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Message from the Chair

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I hope this finds you all well and nearing the end of another successful semester. The Section has been busy and I'm happy to have this space to tell you about our work and our plans for the coming year and beyond.

Highlights of the Section's Activities

As you all are probably aware, the ongoing uncertainty over the interpretation of ABA regulation 405(c) makes these heady times for the clinical community. While AALS regulations limit the Section's ability to advocate around this and other issues, we are hard at work to help broaden and coalesce the clinical community while giving strong voice to the value of clinicians in the legal academy.

It is in this context that I'd like to bring you up to date on two important Section initiatives. First, the Section's Taskforce on Clinical Legal Education is hard at work. Created in response to the success of, and interest in the Section's 2005 Town hall meeting, one of the Taskforce's charges is to assess various models of clinical appointments. In doing so, the Taskforce is considering, among other things, aspects of academic freedom, governance, tenure and other forms of job security, the role of scholarship, and the ABA's accreditation standards and interpretations. The Taskforce is also examining how various models of employment relate to the quality of teaching and scholarship, and how they may advance and improve legal education.

Under the leadership of Bryan Adamson (Seattle) and Calvin Pang (Hawaii), the Taskforce has been closely examining the roots and genesis of clinicians in the academy and the various permutations of clinical appointments that have developed. Supported with funding from their respective schools, the Taskforce met in Las Vegas in February. With gracious hosting from UNLV Boyd School of Law facilitated by Taskforce member Kate Kruse, the Taskforce made substantial progress on its interim report on clinicians in the academy. Scheduled to be circulated over the listserve on April 25rd, the report addresses many of the issues currently facing the clinical community. Its content and what it portends for the Taskforce's final report and recommendations will be the focus of the Taskforce's third **Townhall meeting at noon on Sunday May 6th** at the annual conference in New Orleans. Please join us-your continued input is what puts our community's voice in the Taskforce's work.

New this year is the Section’s multi-year initiative to both better serve you and reach out to clinicians who, through no fault of their own, lie out at the margins of the profession. Inclusion of their voices and often unique perspectives is critical to our coalescence, strength and vitality as a community. To help us in this quest we have formed the new ad hoc Membership and Outreach Committee. The Committee is co-chaired by Amy Applegate (Indiana) and Hans Sinha (Mississippi). Its members include Cynthia Batt (Temple), Bridget Carr (Ave Maria soon to Notre Dame), and Marisa Cianciarulo (Chapman). The Committee will begin its work by developing and implementing new outreach strategies to bring more clinicians into the Section, the community and, ultimately, the clinical movement. With input from the community, the Committee will also develop an easy to use set of desktop reference materials for clinicians that will come with Section membership. If you have suggestions or input on either of these issues, or suggestions on how the Section could better serve its members, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Committee members or any member of the Section’s Executive Committee.



Amy Applegate



Hans Sinha

In January, the Section’s Executive Committee reaffirmed and expanded its commitment to funding regional conferences. Over the last several years the Section has provided support for many very successful regional conferences across the country. These conferences have provided great, low-cost opportunities for clinicians who cannot attend the annual May conference to meet and exchange ideas with clinicians outside of their immediate area. To further foster these exchanges, the Executive Committee voted to increase the support it would provide to up to \$1,500 per conference. And Section Treasurer Beth Belmont is hard at work developing guidelines that will clarify and streamline the funding process. If you’re considering hosting a regional conference, please contact the

Regional Conference Committee co-Chairs Christine Cimini (ccimini@law.du.edu) and Karen Tokarz (tokarz@wulaw.wustl.edu).



Brad Colbert

Also in the name of outreach and community, the Section is about to launch an interactive on-line database as part of the *Gateway to Clinical Legal Education* (http://cgi2.www.law.umich.edu/_GCLE/index.asp). Among other things, the searchable database will contain various accreditation and standards materials, and materials addressing topics including interdisciplinary clinical education, integration of clinical education into the traditional curriculum, status and tenure, international clinical legal education, and political interference with the work of clinicians. It will also be a source for materials from various clinical oriented conferences. Clinicians

everywhere will be able to search documents in, and post documents to the database. Keep an eye on the clinical list serve for the official launch of the database coming soon and special thanks to Brad Colbert (William Mitchell) and Deborah Epstein (Georgetown) who have agreed to moderate the postings for this exciting new on-line project.



Deborah Epstein

Conferences

Elizabeth Cooper (Fordham), the conference planning committee, and the AALS staff have put together an exciting program for upcoming May conference in New Orleans. The conference will be a participatory one focused on challenging our assumptions about the world, how and what we teach, and our expectations for the future of clinical legal education. Events just before the conference include the Director’s



Workshop (May 2nd and 3rd), CLEA's New Clinicians Conference, also on May 2nd and 3rd at nearby Tulane University, and the Solidarity Bus Tour of New Orleans, from 1-5 pm on May 3rd.

Planning is underway for a Section sponsored program at the 2008 AALS Annual Meeting in New York City. Peter Knapp (William Mitchell) is chairing the committee overseeing development of the program. Focused on the art of listening, this somewhat unusual and interactive program is tentatively scheduled for Saturday afternoon, January 5, 2008, immediately following the

Elizabeth Cooper
will focus on the practice of law.

Section's lunch. The Section is also exploring co-sponsoring the Section on Women and Legal Education's program which will focus on the disparate treatment of women in the legal academy and the practice of law.

Finally, I want to extend my thanks to the members of the Section's Executive Committee who have shown great energy and enthusiasm in their work. I also want to thank Kim O'Leary and Cooley Law School. This newsletter would be near impossible without her hard work and Cooley's support.



Peter Knapp

Best wishes and safe travels - I look forward to seeing you all in New Orleans!

David Santacrocce
University of Michigan



Committee Reports

ADR COMMITTEE



"The ADR Committee of the Clinical Section will have a breakfast meeting during the clinical workshop on Saturday morning, May 5th, at 7:30 in the Hilton restaurant. Beryl Blaustone and Carol Izumi, co-chairs, would like interested colleagues to do the following:

1. Let us know if you intend to come to the committee meeting so we can make a reservation for the appropriate number. Please RSVP to one of us by Thursday, April 26th. Our email addresses are: blautone@mail.law.cuny.edu and carol@law.gwu.edu.
2. Give us suggestions on what agenda topics you'd like to discuss by April 26th as well. By the time of our meeting, the ABA Section on Dispute Resolution will have held its annual conference April 25-28 here in DC.

Let's hear from folks who attended the ABA conference (as well as ADR and other related conferences) about ways the committee might work in collaboration with the Section or on certain Section projects."

Bellow Scholars—Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest

On behalf of the AALS Section's Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest, I am pleased to announce this year's Bellow Scholars. In the Committee's estimation, the proposals below embody the ideals of justice and transformation exhibited by Gary throughout his extraordinary career. They are:

Alan Lerner and colleagues (University of Pennsylvania): "Identifying The Red Flags of Child Neglect To Facilitate Evidence-Based Focused Responses."

Brenda Bratton Blom, Michael Millemann and colleagues (University of Maryland): "The Community Justice Initiative, Community Prosecution Project."

Joseph Tulman (University of the District of Columbia School of Law): "Using Disability Rights To Diminish Incarceration."

These projects will be presented at the Clinical Workshop in New Orleans on Saturday, May 5, 2007, from 3:45-5:00 pm in a room to be announced. We welcome the engagement of all clinicians with an interest in learning more about both the substance and methods of these projects.

The Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest:

- Sameer Ashar (CUNY)
- Juliet Brody (Stanford)
- Jeanne Charn (Harvard)
- Dean Hill Rivkin (Tennessee) (chair)
- Jeff Selbin (Berkeley)

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Feature Articles

Website Announcement

A webpage for the National Archive of Clinical Legal Education is now available. The Archive, housed in the Judge Kathryn J. DuFour Law Library at Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America, seeks to collect and preserve the history of clinical legal education in the United States.

With this launch, persons interested in the history and development of clinical legal education will have a dynamic new tool for research. Presently the website contains abstracts of sixteen of the more than seventy oral history interviews in the collection as well as copies of all published Newsletters of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education Newsletters and Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA). Visitors to the website also may view a timeline noting the major events in the history of clinical legal education and see a bibliography of printed histories of a number of clinical programs. Over the coming months more content will be added.

News from Brooklyn Law School

This was a busy and productive year for clinics at BLS – and for our clinical faculty who spent sabbaticals working on very interesting projects. Ursula Bentele spent an exciting sabbatical semester in South Africa interviewing present and former judges of the Constitutional Court about their use of international law in domestic cases. Stacy Caplow was a Fulbright Scholar at University College Cork, Ireland, and worked with faculty there on developing their clinical offerings at the undergraduate level.



Students in The Safe Harbor Project, co-taught by Dan Smulian and Stacy Caplow, secured asylum for many deserving clients from countries as diverse as

You are invited to visit the website located at <http://lib.law.cua.edu/nacle/> and to provide feedback on the site. Suggestions for the Timeline and more submissions for the Clinic Histories page are especially sought. All comments are welcome, however.



Comments and materials should be sent to Professor Sandy Ogilvy, Director, National Archive of Clinical Legal Education, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America, 3600 John McCormack Rd., NE, Washington, DC. Or email Sandy at ogilvy@law.cua.edu.

Bhutan, China, Venezuela, Guinea, Chad and Cote-d'Ivoire involving claims of persecution on account of political opinion, religion and sexual orientation, among others.

The Securities Arbitration Clinic represented a Spanish-speaking couple living in a one-room apartment in the Bronx who had been pressured by a broker to invest the funds they had received in a settlement of a personal injury case. The broker made inappropriate, high risk investments as a result of which the couple lost all of their money. The case was set for a 4-day arbitration during spring break (a sleazy strategy deliberately used by opposing counsel). Right before the arbitration was to begin respondents agreed to mediate the claims. The 10.5 hour mediation resulted in a substantial (and confidential) settlement. This happy outcome was the product of a year's worth of work by the students under the supervision of Karen van Ingen.

The major revisions to the bankruptcy laws affected the Consumer Credit and Bankruptcy Clinic taught by Mary Jo Eyster. Students filed cases on behalf of 25 clients and appeared at hearing at Bankruptcy Courts in New York. The excellent work of the clinic was recognized by an award from the Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project.

For many years, students in the Prosecutors Clinic taught by Lisa Smith have handled domestic violence cases. This year, the clinic teamed with the innovative Family Justice Center that opened in Brooklyn in 2005. The Center, located one block from the law school, assists domestic violence victims on a full range of cognate issues including matrimonial, immigration, housing, and custody matters, in addition to possible criminal cases. Students split the year working on the prosecution side and the civil side. This combination generated a lot of coordinated assistance as well as surfaced fascinating ethical issues.

Minna Kotkin's Employment Law Clinic successfully represented more than a dozen claimants at NYS Unemployment hearings and handled several mediations on employment discrimination matters in the EDNY.

The Community Development Clinic, directed by David Reiss, handled worked on a wide range of

projects. Their clients included the Brooklyn Center for the Arts (advice about the structuring of a not-for-profit arts consortium. The team worked with the client to prepare alternatives for structuring a multi-tenant arts center so that several organizations could leverage their resources to secure much-needed real estate for their office and performance space. These options included forming a condominium; creating an umbrella not-for-profit; and relying on a lead not-for-profit to take on the role of landlord for smaller, under capitalized not-for-profits), the Church for All People (assisting a group that had been bilked by another organization out of \$2,000 in its formation under the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York), and the Crown Heights Network (advising this coalition of six churches that have worked together to form a "Greenmarket" program to draft an agreement describing the duties, liabilities and governance procedures for the members of the Network). David's article "Subprime Standardization: How Rating Agencies Allow Predatory Lending to Flourish in the Secondary Mortgage Market", published in *Florida State University Law Review* was named the best article of 2006 on a topic dealing with consumer financial services law by the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers.

Rutgers U. School of Law Environmental Law Clinic



With the Administration's support of nuclear power, and its willingness to push through review of nuclear plant re-licenses with minimal oversight, citizens are calling on the courts to ensure adequate public protections and review. The Ninth Circuit issued a ruling last year on safety issues and Nuclear Regulatory

Commission review procedures, and the Second and Third Circuits are now getting involved.

The Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic, on behalf of the Sierra Club and New Jersey Environmental Federation, has appealed from the denial of a rulemaking petition by the NRC in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The denied petition asked NRC to reconsider its extremely restrictive rules on the re-licensing of nuclear plants, which currently discount the risk of terrorist attacks, fail to thoroughly test evacuation plans, and preclude meaningful public participation. Because a related appeal was also filed by Westchester County in another court, the case is currently being transferred to the Second Circuit for consolidation.

Columbia Law School Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Case

In June 1999, Jessica Gonzales' estranged husband abducted her three daughters, in violation of a domestic violence restraining order. Ms. Gonzales called and met with the police repeatedly to report the abduction and restraining order violation. Unfortunately, her calls went unheeded. Ten hours after her first call to the police, Ms. Gonzales' estranged husband arrived at the police station and opened fire. The police immediately shot and killed Mr. Gonzales, and then discovered the bodies of the Gonzales children - Leslie, 7, Katheryn, 8, and Rebecca, 10 - in the back of his pickup truck. Ms. Gonzales filed a lawsuit against the police, but in June 2005, the Supreme Court found that she had no constitutional right to police enforcement of her restraining order. In December 2005, Ms. Gonzales filed a petition with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, alleging that the police's actions and the Supreme Court's decision violated her human rights. This was the first individual complaint brought by a victim of domestic violence against the United States for human rights violations.

On March 2, 2007, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights heard the case of Jessica Gonzales v. United States. Jessica Lenahan (formerly Gonzales) provided testimony. This was the first time that she was afforded an opportunity to tell her story to a tribunal. Ms. Lenahan is represented by the Columbia Law School Human Rights Clinic and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Human Rights Program (HRP) and Women's Rights Project (WRP). The Commission is expected to issue a decision before the year's end.

For more information on the Gonzales case, please contact Carrie Bettinger-Lopez, Human Rights Institute Fellow & Human Rights Clinic Supervising Attorney, at cbetti1@law.columbia.edu or 212-854-8364.

To view or listen to the hearing, download the video or audio web cast at: http://www.oas.org/OASpage/videosondemand/home_eng/videos_query.asp?sCodigo=07-0041 (video) or <http://www.cidh.org/Audiencias/Audios%20hearings%20127%20PS.htm> (audio, 4th entry under March 2).

Jessica Lenahan's statement (which she read at the hearing) can be found at http://www.law.columbia.edu/null/Jessica+Statement+-+IACHR+hrg_exclusive=filemgr.download&file_id=1391&showthumb=0.

More information on the Gonzales case (including the Petition submitted to the Inter-American Commission and additional briefing and exhibits) can be found at <http://www.law.columbia.edu/focusareas/clinics/humanrights#97614> or <http://www.aclu.org/womensrights/violence/gonzalesvusa.html>. (Via Caroline Bettinger-López, Human Rights Fellow & Attorney, Columbia Law School Human Rights Clinic)

Hofstra Law School's Family Law Program

Hofstra Law School's LL.M. in Family Law Program is designed to incorporate substantial clinical and externship work into a Master's Degree program. It is committed to developing skilled and compassionate family lawyers who have a thorough grounding in the issues central to the field child custody, abuse, neglect, divorce, family violence, and support as well as knowledge in related areas such as financial planning, child psychology, and treatment options. For further information, contact Prof. J. Herbie DiFonzo, lawjhd@hofstra.edu, or the web site at <http://law.hofstra.edu/LLMAdmissions/>



Law clinic TV Project-Ian Weinstein

www.lawclinic.tv is a project that began last spring, after I met Andy Plesser, who started www.beet.tv and is a real visionary. Andy and I were talking about getting the word out about our clinic and he introduced me to the idea of a videoblog or vlog. I thought it would be a great way to capture the immediacy and power of clinical teaching and learning as it offered a way to capture the experience of experiential learning, a way of showing what we do, in addition to describing it.



Andy, and his firm Plesser Holland, provided tremendous technical and creative support for this project. He helped us move away from the earlier, more static videos to more highly edited and interesting clips. I particularly recommend the postings on Colors Restaurant and the posts from the later part of the fall 2006 semester. I think we progressed from static talking heads to more compelling images.

In addition to the creative support, all the technical work was done off site, by Andy's firm. While I am sure this could all be done in house and could also be done by students, that is not how we did it. As you may note, I am writing in the past tense. I have stopped updating the site and we are now in the process of transitioning the site to incorporate it into the Fordham website as a static, largely fixed site.

My original conception for lawclinic.tv was to make it a place for clinicians from all over. I hoped that folks would contribute video and I invited participation from a few, but never really worked hard enough to get others involved. I also came to think that old people like me are just not all that comfortable being digitally captured, while our students are living in the YouTube world. As time went on, my conception for the audience shifted from clinicians and current students to prospective students.

As to the nuts and bolts - I would talk with Andy and Taryn Mickus, a very talented and wonderful member of Andy's staff, about who and what might make good video. We developed the topics together and they came to our office or other locations and

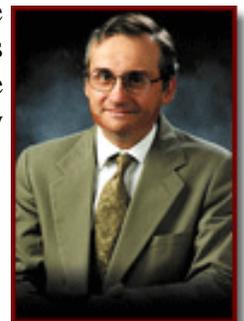
shot the video. The material would then be edited at Plesser Holland and I would review the edited clips and write the introductions. I would email the introductions to my pals at Plesser Holland and they would post the segments. They also did all the design work.

Most of what was shot was useful, but not everyone and everything makes good video. As things developed last fall, we tried to post twice a week. One story line we tried to develop was to follow four of our students as they moved through our criminal defense clinic. I hope some of our last clips capture a little of that end of semester reflection feeling.

I think vlogs are a great way to convey a rich, multifaceted experience like clinical legal education, although there are limitations. First and foremost, I decided early on that I would not post clips of clients or try to get cameras into the image phobic NY courts, so the most important, powerful and moving part of what we do in our criminal defense clinic was off limits. There are certainly ways to involve clients that are respectful and comply with all of our obligations, but I chose not to go that route. I can easily imagine a CED or policy vlog in which clients played a central role and in which the vlog was integral to the lawyering work, but that was not my focus.

Vlogging is also quite demanding of both time and resources. I am not always so good at sharing, but it is an ideal collaborative project, like so many of my favorite blogs Concurring Opinions, Blackprofs and Feminist Law Professors. My own favorite vlog, Sentencing Law and Policy, is largely the work of one person, Prof. Doug Berman, and I really do not know how he does it.

I hope to go back to vlogging at some point, but for now I am just too busy with too many other things. I think we have created some nice content that will help folks understand what we do a little better and I invite others to try this wonderful medium.



Washburn University School of Law Clinical Law Program Updates



Aliza Organick started the Tribal Court Practice Clinic (TCPC) section in 2004. TCPC has conducted outreach to three of the four resident Kansas tribes including the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Kickapoo Nation of Kansas and the Iowa Nation. Washburn

students have represented Native clients in tribal courts in a variety of cases including misdemeanor criminal, divorce, custody, and paternity cases.



This academic year, John Francis and the students in his criminal law practice section began to practice in the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal court as well.

One of the hallmarks of their clinic experiences this spring has been their preparation for the Potawatomi Nation's sec-

ond ever jury trial. Thanks to John's support and the support of the law school, this summer Aliza and TCPC will co-host the first ever *Indian Law Clinics and Externship Symposium: Pedagogy, Methodology and Curriculum Design* with Christine Zuni Cruz and the Southwest Indian Law Clinic at the University of New Mexico.



Janet Thompson Jackson started the Small Business and Transactional Clinic in August 2005. This clinic section provides a variety of free business law and transactional legal services to qualifying for-profit entities, community associations, and nonprofit organi-

zations. The mission of the Clinic is to give students hands-on experience representing these groups while also serving the community by offering free legal counsel. Washburn students provide their clients a number of services including counseling on choice of entity formation and start-up services to for-profit and nonprofit groups, drafting charter documents, bylaws, operating agreements, and partner-

ship/shareholder agreements, applying for tax-exempt status for nonprofit corporations. As of spring 2007, the Transactional Clinic has provided services to approximately 36 clients.

Last year, Lynette Petty, who has been a full time clinician at Washburn since 1992, developed a new and important program at Washburn designed to help graduating 3L's prepare for the rigors of studying for the bar exam. She currently grades dozens of essay exams while maintaining a full time clinical teaching load and continuing her role in determining accommodations for our students with disabilities.



Additionally, both Lynette Petty and Aliza Organick are on the Board of the Kansas Association of Council for Children (KACC). KACC is a non-profit organization that provides training (in the form of annual CLE programs) and support for attorneys, GAL's, and others who advocate for children in Kansas. This year's CLE, entitled *Immigration and Children: Searching for the Voice of the Child* was proud to have a fellow clinician, David Thronson, from the University of Las Vegas Nevada, provide the keynote address.

Finally, Sheila Reynolds, also a tenured Professor who has been teaching in Washburn's clinic program since 1979, will be leaving the clinic as she begins phased retirement. Not only has she mentored clinic students taking their first steps into the world of law practice, she has mentored every faculty member now in the clinic program. Her wisdom and experience have been constant and her role in the clinic will be missed. Sheila will continue to teach Professional Responsibility for the next three years.



CLEA Donations

Dear clinical community,

As has been our tradition, we will seek contributions at the upcoming clinical workshop to support our host community. In each of the last four years we raised thousands of dollars for much-needed services in Vancouver, San Diego, Chicago and New York. This year is especially meaningful as we head to New Orleans, a poignant symbol of the on-going struggle for social and economic justice which animates our movement.



The CLEA Per Diem Committee, with the assistance of Loyola's Bill Quigley, has selected Survivor's Village (<http://www.survivorsvillage.com/about.html>) as this year's recipient.

Survivor's Village (SV) was formed post-Katrina to advocate for the rights of public housing residents - under the U.N. Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement - to return to their homes, to participate fully in the planning and management of their return, to recover their possessions, and to be free from discrimination. SV also provides temporary housing, meeting space and amenities for

public housing residents who have been denied return to their homes. Note that the conference includes a "Solidarity Tour" on May 3rd to visit some of New Orleans' hardest hit neighborhoods and to witness first-hand the challenges facing Survivor's Village and other local organizing groups.

Please bring your checkbook to New Orleans. Donations - payable to "CLEA" with a notation in the memo that the check is for the Per Diem Project - will be accepted at the CLEA dues table throughout the workshop. Contributions are NOT restricted to people who attend the conference, and you can send your tax-deductible contribution by mail to CLEA Treasurer:



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Clinicians and law students from around the country have assisted New Orleans in many ways over the last 18 months. In this season of rebirth, let's send a collective message to help rebuild our host city for all of its residents.

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINIC

Saint Louis University Law School's Legal Clinic has been successful with suits against federal, state and local government in the last several months. A federal judge in Kansas City in February restored durable medical equipment such as catheters and hospital beds for more than 300,000 Missourians in a lawsuit brought by several public interest organizations, including the Legal Clinic. The ruling came after a remand from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals which found the state's elimination of such vital equipment was unreasonable. The medical equipment is used by low-income Missourians so they can stay in their own homes and avoid going into nursing homes.

Missouri's Governor Matt Blunt recently announced he would keep the Bellefontaine Habilitation Center

open, much to the relief of hundreds of residents of the Center who are severely disabled, and to the relief of their parents and guardians. The Legal Clinic had joined with a private attorney to sue the state over its efforts to close the home, which for many of the residents is the only home they have known, many having been placed there when they were children.

Governor Blunt also announced that he was agreeing with arguments of the Clinic and other advocates when he decided that 60,000 waiters, waitresses and others who earn tips should earn the higher minimum wage that was passed by Missouri voters last year. Advocates were preparing litigation over the issue, which arose when



the state Labor Department advised employers that the new higher state minimum wage did not apply to tipped workers.

The Legal Clinic's faculty and students were part of a large legal team which obtained the first ruling in the country permanently striking down a local ordinance attempting to regulate illegal immigration. The ruling by a state court judge struck down the ordinance in the City of Valley Park, Missouri. Valley Park had copied the language used in the ordinance adopted by Hazelton, Pennsylvania, where similar litigation is pending in federal court.

Elsewhere on the immigration front, the Clinic worked with Catholic Charities and Legal Services

of Eastern Missouri to file suit on behalf of 50 Bosnian war refugees who were facing unlawful delays in their efforts to be naturalized. After the litigation was filed, the federal government agreed to naturalize the Bosnian refugees in a ceremony on December 29. A new lawsuit has been filed for 35 more Bosnians whose applications for citizenship have been delayed past the required 120 day limit.

The Legal Clinic is awaiting a decision from a state court judge after a recent two-day trial over the state's calculation of the Blind Pension. Approximately 3,000 blind Missourians receive the benefit, and the Clinic, working with private attorneys, claim in the suit that the state owes the blind pensioners \$19 million in retroactive benefits.

Major Unified Family Court Summit Will Feature Several Clinicians

A major national conference, "Summit on Unified Family Courts: Serving Children and Families Efficiently, Effectively and Responsibly," is slated for May 3-4, 2007, at the Marriott Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland. It is co-sponsored by the University of Baltimore School of Law Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC) and the American Bar Association. The Summit comes at a time when reforms in the family justice system are receiving increased attention across the United States.

Some of the country's leading law school clinicians and experts in the areas of family and juvenile law will speak at the conference, including: Professor Barbara Babb, University of Baltimore School of Law; Professor Daniel Hatcher, University of Baltimore School of Law; Professor Bernardine Dohrn, Northwestern University School of Law Children and Family Justice Center; Professor Andrew Schepard, Hofstra University School of Law, and Professor Jane Spinak, Columbia University School of Law.

University of Baltimore law students enrolled in the CFCC Student Fellows Program are actively participating in the conference as part of the experiential component of the course. The Student

Fellows have assisted in developing the conference agenda, have helped to produce a video on Unified Family Courts, have worked with media, have identified and secured sponsors for the conference, and have worked with a local Host Committee to assist with welcoming conference attendees to Baltimore.

Highlights of the conference include opening remarks by ABA president Karen Mathis and plenary sessions that feature "A Conversation with Chief Justices," "Advocating for Children and Families in a Unified Family Court," and a "Town Hall Meeting" with state trial court judges. Breakout sessions include issues such as funding and case coordination, "boutique" courts, alternative dispute resolution, the legal community as a resource, and co-occurring and other non-legal issues affecting children and families in court.

The May Summit serves as the official follow-up to a 1998 Summit in Philadelphia on the same topic, sponsored by the ABA. More details on the 2007 gathering are available by contacting the Center for Families, Children and the Courts at 410.837.5615. On-line registration and information is available at <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/n07ufc1.html>.

News From the University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Generous Gifts Create Clinic Endowment to Fund Fellowship Program

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law is the fortunate recipient of several gifts that now comprise a clinical endowment. The faculty of the law school recently voted to utilize this endowment money to create and fund a clinical teaching fellowship program. The program will begin in the 2007-08 academic year, with one fellow working in the civil rights clinic and a second fellow soon to be added. The fellowship is a three year program designed to train future clinical teachers. Given the focus of the program, fellows will attend workshops specifically designed to train the fellow as a clinical teacher and will be provided time to pursue a scholarly agenda.



Students help stop the creation of a Liquefied Natural Gas Facility on US/Mexico Border

Students at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Environmental Clinical Partnership, filed a petition with the Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), a tri-national environmental commission set up pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), to challenge the Mexican government's granting of a permit to Chevron-Texaco to build and liquefied natural gas terminal just 600 yards from the Coronado Islands. The Coronado Islands, 11 miles south of the U.S. border, are a biodiversity hotspot that provide critical nesting habitat for six

threatened or endangered seabird species and ten other species of plants and animals found nowhere else in the world. The gas from this proposed project was certainly headed for San Diego and represented the sort of flight across the border to avoid tighter environmental law that NAFTA's environmental side accord was designed to stop. After consideration, the CEC ruled that the permit was likely issued in violation of Mexican environmental law and asked Mexico to defend its decision. The CEC called for an investigation as to whether the Mexican government properly considered alternatives to the project and sufficiently analyzed the impacts of the terminal on endangered species. Soon after the CEC's ruling, Chevron-Texaco abandoned the project.

Students in Community Legal Clinic Focus on Plight of Undocumented Workers

This year, students in the Civil Litigation Clinic have been working closely with El Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores, a day laborer center in downtown Denver. In addition to representing clients in federal and state court on various employment related matters, students are creatively addressing systemic issues impacting the day laborer community. Students successfully drafted, lobbied and testified on behalf of a state bill designed to increase the penalty for non-payment of wages. The bill passed both the state House and Senate and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature. Students also designed a handbook, and taught classes, for both employees and employers to address the legal rights and responsibilities of each in the day laborer context.

Among Us

ABA Committee

List Smith was just recently appointed the Co-Chair of the ABA Committee on Reentry initiatives and Collateral Consequences. If anyone is interested in participating in these committees please contact Lisa at lisa.smith@brooklaw.edu or by telephone at (718) 780-7919. This Committee focuses on the barriers that offenders face in re-entering society after either receiving a criminal conviction or returning from incarceration to the Community. Many offenders face obstacles in the areas of employment, housing, educational opportunities and other areas which impact their ability to become a law abiding citizen. The Committee will focus specifically on trying to assist offenders to rebuild their lives and re-enter society with the goal of achieving a productive and non violent future.



Boalt Hall Death Penalty Clinic

The Death Penalty Clinic celebrated a monumental victory in February when Walter Rhone, a client of the Clinic and the Southern Center for Human Rights <<http://www.schr.org/>> (SCHR), was released from an Alabama prison after serving more than eight years following his conviction on capital murder charges.

Clinic Associate Director Ty Alper began representing Mr. Rhone three years ago, when he was a staff attorney at SCHR and Mr. Rhone was serving a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. After joining the Death Penalty Clinic, Professor Alper and the Clinic's co-counsel at SCHR, William Montross, won a landmark ruling in the Alabama Supreme Court, Ex Parte Rhone, 900 So.2d 455 (Ala. 2004), which allowed Mr. Rhone to pursue post-conviction relief. SCHR investigators subsequently uncovered prosecutorial, judicial, and juror misconduct that occurred during Mr. Rhone's 1999 trial in Bessemer, Alabama.

Several Death Penalty Clinic students - including Jamie Popper '05, Laura Clark '05, Michael Lepie '06, and Angel Sevilla '05 - drafted memos and pleadings based on this investigation, which culminated in a ruling <<http://www.law.berkeley.edu/clinics/dpclinic/Rhone/Rhone%20order.pdf>> by Alabama Circuit Court Judge John E. Rochester granting Mr. Rhone a new trial. After negotiations for a "time served" plea following Judge Rochester's order, Mr. Rhone walked out of prison a free man on February 8, 2007, into the waiting arms of his mother, father, sisters, and children. Go here <<http://www.law.berkeley.edu/clinics/dpclinic/rhone.html>> for photographs of Mr. Rhone's release. Account of the result can be found on the Boalt Hall website at <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/news/topstories.html#dpc022607>

It is also posted at our clinic website at <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/clinics/dpclinic/dpcnews.html>

New Director of Experiential Learning Programs and Assistant Professor

We, at the Charlotte School of Law, are pleased to announce that Cynthia "Cindy" Adcock will join our team as Director of Experiential Learning Programs and Assistant Professor. Cindy has an exceptional background, one which will contribute greatly to the mission of our school to "Learn, Serve and Lead." We hope to create an innovative experiential learning program that meets the needs of students and our community. Ms. Adcock has had extensive involvement with experiential learning and will lead our pro bono, externship and clinical programs. Many of you may know Cindy from her work at Equal Justice Works, where she led the E-Guide project which has been a very useful tool for this law school, and from her work at AALS, where she led the Pro Bono Project. Cindy also previously served for nine years as a senior lecturing fellow at Duke University School of Law where she ran a death penalty extern clinic and taught a corresponding death penalty seminar and ethics course. We are very excited to have Cindy on board and look forward to working with her.

News From Minnesota

Visiting Professor Lisa Stratton has accepted an offer to join the faculty as associate clinical professor of law. Professor Stratton received her B.A. in international relations from the University of Virginia and her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School magna cum laude in 1993. She was a MacArthur Scholar at the Law School, where she was awarded the Order of the Coif and the Steven M. Block Prize for Scholarship in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Professor Stratton will continue the work she has done in the past year leading the Workers' Rights Clinic.

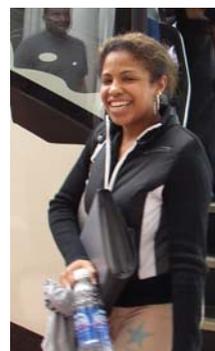
After twenty years as a clinic teacher and four years as the Director of Clinics and Skills, Maury Landsman will be stepping down as Director and will retire from teaching after the 2007-2008 academic year. Pending a search for a new, full time director, an interim director will be named shortly.

Howard Law School

Tamar Meekins--the clinical director at Howard Law school, was granted tenure this spring. This is wonderful news for all the clinics at Howard.

Contributing to New Orleans

Josephine Ross organized a trip to New Orleans over Spring Break with 57 students from Howard University School of Law. They did legal work ranging from criminal defense to housing to determining the needs of residents in the largest FEMA trailer park in Baker, Louisiana.



Organizing committee accepts Proclamation from New Orleans City Counsel for law student work over spring break.



Burns Foundation Chair

Phyllis Goldfarb has been named the inaugural holder of the Burns Foundation Chair and Director of the George Washington University Law School Legal Clinics! All at GW are very excited that Phyllis will be part of the team in a few months. Please join them in celebrating this news.

Awarded Tenure



Leigh Goodmark was approved for tenure in November.



Professor Pamela Metzger (Criminal Law Clinic) and Professor Adam Babich (Environmental Law Clinic) were recently awarded tenure by the Tulane Law School faculty.

Professor Gerard F. Glynn, has been granted well deserved and long overdue tenure at Barry University School of Law. Barry University School of Law was recently granted ABA full approval and that good news, coupled with Gerry's good news should bring a smile to the faces of all of you who know him. Please join us in wishing him congratulations!



New Clinical Fellow at Hastings

The Hastings Civil Justice Clinic (CJC) has selected Willie Nguyen to be its first Clinical Law Fellow. He will begin this two-year teaching fellowship on June 1. His main responsibilities will involve supervising law students and co-teaching the seminar component in CJC's Individual Representation Clinic, where students take lead responsibility in representing clients start-to-finish within a semester in Social Security disability, wage-and-hour employment, and San Francisco Rent Board cases. The purpose of the fellowship is to help experienced lawyers to develop additional skills and perspectives in preparation for a career in clinical law teaching. Nguyen for the past 5 1/2 years has been an attorney at the Employment Law Center of the San Francisco Legal Aid Society. He received his J.D. in May 2001 from UCLA School of Law. Funding for the fellowship comes from cy pres distributions of undisbursed class action proceeds in two anti-trust cases. Application for such funding was at the invitation of the San Francisco law firm of Furth Lehmann & Grant.

Disability Law clinic

Indiana University-Bloomington announces a new clinic in disability law, two additional externship programs to its expanding clinical offerings, and the promotion of Amy Applegate.

Promotion

Amy Applegate, Director of the Family and Children Mediation Clinic, has been promoted to Clinical Professor.

Disability Law Clinic

Students assist low-income clients with social security disability and Medicaid disability appeals. They also provide assistance to community groups that advocate for people with disabilities. This is a three-credit clinical course offered for the first time this Spring 2007 by Clinical Associate Professor Carwina Weng.

Washington Public Interest Program

Starting in fall 2007, select third-year students can

earn credit for Washington, D.C., public interest internships with nonprofit corporations or government agencies. Considered a capstone experience for students committed to public interest careers, the course includes a unique on-site companion seminar taught by Professor A. James Barnes and a directed readings course. Barnes will commute to D.C. bi-weekly for the interactive, skills-based class, which will help to bridge the transition from law student to practicing lawyer through experiential learning.

Criminal Law Externship

Students receive two to three hours of academic credit for work at prosecutors' and public defenders' offices in this program under the supervision of Adjunct Professor Susan Kerns, a former prosecutor and current Director of Student Services at the law school.



John J. Francis has a forthcoming publication titled, "State v. Tyler, A Pretrial Case File" (National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 2007). This forthcoming publication is a simulated case file that will teach advocacy skills essential for the pretrial stages of defending or prosecuting criminal law cases. A series of problems and exercises, coupled with some instructional material, lead students through the life of a criminal case, starting with intake interviews and case planning, proceeding through the filing of charges and probable cause review, continuing through discovery and motion practice, and wrapping up with plea negotiations.

Fullbright Scholar Grant

Louise McKinney, has been awarded her second Fulbright Scholar grant and will be returning to Africa where she will teach in the clinical program at the University of Botswana's Law Department in Gaborone, Botswana, in southern Africa. She will be working with the law faculty, primarily in their LL.B. program, to expand and enhance their clinical legal education program. In addition, she hopes to be able to work with leaders in the country to develop a sustainable program for providing more

free legal services for people who cannot afford to pay for them.

As a result of this wonderful news, we are looking for a clinical visitor to work in our health law clinic during the year while Louise is away. We received money to expand our clinical program from 7 to 8 full time clinicians and are therefore looking for a visitor for that position. This position will be in the Civil Litigation and Mediation Clinic. The posting for these positions are located in the job section.

New Faculty Position

Please join us in congratulating Ragini Shah, Clinical Staff Attorney and Lecturer in Law on her new faculty position at Suffolk University Law School. Ragini will be directing Suffolk's new Immigration Clinic, created to match Ragini's expertise in the field.

Ragini joined Columbia Law School as a Clinical Staff Attorney to the Child Advocacy Clinic in September 2004 on a grant secured by Jane Spinak from the Ira W. DeCamp Foundation to add an immigration component to the clinic. The DeCamp Foundation was so impressed with Ragini's work that they renewed her funding for another two years. The addition of the immigration component significantly increased the value of the Clinic and sparked an interest in immigration projects in general at the law

school. In the next two years, Ragini co-taught the Clinic with Professor Spinak and was a much sought-after speaker and facilitator for student events about immigration issues.

This year, with Jane on leave, Ragini created and directed the Immigrant Children's Representation Project which is the only one of its kind in the nation.

Earlier this year, despite funding for a fourth year here, Ragini accepted the clinical position at Suffolk, where she is eager to pursue her dream of creating a long-term clinic that serves immigrant communities. She will be greatly missed by her colleagues here, and by the immigrant advocacy community in New York City.

New Internship Director at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Ann Vessels joins the University of Denver Sturm College of Law as the Internship Director. Ann, a graduate of Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, has extensive experience in managing internship programs. Most recently she served as President and CEO of the Colorado Leadership Alliance, where she worked with over 500 students at 7 universities and designed and taught leadership and internship courses at the University of Colorado,

Boulder. She has also served as Senior Vice President, HR and General Counsel for Junior Achievement, Inc., and was a partner at Rothgerber, Johnson & Lyons where she specialized in commercial litigation and employment law.



News from the University of Maryland School

The Clinical Law Program at the University of Maryland School of Law is pleased to introduce several new members of the clinical law faculty and administration:

Jane Barrett: Prof. Barrett joins the University School of Law faculty this Spring to supervise the Environmental Law Clinic. Prof. Barrett, a graduate of Loyola College (Baltimore) and the University of Maryland School of Law, most recently was in private practice at Blank Rome, LLP in Washington, D.C. While at Blank Rome, and before that while at Dyer Ellis and Joseph, PC, Prof. Barrett chaired the White Collar, Internal and Government Investigations Group. In addition to litigating complex criminal and civil environmental cases, she also conducted many corporate internal investigations, and advised clients on the implementation of corporate compliance programs and the effective use of audits and federal and state environmental self-disclosure programs.

Previously Prof. Barrett was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland where she tried numerous criminal cases, including several key environmental criminal cases. She was also Chief, Environmental Litigation and supervised environmental litigation within the District of Maryland and worked with various state and county Environmental Crimes Task Forces within the State. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, Prof. Barrett was an Attorney General for the State of Maryland for the Hazardous Waste Strike Force/Environmental Crimes Unit and an attorney with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Prof. Barrett is the author of numerous articles in the areas of her expertise and has served in leadership and other positions in professional organizations.

Patricia Campbell: Professor Campbell joins the faculty in 2007 after spending a number of years in private practice with several law firms and corporations. Most recently, she was Associate General Counsel at Kajeet, Inc., a telecommunications company located in Bethesda, Maryland. Previously, Professor Campbell was a litigator and transactional attorney with the Fish & Neave IP Group at Ropes & Gray in Palo Alto, California, and Washington, DC.

Professor Campbell received an LLM in intellectual property law in 2004 from the Santa Clara University School of Law. Her work has been published in the Santa Clara Computer & High Technology Law Journal.

Sury Vepa -- Sury Vepa joins the School of Law as a Clinical Instructor and Staff Attorney for the Maryland Intellectual Property Legal Resource Center. Prior to joining the School of Law, he worked as a Technology Licensing Specialist at the NIH Office of Technology Transfer and at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He is a registered patent attorney and has experience drafting and prosecuting patents in high technology areas. He has more than fifteen years of experience as a biomedical researcher working in both academic and industry settings.

Mr. Vepa obtained his doctoral degree from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, and carried out his post-doctoral research work at Indiana University School of Medicine at Indianapolis and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. Mr. Vepa graduated with honors from the University of Maryland School of Law in 2003.

Rebecca Saybolt Bainum: Ms. Bainum joins the School of Law as the Managing Director for the Clinical Law Program. Prior to joining the School of Law, Ms. Bainum served on the Maryland Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee, a diverse group of attorneys, judges and professionals from across the state of Maryland dedicated to promoting impartiality and dignity in Maryland's contested judicial elections. Ms. Bainum also worked for five years as the Research Director and Legal Projects Manager for the Women's Law Center of Maryland. In that capacity, Ms. Bainum conducted two groundbreaking research initiatives exploring family law trends in the state, one of which provided the first statewide empirical data on custody and financial distribution in divorce. She also supervised the Women's Law Center's court-based domestic violence assistance programs. Previously, Ms. Bainum was an associate in a private plaintiff-side litigation firm in Boston for four years and served as Legal Counsel to a State Senator. Ms. Bainum graduated from Northeastern University School of Law.

Dear Friends,

After ten wonderful years at Washington University in St Louis, my family and I are returning to the East Coast. I will be teaching at the Georgetown University Law Center, one of my alma maters and located in a city where I have lived many years.

I am grateful to Washington University. This is a place where I have flourished due to the support and energy of this terrific faculty and staff. The Law School's commitment to clinical legal education as an integral part of a full legal education makes it stand out among its peers as an institution committed to inspiring students to embrace their role in working toward social justice. I will always be indebted to

Karen Tokarz for bringing me here. I have been privileged to work with amazing clinicians at Washington University and in the community. I have learned so much from them, my students and my clients. Washington University will always be a part of me, and I will always be a part of Washington University.

At the same time as I am feeling the pain of departure, I am energized about the opportunities at Georgetown, working with so many creative and committed clinicians and being a part of the growth of this program under the terrific leadership of Deborah Epstein. Georgetown's commitment to clinical education is unparalleled. I am so proud that I will be a part of it.

I hope I see you in New Orleans.

Jane Aiken



Honors and Awards

Syracuse University College of Law, Office of Clinical Legal Education

Taxpayer Clinic Wins William McKnight Award



Adjunct Professor Rob Nassau

The Syracuse University Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (SULITC) was the recipient of the 2006 William McKnight Award. The William McKnight Award is named for William McKnight, an extremely dedicated *pro bono* attorney who argued before the United States Supreme Court, and became the first African-American partner of Nixon Peabody, LLP. The Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County (VLSP) recognized the SULITC for representing over 65 clients and devoting over 750 hours to help VLSP-referred clients. The SULITC is directed by Robert Nassau, adjunct professor in the Office of Clinical Legal Education.

CRC Receives Chancellor's Award

The Children's Rights and Family Law Clinic (CRC), with the College of Law's Family Law and Social Policy Center Service-Learning Program, was selected for the Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement and Scholarship. This award is given each year to programs and individuals who exemplify the highest ideal of sustained, quality engagement with citizens within our community. A ceremony was held to honor the Syracuse University programs on March 26, 2007.



Assistant Professor Melendez

Assistant Professor Michael Schwartz to Participate in Nordic Network on Disability Research (NNDR)



Michael Schwartz

Michael Schwartz, director of the Disability Rights Clinic has been invited to present at the 9th NNDR conference which will take place on May 10th-12th, 2007, in Göteborg, Sweden. The 2007 conference theme “Participations for All The Front Line of Disability Research,” provides a broad platform for current and new challenges in disability research. Professor Schwartz will compare Norwegian and U.S. Disability laws with respect to employment, and will address how both countries laws can assist one another in this field.

Ireland’s President, Mary McAleese Visits Law Clinic at Syracuse

Mary McAleese, the President of Ireland, will visit and deliver a lecture at Syracuse University in May of 2007. While at S.U., she will visit the Office of Clinical Legal Education and meet with clinic students. President McAleese is the former Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Queen's University of Belfast. Assistant Professor Michael Schwartz, who directs the Disability Rights Clinic, is a friend of President McAleese’s and facilitated her visit. For more information on the President’s visit, please visit <http://soe100.syr.edu>.



Mary McAleese

Syracuse University Law Clinic Receives State Grant

The Syracuse University College of Law’s Office of Clinical Legal Education received a \$429,000 grant to continue its securities arbitration work in the Syracuse community for an additional three years. The award, provided by the New York State Attorney General’s Office, will allow the Securities Arbitration and Consumer Clinic (SACC) to accept new clients, develop a community education outreach program, and expand its client services. Now in its third year, this clinic provides representation to small investors across Central New York who have lost money as a result of the fraudulent or other harmful conduct of a broker-dealer.

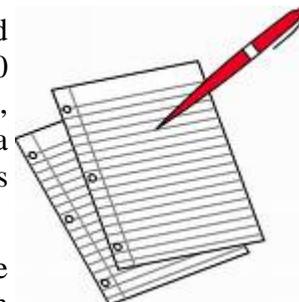


Announcements

Save the Dates

The University of Tennessee College of Law Legal Clinic 60th Anniversary Celebration and Symposium is Being Held Friday, September 14 -- Saturday, September, 15, 2007.

In honor of the UT Legal Clinics 60th Anniversary, we are hosting a celebration and symposium that will explore the future of clinical legal education over the next 60 years. The weekend's events will include a writing workshop for clinical professors, scholarly presentations highlighting emerging issues for clinical programs, and a dinner to acknowledge and thank Associate Dean Douglas Blaze for his contributions as director of the UT Legal Clinic.



We are also thrilled that Professor Bryan Stevenson has agreed to join us as the Keynote speaker for a special Saturday luncheon. Other confirmed symposium presenters include Professors Brenda Bratton-Blom, Susan Deller Ross, Kate Kruse, Bridget McCormack, Tamar Meekins, Pamela Metzger, Michael Pinard, Stephen Rosenbaum, and Jane Wettach.

Registration and other details will follow in the coming months. In the meantime, feel free contact the Legal Clinic [865-974-2331] with any suggestions you might have for this exciting event!

Six Months Remains to Register for 9/11-Related Medical Coverage

Please spread the information below as widely as possible to all clients who may have been at the World Trade Center site, the NYC morgue, or Staten Island landfill, working either for pay or as a volunteer, from September 11, 2001 to September 12, 2002.

No minimum quantity of work is required. It would be a sin if someone eligible does not register but ends up sick. Immigrants can safely register for this program. Detailed information about the program is available from the Websites and other contacts below. To download and print out an attractive and informative fact sheet to post in your office, visit http://www.nycosh.org/911info/Register_aug14.pdf.

Please ask all your clients whether they are eligible to register! Do not let your clients get sick and have to beg for Medicaid instead of having free doctors of their choice, plus free medicine, hospitalizations, psychotherapy, and diagnostic/treatment procedures. Feel free to forward this message. Thank you.

Six Months Remain to Register for 9/11-Related Medical Coverage; Out of at Least 100,000 Eligible, Fewer than 7,000 Have Registered

Contacts:

New York City - Jonathan Bennett (NYCOSH) 212-227-6440 x 14

Boston - Khadijah Britton (MassCOSH) 917-957-1837 or 617-825-7233 x 14

Trenton - Debra Coyle (NJ Work Environment Council) 609-695-7100

Philadelphia - Barbara Rhake (PhilaPOSH) 215-386-7000

Durham, NC - Amy Kaufman (National Council for Occupational Safety and Health) 800-646-2674

Detroit - Peter Dooley (National Council for Occupational Safety and Health) 734-320-5160

Little Rock - Tom Karson (Arkansas Coalition on Safety and Health) 501-569-8479

Houston - Diana Dale (Houston Initiative on Worker Safety) 713-266-2456

Los Angeles - Marlom Portillo (SoCalCOSH) 310-206-0860

Time is running out for people to register to preserve the right to file for 9/11-related workers' compensation. Only six months remain until the final registration deadline of August 14, 2007.

At least 100,000 workers and volunteers who performed any rescue, recovery or cleanup work in the vicinity of the World Trade Center are eligible to register with the New York State Workers' Compensation Board. But fewer than 7,000 have done so.

More than 27,000 people who worked for pay or volunteered after 9/11 have developed serious physical or mental disorders as a result of their exposure to toxic substances and psychologically traumatic experiences in the aftermath of the World Trade Center's collapse. Right now, hundreds more are experiencing new-onset 9/11-related symptoms each month. No one knows how many more who are now healthy will become sick, or when they will first develop symptoms.

Workers and volunteers who do not register by August 14 will not be eligible to file a claim even if they develop a 9/11-related physical or mental illness in the future. Any eligible person who registers will have the right to file a 9/11-related workers' compensation at any time in the future, no matter when 9/11-related symptoms occur. When a claim for a 9/11-related disorder is established, workers' compensation pays 100 percent of the cost of treatment, including prescriptions and hospitalization.



People who performed any rescue, recovery or cleanup work after 9/11 are living in all 50 states (and in many foreign countries.) Many of them are unaware that they are at risk of developing 9/11-related disorders. Many are also unaware that by registering before August 14, they can protect their right to free healthcare if they ever develop a 9/11-related illness.

The National Council for Occupational Safety and Health, a national coalition of 22 non-profit, non-governmental occupational safety and health organizations in 17 states, is very concerned that tens of thousands of people will miss the registration deadline because they do not know they are at risk and because they do not know they have an opportunity to register.

Local affiliates of the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health from Maine to California are united in the campaign to make sure that no one misses the deadline because they were not aware of it. "Thousands worked in the toxic brew of the World Trade Center's dust and fumes," said Joel Shufro, a member of the council. "Now, these same people are scattered around the nation, unaware that they may qualify for 9/11-related workers' compensation. They must register, and they need to help let others know."

Workers from across the country who came to New York to aid in the rescue, recovery and cleanup operations have developed 9/11-related illnesses. A former nursing professor from Minnesota developed the tell-tale World Trade Center cough, along with vocal cord dysfunction. A Portland minister can't make a speech without throat lozenges and a glass of water close by. The Los Angeles Times wrote about a janitor's voice that fades away quickly into a granular rasp.

There is no residency or citizenship requirement to register with the New York Workers' Compensation Board for 9/11-related compensation. If a worker or volunteer is eligible, it does not matter where he or she now lives. One does not need to be a citizen to register.

If people continue to register at the current rate-less than one thousand per month-tens of thousands of eligible people will miss the opportunity. The New York City affiliate of the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health has established a hotline and a website to promote registration. People can go to www.nycosh.org to learn about the eligibility requirements and registration procedure or they can call the toll-free, 24-hour hotline, 1-866-WTC-2556.

The law applies to most people who performed any rescue, recovery or cleanup work, no matter how briefly, either for pay or unpaid, in lower Manhattan south of Canal or Pike Streets between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 12, 2002. It also applies to those who worked at the Staten Island landfill, the barge operation between Manhattan and Staten Island or the New York City morgue (or any of the temporary morgues set up during that period).

To request an interview with a worker or volunteer who developed an illness as a result of 9/11-related exposures, contact Jonathan Bennett, New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health, 212-227-6440 x14. For more information about the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health visit <http://www.coshnetwork.org/index.htm>

Workshop

Dear Women in Legal Education colleagues,

Following up on the recent interest in class and gender, I would like to announce a call for participation for a workshop, ClassCrits: Constructing the Story of Class in Law, May 21-22, 2007, University at Buffalo Law School, State University of New York at Buffalo, organized by Athena Mutua and Martha McCluskey. More information can be found online at :<http://classcrits.wordpress.com/2007/04/06/classcrits-workshop-call-for-participation/> or by emailing Martha McCluskey at mcclusk@buffalo.edu.



Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference

The 2007 Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference will be held at Thomas Jefferson School of Law on October 12-13, 2007. Among other features, the conference will offer separate programs focusing on clinic administration and externship programs. It will also include hands on, NITA-sponsored teacher training regarding teaching legal practice skills. This will be a not-to-be-missed event.

The 5th International Journal of Clinical Legal Education Conference

The 5th IJCLE conference will be held at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa from 9th to 10th July 2007. The conference is a joint event, bringing together the South African clinical movement with the international clinical conference.

Since its inception, the International Journal of Clinical Legal Education Conference has provided an opportunity for legal educators from diverse jurisdictions to meet, to exchange ideas and experiences and to learn together. In addition to the papers on the South African “stream” of the conference, there are papers in the international stream from many of the major clinical jurisdictions – including the USA, the UK, Europe, Australia, and India.

The themes for the 5th IJCLE conference include social justice through legal education; law school curriculum; assessment within a social justice environment and unity and diversity in clinical law experiences.

The conference offers a unique opportunity for the exchange of clinical scholarship across jurisdictions, bringing together clinicians from a huge range of different types of clinical programmed. The conference also offers delegates the opportunity to experience the particular contexts of clinic in South Africa, and to see how the clinical pedagogy has developed to meet the needs of the post-apartheid society. The programmed will include opportunities to visit South African law clinics and some of the cultural and historical sites which are an integral part of the South African story.

For more information about attending the conference, see the conference website at: www.hermes.wits.ac.za/www/Conferences/IJCLE/ or contact Professor Philip Plowden at philip.plowden@unn.ac.uk

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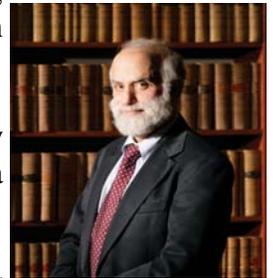
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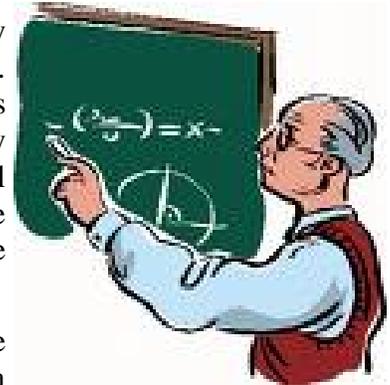
Brooklyn Law School

Brooklyn Law School seeks a full-time faculty member to develop and teach a new clinical program with a focus on technology, information law, and public policy, primarily in a non-litigation context. The law school is committed to developing an exciting new clinical offering as part of its already extensive program. Please consult <http://www.brooklaw.edu/academic/clinics/> to see the full range of our clinics and <http://www.brooklaw.edu/academic/courses/> to see our non-clinical courses in IP, technology, and health law.

We are reviewing applications on an ongoing basis with a view to identifying candidates for a possible

start date of January 2008 or August 2008. The school is committed to faculty diversity. Salary will depend on experience and the nature of the proposal.

If interested, please send a resume and a proposal for the clinic which describes the structure of the program and its goals to Prof. Stacy Caplow at stacy.caplow@brooklaw.edu.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLINIC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR & LAW FACULTY APPOINTMENT-University of Chicago

The Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship at The University of Chicago Law School invites applications for the position of Assistant Director/Lecturer at Law. The nationally acclaimed law clinic was founded to stimulate private enterprise in the inner city by offering free legal assistance to low- to moderate-income entrepreneurs. The Clinic counsels its clients on business planning, transactions, and regulatory compliance. The Assistant Director will guide law students in assisting Clinic clients, co-teach the Clinic's companion course, assist in the administration of Clinic operations, interact with the media, and engage in community outreach to encourage and support entrepreneurship.

The Assistant Director will be a licensed attorney with 3+ years of experience in a general business or transactional law practice, who has demonstrated acumen in contract drafting, negotiation, and business planning. A strong academic background, a

commitment to public interest work, and an intellectual engagement with entrepreneurship and the law are required. A passion for teaching and a facility for working with culturally and economically diverse groups are also necessary. Admission to the Illinois bar and a background in zoning, tax, accounting, or finance, are pluses. Review of candidates will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Please send cover letter, resume, and at least three references to:

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Cornell

Cornell University Law School welcomes applications for a clinical faculty position in its new Securities Arbitration Clinic. The Law School recently was awarded a grant from the New York State Attorney General's office, to establish the clinic, whose students will provide information, advice, and representation to low- and middle-income investors who reside in this largely rural, upstate area.

The clinic will provide needed representation to small investors who do not have access to an extensive private bar with experience in investor fraud or harm. In addition, the clinic will provide investor education to the public, with particular attention to the elderly, and to small investors. This new clinic will join an extensive array of clinical offerings at Cornell, and the successful candidate will

have the opportunity to work with experienced clinical and non-clinical faculty at the Law School, as well as with faculty at the Johnson School, Cornell's graduate school for business.

Candidates must have experience with securities law and regulation, securities arbitration, the SEC and NASD dispute resolution programs, as well as related areas. Experience as a clinical teacher is preferred.

Applications should be sent to:

Dean Barbara Holden-Smith
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Cornell University Law School
124 Myron Taylor Hall
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Director, Federal Legislation Clinic-Georgetown

Georgetown University Law Center seeks a full-time Director for its Federal Legislation Clinic for the 2008 calendar year. The Director will be responsible for supervising two Teaching Fellows and ten students during the spring 2008 semester and the fall 2008 semester, and will be responsible for maintaining client services during summer 2008.

The Federal Legislation Clinic represents organizational clients that are interested in developing policy ideas or in advancing specific pieces of legislation or regulations. Though specific projects they undertake on behalf of their clients, students are trained in the careful reading of statutory

and regulatory text and are taught how politics can affect the development of policy and language.

The Director should have a solid grasp of clinical teaching; a commitment to careful, analytical reading of statutory and regulatory text; an intuitive sense of politics and strategy, and the ability to train students in effective writing and oral advocacy. Experience in the federal legislative process is helpful, but not required.

Please send a resume and cover letter to Professor Chai Feldblum, at feldblum@law.georgetown.edu.

Visiting Clinical Faculty Positions at Case Western Reserve University School of Law

We are happy to invite applications for two visiting clinical faculty positions for the 2007-2008 academic year in our Civil Litigation and Mediation Clinic and our Health Law Clinic. Candidates will be considered for up to a two year appointment as Visiting Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor based upon their practice and teaching experience. We seek candidates with distinguished academic records, practice and teaching experience, as well as a strong commitment to clinical legal education.

The Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center is home to our Civil Litigation and Mediation Clinic, Community Development Clinic, Criminal Justice Clinic and Health Law Clinic. Permanent Clinical Faculty co-teach

in each clinic and are on long-term contracts for which unlimited renewals are possible. Case Western Reserve is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and encourages nominations of and applications from women and minority candidates.

Interested candidates should send a CV and cover letter to: Professors Judith Lipton and Ken Margolis, Co-Directors, Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center, Case Western Reserve University School, 11075 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

University of Denver Sturm College of Law Civil Rights Clinical Teaching

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Civil Rights Clinic, invites applications for a new three-year clinical teaching fellowship program. The fellowship is designed for experienced lawyers who are interested in exploring the possibility of a career in law school clinical teaching.

One of six clinical programs constituting the Student Law Office, the Civil Rights Clinic represents clients in a broad range of civil and human rights matters, including prisoners' rights (e.g., claims against federal and state prisons for violations of First, Fifth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment rights), and discrimination by employers and other public and private entities based on disability, race, gender, religion, age and national origin. In addition to the Civil Rights Clinic, the Student Law Office houses a Criminal Clinic, a Mediation Clinic, a Community Legal Services Clinic, a Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic and an Environmental Clinic.

The three-year fellowship will provide the fellow the opportunity to supervise and train law students who are representing clients. The fellow will also teach classes, attend workshops designed to train the fellow as a clinical teacher and pursue a scholarly agenda. During the first year, the fellow will have the opportunity to tailor the fellowship to his/her particular areas of interest within the Civil Rights Clinic. Fellows in the Clinic will be integrated into the intellectual life of the law school and the larger University. Fellows are invited to attend faculty workshops at which works in progress will be presented, and to attend mentoring sessions for faculty.

Fellowship requirements: Applicants must have at least five years of legal experience, must have a

demonstrated commitment to public interest lawyering and must possess strong academic credentials. Applicants must be admitted to the Colorado Bar or willing to seek admission.

Fellowship salary and benefits: Salary is competitive and is based on years of legal experience. Benefits include excellent University of Denver Sturm College of Law medical, vacation, and other fringe benefits and full access to all law school and other university facilities.

Application procedure and materials: Applicants should submit the following materials through <http://www.dujobs.org/hr> and to Professor Christine Cimini, Director of Clinical Programs, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2255 E. Evans Ave., Denver, CO 80208. Materials can also be sent electronically to Professor Cimini through the clinic's administrative assistant at lsarceno@law.du.edu:

1. a cover letter describing your prior legal, teaching, and other relevant experience; your aspirations regarding clinical teaching; and any other information relevant for assessing your potential as a clinical teacher and supervising attorney;
2. a detailed resume;
3. under other documents: a writing sample (10-15 pages); and
4. a list of at least three references.

The University of Denver is committed to enhancing the diversity of its faculty and staff and encourages applications from women, minorities, people with disabilities and veterans. DU is an EEO/AA employer.

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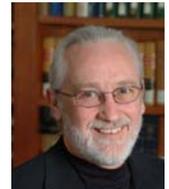


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Ongoing International Survey Form Now Online

Roy Stuckey maintains a compilation of clinical teachers who have consulted or taught in a foreign country. This is a great resource for people who want to find people who have worked in particular countries. Everyone who has consulted or taught in a foreign country is encouraged to contribute to the compilation. The compilation is located on-line at: <http://www.law.sc.edu/clinic/compile.htm>

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