YOUR LIFE IN THE LAW BEGINS HERE.
Greetings from the Saint Louis University School of Law Legal Clinics!

For more than 40 years the SLU LAW Legal Clinics have provided invaluable legal services to the greater St. Louis community while creating a robust learning environment for our students. Knowing this history, it is a privilege to serve as the Clinics’ new director and to continue the exceptional work of Barbara Gilchrist, former interim director, John Ammann, former director, faculty and staff.

The SLU LAW Legal Clinics will continue the social justice tradition of providing unique opportunities for law students to engage clients in a variety of areas of legal need. Through civil and criminal litigation, transactional work, mediation and a variety of externships, law students supervised by faculty will continue to play a major role in the community.

We hope for another banner year of service, experiential education and learning! The Legal Clinics are located on the 7th floor of Scott Hall. Our unique location is next to the state and federal courts, including the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. We are also just across the river from Illinois state and federal courts.

Please visit us as we grow at slu.edu/school-of-law-home/academics/legal-clinics.

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR, LEGAL CLINICS
REAL CLIENTS, REAL SOLUTIONS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ADVOCACY CLINIC
Students provide holistic advocacy in a variety of matters affecting children, youth and young adults who face homelessness, discrimination, education challenges, criminal charges and health advocacy needs. Students meet with clients at both The SPOT, a free medical clinic for at-risk youth, and Epworth Older Youth Drop-In Center, which provides social service support to at-risk youth in the community. Students serve as lead counsel in all aspects of representation including juvenile and municipal court, education advocacy, civil advocacy and family law related matters. These collaborations provide opportunities for strong client counseling and holistic advocacy related to health, shelter and safety.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC
Students represent clients charged with misdemeanor criminal offenses. The Criminal Defense Clinic specializes in representing persons whose serious mental illness caused them to come into contact with the criminal justice system. Staffed by both an attorney and a mental health social worker, the Criminal Defense Clinic seeks to provide a holistic solution to a client’s legal and social needs. Students are active in all aspects of representation, including obtaining records, negotiating plea deals, taking depositions and preparing for trials. Students also intern at various public defender offices in the greater St. Louis area, including Madison County and St. Clair County Public Defender Offices in Illinois, as well as the Office of the Federal Public Defender in St. Louis.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC
Students serve as the primary counsel to clients on transactional matters such as business and nonprofit structuring and formation, operational issues, contract drafting and review, regulatory compliance, intellectual property, real estate and legal research. Each semester, students provide significant legal assistance to Habitat for Humanity St. Louis, assisting with various operational issues and helping Habitat provide environmentally responsible homes to first-time homebuyers. New this year, students in the Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic will be able to represent clients before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a new Trademark Pilot Project.

LITIGATION CLINIC
Students handle a variety of lawsuits in state and federal court including civil rights, consumer protection (including bankruptcy), real estate fraud and landlord-tenant. Students have the opportunity to litigate some cases themselves, with a faculty member as second chair, and also participate in large class actions and other complex litigation with lawyers from larger firms and legal services offices. The Litigation Clinic is presently engaged in litigation under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and under Missouri’s new foreclosure rescue fraud legislation.

MEDIATION CLINIC
Students enrolled in the new in-house Mediation Clinic begin by completing the 40-hour Missouri Supreme Court-approved mediation training. Students then have the opportunity to observe mediation in federal court litigation and to serve as primary mediator in family law cases, landlord-tenant matters, and other cases pending in Associate Circuit Court. The companion course emphasizes reflection on mediation experiences, instruction in the substantive areas being mediated and further development of mediation skills.

APPELLATE EXPERIENCE
Clinic students argue cases in the Missouri Court of Appeals under a program in
which students represent claimants in unemployment compensation cases. The cases provide an opportunity for students to meet with clients, write appellate briefs and argue before the Missouri Court of Appeals. Students also argue appeals of adjudications in juvenile cases throughout the state and have successfully assisted juvenile clients in overturning their adjudications.

**JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP CLINIC**

In the Judicial Externship Clinic, students are placed with judges in state and federal trial and appellate courts where they work as part-time clerks. Depending on the chambers, students engage in extensive legal research, draft a series of legal memoranda relevant to the case under submission, as well as observe hearings, trials and other court proceedings from the unique perspective of the judge and his or her chambers. In the spring semester, students also have the unique opportunity to work at the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District. During the summer, students can extern with a Missouri Supreme Court judge.

**EXTERNSHIP CLINIC**

Each semester, students can extern with practicing lawyers in the legal field of their interest while under the supervision of a SLU LAW full-time faculty member.

Students interested in health law may be placed at:

- BJC Health System
- Hospital Sisters Health System
- Lutheran Senior Services
- Mercy
- Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- SSM Health Care - St. Louis
- U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs

Students interested in trial work and criminal law are placed at:

- State Prosecutors’ Offices in Illinois
- State Prosecutors’ Offices in St. Louis City
- State Prosecutors’ Offices in St. Louis County
- United States Attorney’s Office in Illinois
- United States Attorney’s Office in Missouri

Civil litigation or public interest opportunities include externships at:

- ACLU
- Attorney General’s Office
- Legal Services (Illinois and Missouri)
- St. Louis City Counselor’s Offices
- St. Louis County Counselor’s Offices
- EEOC

Students interested in tax or transactional work have the unique opportunity to work with:

- IRS
- Saint Louis University Office of the General Counsel
- St. Louis Zoo

Students can also work in these externship programs, which are located within the SLU LAW building:

**CATHOLIC IMMIGRATION LAW PROJECT (CILP)**

Students handle a wide range of legal matters, including citizenship and asylum applications for CILP, as part of the Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry. Advocates represent clients with a variety of immigration and citizenship needs and supervise students who work on these cases.

**CATHOLIC LEGAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CLAM)**

Students interested in family law have the opportunity to work with attorneys from CLAM, a project of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Housed in space provided by the law school, students represent abused women in custody and support matters and serve as guardians ad litem for abused and neglected children.

Other opportunities may also be available, depending on a student’s interests.
U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PILOT PROGRAM

Starting in Fall 2014, the Legal Clinics will join the U.S. Department of Commerce’s United States Patent and Trademark Office’s (USPTO) Law School Clinic Certification Trademark Pilot Program. This new clinical offering provides another learning opportunity for students to gain experience in the area of intellectual property. Students will work directly with St. Louis’ burgeoning startup and entrepreneur community and be better able to assist underserved clients to protect their logos, brands and creative works used in commerce. They will draft and file trademark applications for clients and, as they are authorized to practice before the USPTO, will gain experience answering Office Actions and communicating with trademark examining attorneys for the applications they have filed.

SLU LAW is the only law school in the region to participate in the program.

FORECLOSURE MEDIATION

Students from the Legal Clinics are representing families facing foreclosure in a unique foreclosure mediation program in Madison County, Ill. Several times a month, students attend pre-mediation sessions to work with families who are trying to save their homes, then participate in mediation sessions as the families’ attorneys negotiate with major lenders.

CLINIC HELPS PROVIDE NEW HOMES

Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic students continue to provide significant legal assistance to Habitat for Humanity St. Louis, a local nonprofit organization. Students represent Habitat in a variety of pre-closing, closing and post-closing matters, enabling Habitat to provide affordable new homes to St. Louis families. Last year, students handled 15 closings for the organization.

FEDERAL COURT MEDIATION PROJECT

Clinic students and faculty have been appointed to represent plaintiffs in cases pending before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri for purposes of mediation. Pro bono attorneys are appointed for the limited purpose of representing the otherwise pro se litigants in mediation in an effort to settle the cases. Students have represented clients in cases involving employment discrimination and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

CONTEMPT DOCKET

Students continue to serve as the Court’s Attorney in bringing contempt actions in St. Louis County to enforce orders of protection. The students present evidence to enforce court orders requiring respondents to attend intervention programs.
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2014 DAVID GRANT AWARD FINALIST

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**ARBITRATION VICTORY**
The Litigation Clinic recently obtained a significant award in an arbitration hearing on behalf of a veteran and her family against a contractor she hired to rehab a home built in 1903 for the World’s Fair in St. Louis. The contractor had done work which violated city building codes and failed to meet workmanlike standards. The award to the client will allow her and her family to hire a new contractor to finish the gut rehab of the house so they can begin living in their new home.

**UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP SERVICES THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY**
The Legal Clinics serve the Hispanic community in the St. Louis area by interviewing and serving clients who go to Casa de Salud, a medical clinic operated by the University for the immigrant community. In a partnership with the Jewish Community Relations Council and volunteer lawyers from the Jewish community, along with lawyers from Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and the Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry, faculty and students from the Clinics conduct monthly intakes at the medical clinic and represent clients or refer them to the volunteer network of the partnership.

**BANKRUPTCY PARTNERSHIP**
The Clinics partner with Michael Becker, a volunteer attorney who is an expert in bankruptcies, to represent clients in Chapter 7 bankruptcies, including adversarial proceedings. A clinic student, under Becker’s supervision, recently successfully argued a motion for summary judgment in an adversarial proceeding in the Bankruptcy Court of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. Students in the project interview clients, complete pleadings and appear at meetings of creditors and in district court.

**SUCCESS FOR CLIENTS IN UNEMPLOYMENT APPEALS IN ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO**
Students in the Legal Clinics have successfully argued cases for workers challenging the denial of unemployment compensation benefits in the Missouri Court of Appeals in both the Western District in Kansas City and the Eastern District in St. Louis. Clinic cases have resulted in major decisions regarding suitability of work and what constitutes a voluntary quit. A clinic student also
recently successfully argued an unemployment appeal in the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago for a factory worker who had been denied benefits because he was attending a trade school to learn a new skill.

**CLINIC WORKS TO SAVE HOMES FOR MOBILE HOME PARK RESIDENTS**

Litigation Clinic students helped preserve water and sewer service for almost 200 families at a mobile home park near St. Louis. The landlord had failed to pay for sewer service for almost a year, despite the residents having paid their rent to the park that included payments for sewer service. Students interviewed clients at the mobile home park, drafted pleadings and obtained a temporary restraining order and later a consent judgment to ensure that utilities would not be interrupted at the park which includes many elderly and disabled residents.

**FOUR STUDENT-ARGUED CLINICS CASES AMONG MISSOURI’S TOP FOR 2013**

*Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s* semi-annual list of Major Opinions, what it deems are the most important opinions of the previous six months, included four appellate cases handled by students and faculty in the SLU LAW Legal Clinics.

The Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic’s successful appeal was the only juvenile case selected for the list. The Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District held, in a case of first impression, that unlawful entry into a building cannot be the sole evidence to support the element of intent on a charge of second-degree burglary. The Court reversed the judgment of delinquency. Three of the six cases selected in the unemployment category were handled by the Litigation Clinic.

**THE SPOT**

When area youth encounter legal issues such as an outstanding warrant or a request for a name change, they often have nowhere to turn. For the last five years, the Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic has worked to satisfy this gap in legal coverage through its partnership with The SPOT. The SPOT provides aid to St. Louis youth and responds to their needs through a comprehensive model of health and social services. The organization was founded in September 2008 and partnered with the Clinic from the beginning. As a part of this alliance, many Clinic students have contributed free legal services and provided access to holistic health and justice for The SPOT clients.

**THE DAVID GRANT CLINIC AWARD**

The David Grant Clinic Award is given in honor of the late civil rights attorney to outstanding students who dedicated their final year of law school to the principles of public service, commitment to clients and defending of social justice.
**We represent the underdog, the forgotten, the hopeless. Without our help, many people end up on the streets or in jail or without medical benefits. We are the last line of defense for many people.**

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