THE CENTER FOR
HEALTH LAW STUDIES
2016-2017
YOUR LIFE IN THE LAW BEGINS HERE
A TOP-RATED HEALTH LAW PROGRAM

Established in 1982, the Center for Health Law Studies was one of the first law school programs to focus on the intersection of the health care system and the legal system. Under direction from nationally renowned faculty, the Center celebrates 35 years of leadership in health law scholarship and education. Students have access to top-tier faculty; leading scholars, practitioners and employers; and one-on-one support and guidance from staff who work together to give our students a competitive edge as they pursue careers health care law. Our health law graduates work across the country, where the Center’s reputation is highly regarded. For 12 of the last 13 consecutive years, the Center for Health Law Studies has earned the reputation as the nation’s premier health law program.

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EARN A CONCENTRATION IN HEALTH LAW

Students pursuing a J.D. may earn a Concentration in Health Law by completing a required course of study and specified cocurricular activities through the Center for Health Law Studies. The concentration allows students to explore and demonstrate a specialized interest in the study of health law.

Requirements include:

- 10 credit hours of health law courses
- A publishable health law research paper
- Attendance and written analysis of five distinguished speaker presentations
- Practical health law experience

DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

In cooperation with the Saint Louis University Center for Outcomes Research, the College for Public Health & Social Justice and the Center for Health Care Ethics, the Center for Health Law Studies offers four health law related dual-degree programs. The dual-degree programs are designed to allow students to obtain two degrees in significantly less time than if obtained separately.

- Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Health Outcomes Research & Evaluation Sciences (J.D./M.S.)
- Juris Doctor/Master of Health Administration (J.D./M.H.A.)
- Juris Doctor/Doctor of Philosophy in Health Care Ethics (J.D./Ph.D.)

MASTER OF LAWS IN HEALTH LAW

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) is an advanced degree designed to serve two types of lawyers – those seeking an in-depth introduction to the practice of health law and those who are currently practicing and wish to increase their exposure to new developments in health law. This highly selective program allows each student individual attention and close faculty supervision. Students are encouraged to complete scholarly writing, attend seminars and participate in directed research projects.

Requirements for the Health Law LL.M. include:

- 24 credit hours of law courses
- Master’s thesis of publishable quality
- Up to 6 credit hours of directed research
- Up to 6 credit hours outside the law school

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I chose to pursue the J.D./M.P.H. - Health Policy at SLU LAW because of the Health Law program’s exceptional reputation. The experience surpassed my expectations as I benefited from an extensive variety of health law courses, expert faculty and unique extracurricular opportunities. My time at SLU LAW prepared me to navigate the world of law, politics and business within the health care industry.”

ASHA NATARAJAN (’12)
Associate, DLA Piper, New York

ACCESS TO HIGH PROFILE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Through their affiliation with the Center for Health Law Studies, SLU LAW students obtain diverse hands-on experience in the area of health law.

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF HEALTH LAW & POLICY
The Saint Louis University Journal of Health Law & Policy is published bi-annually by the Center for Health Law Studies and a student editorial board. Law students participate in the Journal as issue, lead and staff editors. One issue each year is devoted to the publication of the proceedings of the Center for Health Law Studies’ annual symposium. The second issue is devoted to coverage of emerging issues within health law and policy.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS COMPETITIONS
Each year, health law students compete in national professional skills competitions. Our students participate in the National Health Law Moot Court Competition, the National Transactional Health Law Competition and in the Health Law Regulatory & Compliance Competition.

LEGAL CLINICS
Second and third-year students, supervised by practicing attorneys, work in the SLU LAW Legal Clinics. Health law students have the opportunity to participate in case development and appellate advocacy concerning substantial legal matters such as state health policy.

EXTERNSHIPS
Externship positions allow students to gain first-hand experience and may lead to full-time employment. Students are regularly placed in the following organizations within the St. Louis community:

| BJC Health System |
| Hospital Sisters Health System |
| Mercy Health |
| SSM Health Care |
| Saint Louis University School of Medicine |
| U.S. Attorneys’ Offices, Fraud Division |
| U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs |
Complex and fast-paced, the health care industry is highly regulated, with substantial regulation occurring at the federal level. During the Health Law Semester in Washington, D.C., law students clerk in a health-related federal agency for an entire semester. Students gain significant practical experience working with complex health care regulations. Additionally, they begin building a network of contacts within the federal government and in D.C., in particular.

Students in the program are eligible to earn 12 to 14 credits through a combination of experiential and course work. Students work nearly full time during the spring semester at an assigned externship placement for up to 12 credits. Students also enroll in Health Law Agency Practice, a complementary two-credit course addressing both professional responsibility issues that arise in agency practice and advanced topics in administrative law.

Offered annually during the spring semester, this program is available to students enrolled in the Health Law Concentration program, a health law dual-degree program or the health law LL.M. program. Additionally, each student must have successfully completed Administrative Law, Health Care Law and Professional Responsibility prior to his or her semester in D.C.

AGENCY PLACEMENTS HAVE INCLUDED:
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Office of Quality & Safety
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of General Counsel, Public Health Division
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of General Counsel, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel
- Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition, Health Care Division
Students partner with the health law faculty and the Office of Career Services to develop and market skills attractive to employers seeking graduates with an advanced understanding of health law.
WHAT are HEALTH LAW GRADUATES DOING?

SELECTED EMPLOYERS OF OUR HEALTH LAW ALUMNI

Armstrong Teasdale LLP
Ascension Health
BJC Health Systems
Bryan Cave LLP
Centene Corporation
DLA Piper
Ernst & Young
Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.
Express Scripts, Inc.
Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C.
Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman, P.C.
Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
Hogan Lovells
Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, P.C.
Hospital Sisters Health System
Husch Blackwell LLP
King & Spalding LLP
Lewis, Rice & Fingersh L.C.
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
National Disability Rights Network
Omnicare
Polsinelli
Quarles & Brady LLP
Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard P.C.
Sidley Austin LLP
Southern Illinois Healthcare
Thompson Coburn LLP
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington University School of Medicine

SELECTED HEALTH LAW STUDENT SUMMER EXPERIENCES, IN ADDITION TO PRIVATE LAW FIRMS

American Bar Association Commission
BJC Health Systems, St. Louis
Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, Chicago
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta
The Cleveland Clinic, Ohio
Disability Rights, Chicago
Families U.S.A., Washington, D.C.
The Johns Hopkins Health System Corporation, Baltimore
The Mayo Clinic
National Health Law Project, Chapel Hill, N.C.
National Rural Health Association, Washington, D.C.
Philadelphia Children’s Advocacy Project
Podesta Group, Washington, D.C.
Presence Health, Chicago
Texas Children’s Hospital, Houston
University of Colorado Hospital, Aurora
U.S. Department of Justice

ACCESS TO RENOWNED SCHOLARS AND PRACTITIONERS

The Center for Health Law Studies’ strong national reputation gives students exposure to some of the best legal minds in the country.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Each academic year, the Center hosts several leading scholars and practitioners who shape health law and policy. Students have the opportunity to attend keynote lectures and then meet with the speakers to discuss timely health law and policy issues during small group sessions.

The Distinguished Speaker Series has included:

- NICHOLAS BAGLEY, professor of law, University of Michigan Law School
- DR. CAROLYN M. CLANCY, former assistant deputy under secretary for health, Veterans Health Administration
- CELESTE DAVIS, regional manager, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Civil Rights, Region V
- JUDY FEDER, professor of public policy, Georgetown Public Policy Institute; institute fellow at the Urban Institute
- ABBE R. GLUCK, professor of law, Yale Law School
- PETER LEIBOLD, chief advocacy officer, Ascension Health; former executive vice president and chief executive officer, American Health Lawyers Association
- MICHELLE M. MELLO, professor of law and public health, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health
- ARTI RAI, professor of law, Duke Law School, Duke Institute for Genome Science and Policy
- RON POLLACK, executive director, Families U.S.A.

PRACTITIONER-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

The Practitioner-in-Residence program allows the Center to host a visiting health law attorney for several weeks each year. Students benefit from access to the practitioner through guest lectures, round table discussions, office hours and special events featuring the practitioner.

Practitioners-In-Residence the Center has welcomed:

- VENCE L. BONHAM JR., senior advisor to the NHGRI director on genomics and health disparities, National Human Genome Research Institute, Washington, D.C.
- RITU KAUR COOPER (LL.M. ’05), associate, Arent Fox LLP, Washington, D.C.
- MARGARET DONNELLY (‘88), former director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
- MELINDA J. DUTTON, partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP; New York
- JAMES G. SHEEHAN, chief of Charities Bureau, New York State Attorney General’s Office
- SUSAN STEFAN, former director of the Emergency Department Project at the Center for Public Representation

HEALTH LAW SCHOLARS

The Center for Health Law Studies and the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics host the Health Law Scholars Workshop each fall at SLU LAW. This year, the Center celebrates 15 years of education health law scholars. This collegial forum allows new health law and bioethics faculty from law schools around the country to present works-in-progress and receive advice from experienced health law and bioethics scholars.
Each spring, the Center hosts a symposium featuring leading experts and scholars in a relevant field. Proceedings of the symposium are published in the Saint Louis University Journal of Health Law & Policy. Symposium topics focus on timely issues in health law and policy.

RECENT SYMPOSIA HAVE INCLUDED:

- Dying Fast & Slow: Improving Quality of Dying and Preventing Untimely Deaths (2016)
- Health Care Reform, Transition and Transformation in Long Term Care (2014)
- Regulating Dual-Use Research in Life Sciences (2013)
TRULY INSPIRING.

OUR FACULTY LITERALLY WROTE THE BOOK ON HEALTH LAW.
HEALTH LAW COURSES & SEMINARS

- Antitrust Law
- Bioethics and the Law
- Child Protection, Child Health and Child Law
- Disability Law
- FDA Law and Policy
- Fraud, Abuse and Health Care Regulation
- Health Care Compliance & Law
- Health Care Financing and Business Planning
- Health Care Law
- Health Care Quality
- Health Law Agency Practice
- Health Law Externship in DC
- HIPAA Privacy Law
- Insurance Law
- Public Health Law Lab
- Transactional Health Care Practice
- Seminar: Access to Health Care
- Seminar: Health Care Provider Payment and Delivery: Medicare, Integrated Delivery Systems and Commercial Insurance
- Seminar: Health Care Professional Licensure and Discipline
- Seminar: Issues in Non-Profit Organizations

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