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SLU LAW ANNOUNCES NEW PATENT LAW PROGRAM

New program gives students opportunity to work with clients on patent issues

September 10, 2015 — Saint Louis University School of Law is pleased to introduce a new clinical program offering in patent law. As part of the Entrepreneurship and Community Development (ECD) Clinic, the patent law program will provide students with an opportunity to work with a qualified patent attorney on at least one patent per semester. This will give students a chance to be exposed to the patent prosecution process during their law school experience.

“SLU LAW has a number of students with a strong interest in patent law,” says Associate Professor Patricia H. Lee, director of the Legal Clinics and one of the faculty supervisors of the ECD Clinic. “This new offering will give students an opportunity to assist an innovative, underrepresented client in a city where the entrepreneurial spirit thrives. Students will also gain an invaluable experience and learn from a seasoned patent attorney.

This initiative complements the trademark program that began last fall in association with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. SLU LAW is one of 45 schools nationwide and the only regional school to participate.

Huihong Qiao, a third year law student participating in the ECD Clinic, said, “I am excited about this opportunity to assist local entrepreneurs with their intellectual property matters. These types of legal services are so critical for startups.”

The school’s robust Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic was recently expanded to include an intellectual property section. The ECD Clinic provides students with a broad range of transactional and administrative representation to entrepreneurs, nonprofits, community groups and small businesses on a variety of matters. Under faculty supervision, students work directly with St. Louis’ burgeoning startup and entrepreneur community to assist underserved clients to protect their logo, brands and creative works used in commerce.

For more information about the clinic, please visit law.slu.edu/entrepreneurship-and-community-development-clinic.

About Saint Louis University School of Law

Saint Louis University School of Law was founded in 1843 and is the oldest law school west of the Mississippi River. The strength of the faculty, breadth of course offerings and extensive clinical and professional skills experience provide students with a well-rounded legal education. The School of Law’s rich history consists of strong connections to the community and a long tradition of public service. SLU LAW’s location in the heart of downtown St. Louis, offers students unparalleled access to leading law firms, courthouses, corporations, government agencies and non-profit organizations — and a unique opportunity to see the law in action. For more information, visit <http://law.slu.edu/>.

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