s annual budget has grown from \$2 million to more than \$8 million and the number of staff has grown to 70, including 36 clinical supervising attorneys. Today, EBCLC’s social justice clinical education program trains over 150 law students annually to become skilled and principled advocates. Steinbach will join ACLU of Northern California as Chief Program Officer in 2019.





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During its 70th anniversary year, the **University of Tennessee Law School's** Legal Clinic developed the Mobile UT Legal Clinic to serve a greater number of low-income residents in East Tennessee, especially in rural communities outside of Knoxville. As an example of our mobile clinic in action, we hosted a Saturday community court docket in a Baptist Church in Madisonville, Tennessee where judges heard cases for dozens of clients to waive burdensome court costs and expunge criminal charges. Led by UT Clinic Director Joy Radice, this new model is a clinic and pro bono hybrid that includes first-year students. Three mobile legal clinics, two serving rural areas, have assisted over 400 clients to date.



*UT Legal Clinic professors, students, alums, and TN Supreme Court Justice Sharon Lee for Monroe County's Mobile Expungement Clinic*

Most recently, the mobile UT Legal Clinic model has enabled us to respond to local emergencies. In the largest ICE workplace raid in a decade, over 80 people in rural East Tennessee were detained and transported to Louisiana for deportation proceedings. Professors Wendy Bach and Eric Amarante supervised student attorneys to help families prepare powers of attorney for the temporary care of their children.

This fall, our **Business Law and Trademark Clinic** served as a teaching model for a professor from China who's striving to develop a similar clinical operation at Renmin University. Jiang Dong, an associate professor at Renmin University of China Law School, worked with Professor Brian Krumm to learn how to establish a transactional clinic by attending Krumm's classes and talking with students about their clinical education. Dong will be returning to Beijing with sample course materials and simulations from UT that his students can use as practice models.

**Washington University School of Law** has launched a new **Immigration Clinic** that will help students learn how to handle immigration matters while also providing free legal assistance to low-income clients. In just its first three months of operation, the Immigration Clinic has successfully represented 24 non-citizens in developing applications for asylum, lawful permanent residence, waivers, and humanitarian visas. Through the work of clinic students, three clients have already received essential interim benefits that enable them to seek employment while their cases are winding their way through the severely backlogged system.

The growing national dialogue and calls to action on democratic reform presented great opportunities for a clinic. This fall, **Fordham** added a new clinic, **Democracy and the Constitution**, to its roster of in house clinics. The Democracy Clinic was co-taught by former Fordham Dean, John Feerick, who contributed to the writing of the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment, and John Rogan, a former student of the Federal Litigation Clinic. Focus centered around reforms such as protecting the Department of Justice from improper political interference, improving the Electoral College system, and creating disclosure requirements for presidential candidates. In the Spring, the clinic will continue working on these and other related issues with more public facing work such as public programs and filmed interviews.

The one-year old **Entrepreneurial Law Clinic** (ELC) at Fordham Law accomplished a first under the guidance of Bernice Grant, Senior Director of the Program. Clinic students produced 16 podcasts on different topics of Entrepreneurial Law this fall. They did everything from recording to interviewing guest speakers to post production. Listen at [startupLAWnchpad.org](http://startupLAWnchpad.org). The ELC provides a variety of quasi legal/business services and representation primarily to small entrepreneurs with a public interest component to their mission. Season 2 of the podcasts will begin in January.



## News from CLEA

The [Members of the Clinical Legal Education Association \(CLEA\) Board of Directors](#) cordially invite you to **CLEA's bi-annual board and membership meeting and/or post-meeting dinner at the 2019 AALS Annual Conference in New Orleans.**

CLEA's board and membership meetings are open to members and others interested in learning more about [CLEA's advocacy](#) and other work. Attending this meeting is a great way to meet up with CLEA Board Members and other clinicians attending the AALS Conference, as well as to find out how to get involved with CLEA. The post-meeting dinner is open to anyone interested in a social gathering of CLEA members and other clinicians from across the U.S. All are welcome to attend either or both the meeting/dinner.

The board and membership meeting will take place on Thursday January 3, 2019 from 5:00-6:30pm CT in the ACLU of Louisiana Conference room at Orleans Tower, 1340 Poydras Street, 21st Floor Conference Room, New Orleans, LA 70112.

The post-meeting dinner will take place at 7pm at [Domenica](#) Restaurant, 123 Baronne Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. Dinner attendees are required to RSVP and to pay for their own dinner and drinks. Please RSVP for the meeting and/or the dinner using this Google Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/LKviFjSdRLoZ5a2J2>

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Members of the Clinical Legal Education Association's Best Practices Committee would also like to invite you to participate in their [Teaching Justice Webinar Series](#). The series aims to highlight new experiential approaches to teaching justice in the classroom. Each session will draw on the wisdom of the current resistance movement and examine its intersections with criminal justice, immigration policy, racial justice, and economic justice, among other issues. This series will explore the theory behind experiential faculty's decision-making processes during a politically fraught era, asking the question, "How do we show up as lawyers and teachers?" Presenters also hope to develop a shared vocabulary and a deeper understanding of what it means to be a lawyer, whether we consider ourselves movement lawyers, rebellious lawyers, or transformative lawyers.

This spring, we'll hear from Deborah Archer, Associate Professor of Clinical Law and Director of the Civil Rights Clinic at NYU School of Law. Deborah will present on "Teaching Racial Justice" on March 19, 2019 at 2pm ET. Later in the spring, Eve Hanan, Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Juvenile Justice Clinic at UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, will present on Teaching Juvenile Justice. You can learn more details as well as access recordings of the webinars that already took place this fall on [the CLEA Website](#).



# Honors, Accolades and Victories

The **Northern Illinois University College of Law's Civil Justice Clinic** was honored by the Illinois State Bar Association with its 2018 *Excellence in Legal Education Award*. Established by the ISBA's Committee on Legal Education, Admissions and Competence, this annual award recognizes a law school program that serves as an example of excellence in the practice of law; demonstrates records of exceptional advocacy, leadership and dedication; and significantly advances the cause of access to quality legal representation.

"It is a tremendous honor for the NIU Law Civil Justice Clinic to be recognized by the Illinois State Bar Association with the *Excellence in Legal Education Award*," said Clinical Associate Professor Wendy Vaughn, who has taught the Clinic since its creation in 2012. Under Professor Vaughn's direction, students in the Civil Justice Clinic provide holistic legal services to clients by drafting estate-planning documents and counseling elderly adults, as well as by litigating order of protection cases for survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. In addition to providing representation to individual clients, the Clinic collaborates closely with community agencies and advocates for systemic changes that increase access to justice, supportive services, and critical resources for its clients.

The **University of Baltimore School of Law's Civil Advocacy Clinic** was honored with a 10 Year Volunteer Award from the Maryland Volunteer Lawyer's Service for the Clinic's steadfast support in expanding services to vulnerable Marylanders. **The Juvenile Justice Project** was honored with the Herbert Garten Special Project Award in May, 2018 for its work in establishing the Maryland Juvenile Lifers Parole Representation Project. In October, 2018, JJP were co-recipients (with the Juvenile Law Center) of the Alan J. Davis Award for exemplary legal representation in a matter involving the public good. For more information see: <https://ublawaccolades.wordpress.com/2018/10/02/juvenile-sentencing-reform-project-receives-award/>

The Texas Access to Justice Commission awarded the **SMU Dedman School of Law** the 2018 ATJ Law School Commitment to Service Award. This award recognizes the law school that has most distinguished itself by actively educating its students about access to justice issues. It was granted to SMU in part to honor the work of the clinic program, faculty and students.

*Congratulations*

# Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

**The AALS Annual Meeting** will be held from January 2-6, 2019 in New Orleans. The Clinical Section's program, co-sponsored by Law, Medicine and Healthcare, is entitled "Breaking out of Silos: Bridging Disciplines to Create the Next Generation of Collaborators for Justice." It will be held on Friday, January 4, 2019 at 10:30. The Clinical Section Luncheon will follow. Additional information about the conference is available here: <https://am.aals.org>.

**The AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education** is scheduled for May 4-7, 2019 in San Francisco. The theme of this year's conference is *Teaching the Next Generation of Lawyer Leaders in a Time of Polarization*. The Clinical & Experiential Law Program Directors Workshop will be held prior to the main conference on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, 2019.

The **Center on Applied Feminism** at the **University of Baltimore School of Law** welcomes clinicians to join us for the Eleventh Feminist Theory Conference on April 11-12, 2019. This year's theme is #MeToo, and we will be joined by academics, practitioners, and activists from across the country to consider the #MeToo social movement, and its impact and limitations nationally and internationally. The conference will also explore and offer reforms regarding critical issues such as credibility discounting, survivor trauma, anger, contrition, restorative approaches for accountability, and the lack of visibility for all persons subjected to gender-based harassment and assault, such as those who are of color, immigrant, young, involved in the criminal justice system, and male or a gender minority. More information is here: <http://law.ubalt.edu/centers/caf/conference/EleventhFeministLegalTheoryConf.cfm>



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