Environmental Clinic Receives $450,000 Grant

A $450,000, FOUR-YEAR GRANT from The Henry Luce Foundation will boost the experiential learning opportunities provided by the law school’s Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic (IEC).

In the clinic, students work in interdisciplinary teams, supervised jointly by environmental attorneys and engineers, and provide pro bono legal and technical services to environmental and community organizations. The clinic offers students a unique educational experience, applying their classroom learning to actual cases and addressing cutting-edge legal and technical issues.

In announcing the grant, Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said its enhancing effects will be felt throughout the University and beyond.

“The Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic involves not only law students, but draws student participation from throughout the University’s schools, so this grant will affect graduate students in engineering, environmental studies, medicine, social work, and business, in addition to law,” Wrighton said.

“Drawing in our talented students to address challenging environmental problems is vital, and their work has already resulted in positive changes in the communities in which we live,” he added. “It is a testament to their dedication and good work that The Luce Foundation recognizes and supports them.”

Maxine Lipeles, clinic director and senior lecturer in law, said the grant will support strategic expansion of the clinic, including summer internships and a fellowship program.

Some of the clinic’s most recent cases include the Missouri Coalition for the Environment’s initiative to address lead...
International Students Explore U.S. Legal System

SOME 18 INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS immersed themselves in the intricacies of the United States legal system and tackled Constitutional Law issues, such as those related to religious freedom, in the law school’s new two-week Summer Institute.

The undergraduate law students represented several countries, including Angola, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, India, Latvia, Nigeria, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and Venezuela. The students explored the basic structure and processes of the United States legal system, as well as the ways in which it is distinctive from the legal systems of their home countries.

The institute is designed to offer the students a snapshot of Washington University Law and its popular yearlong master’s in law (LLM) program for foreign lawyers, who have earned their bachelor’s of law in their home countries.

“The program offered an excellent introduction to the United States legal system,” said Abhinav Bhushan, a paralegal from India. “It was very well organized and the professors are very learned.”

Marie Molsted, a law student from Denmark, added: “We met students from all over the world and through the discussion learned about many different legal systems.”

McManis Named McDonnell Academy Ambassador

PROFESSOR CHARLES R. MCMANIS, an expert in intellectual property law who has taught, lectured, and conducted research internationally, has been named a Washington University McDonnell International Scholars Academy Ambassador for Korea University.

The academy is designed to create an international network of a select number of research universities, while furthering the scholarship of outstanding international graduate and professional students. The overall goal is to promote the broadening of international cooperation and understanding among the people and institutions of the world, while developing a cohort of future leaders in a global university system.

As an ambassador, McManis will serve as a mentor and assist with the academic and professional lives of graduate and professional students from Korea University who are studying at Washington University. He also will work to build relationships with Korea University, as well as with alumni, friends, corporations, and government entities throughout Korea.

McManis, the Thomas and Karole Green Professor of Law, has taught, lectured, and/or researched in Argentina, Brazil, China, England, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Switzerland, and Taiwan. He served as a Fulbright Fellow at the International Intellectual Property Training Institute, Taejon, Korea, from 1993–94. He is a member of the American Law Institute and of the International Association of Teachers and Researchers of Intellectual Property and has served as a consultant to the World Intellectual Property Organization. At the law school, he directs both the Intellectual Property & Technology Law Program and the Center for Research on Innovation & Entrepreneurship.

McManis is the second ambassador currently serving from the law school. Stephen H. Legomsky, the John S. Lehmann University Professor, is an ambassador to the University of Hong Kong.

The law school is hosting its third McDonnell Academy Scholar, Chiaki Sato, who is an LLM student from the University of Tokyo. Last year, the school hosted Qing Nian, an LLM student from Hong Kong University, who is now enrolled in the JD program.

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...environmental groups and local citizens. In the final glass, a victory for the American Bottom Conservancy in an important Clean Water Act case in East St. Louis, Illinois.

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Law School Pays Tribute to Philip Shelton

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW and the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) paid tribute to Philip Shelton’s more than 30 years of service to legal education at a symposium and dinner, where his portrait was unveiled. Shelton, JD ’72, who recently retired as LSAC president and executive director, is a former Washington University dean and professor and a current National Council member.

The symposium, "A Higher Sense of Purpose: Access to Higher Education and the Professions," brought together distinguished panelists to discuss access to higher education and legal education, including socioeconomic and racial diversity issues, as well as related challenges and successes among various disciplines. The event was part of the University’s yearlong Danforth Campus Dedication celebration. Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton and Dr. William H. Danforth, chancellor emeritus, delivered opening remarks at the symposium.

E. Thomas Sullivan, senior vice president and provost at the University of Minnesota, gave a keynote address in which he stressed the importance of viewing education as a public good. Other panelists discussed difficulties raised by “need blind” and legacy admissions procedures, affirmative action rulings, the escalating cost of higher education, cultural access issues, and an over-reliance on test scores. They stressed the need for appropriate preparation for underrepresented students and for programs to ensure the success of these students once they are admitted, as well as the role of diverse faculty members and mentors. Representatives from the fields of engineering and medicine also shared success stories in expanding diversity in those fields.

In addition to Sullivan, other panelists were:

- Cynthia E. Nance, dean, University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville;
- Rennard Strickland, Philip H. Knight Professor of Law and former dean, University of Oregon School of Law, and former president of LSAC;
- Leo M. Romero, JD ’68 (Panel 1 moderator), Keleher & McLeod Professor of Law and former dean, University of New Mexico School of Law, and former president of LSAC;
- Kent Syverud (Panel 2 moderator), dean and Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor, Washington University School of Law;
- Michael A. Olivas, William B. Bates Distinguished Chair of Law, University of Houston Law Center;
- William Streeet, dean emeritus, Cornell University School of Engineering; and
- Dr. Will Ross, associate dean for diversity, Washington University School of Medicine.

Shelton delivered closing remarks. The topic was an appropriate tribute to Shelton’s legacy. He has served the American legal education community as a professor, dean, and an administrator for more than three decades. Since joining LSAC in 1993, he has worked tirelessly with member law schools to expand access to legal education opportunities for underrepresented minorities, educationally disadvantaged persons, and people with disabilities.

The law school also announced the Philip D. Shelton Diversity Fund to support scholarships and programs aimed at promoting diversity.
Small group discussions and a panel on professionalism and ethics, community service projects, an address by the chief justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, mini courses on legal topics, and a professionalism luncheon were among the highlights of Orientation 2007.

The program was extended this year to a week’s worth of activities focused on the professional experience of lawyers.

International students enrolled in the LLM Program in United States Law also had the opportunity to tour the St. Louis County jail and probate court and meet with Judge Buzz Drumm. Orientation for transfer students included a session on employment opportunity support offered through the Career Services Office.
Law student Erin Rust helps renovate a St. Louis home.

Professionalism panelists are, from left: Katie Herbert Meyer, JD ’03; Judge Donald Wilkerson; Deborah Rush, JD ’91; and Judge John Garvey.

Student Michael Schwalbert works with children for his community service project.

Consultant Joan Newman, JD ’72, LLM ’73, offers tips on business etiquette to first-year law students.

St. Louis attorney James Wiley, JD ’06, back row, center, leads a discussion on ethics.

Recruiting manager Angela Smith offers career placement advice to transfer student Anthony Debre.
NSF Grant to Support Empirical Research

Three law professors have received a National Science Foundation grant for $213,999 to support an empirical research project to collect and analyze data on federal court litigation, which was brought by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) over a 10-year period.

The two-year grant was awarded to Professors Pauline T. Kim, Andrew D. Martin, and Margo Schlanger for their project titled, “The Litigation Process in Government-Initiated Employment Discrimination Suits.” The research is a project of the law school’s Center for Empirical Research in the Law (CERL) in collaboration with the Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse.

The project will contribute to the understanding of institutional reform litigation and remedial design in employment discrimination disputes. For the first time, the data generated will permit systematic analysis of the EEOC’s enforcement activities and outcomes in the courts. The project will entail analysis of the contours of monetary and injunctive relief sought and obtained by the EEOC in court cases.

In addition, data on the EEOC’s federal court litigation experience will be used to shed light on litigation dynamics and the interaction between litigant and judicial decision-making in a set of cases that constitute a significant fraction of the work of the federal district courts.

Documents relating to the EEOC’s enforcement activities, particularly those involving injunctive relief, will be made publicly available through the Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse, a Web-based repository of documents and data relating to civil rights litigation of many types.

Legomsky Serving as Research Fellow in Singapore

Stephen H. Legomsky, the John S. Lehman University Professor, is serving a six-month appointment as a visiting senior research fellow at the Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore.

While at the institute, he has written an article, to be published in 2008 by the Stanford Law Review, on the normative implications of the dramatic disparities in asylum approval rates by various United States asylum adjudicators. The article explores the general consequences of inconsistency in adjudication, identifies the forces that contribute to inconsistency, and considers the possible policy responses in the specific context of asylum.

During his time in Singapore, Legomsky is also completing a chapter for a book on comparative asylum policy and the rule of law. The book will be published in 2008 by the Cambridge University Press. Legomsky’s chapter examines the link between United States asylum policy and the rule of law. He met with the authors of the other chapters in August in Melbourne.

In November, also during his appointment in Singapore, he will be spending one week in South Korea as the guest of the South Korean Minister of Justice. The minister has invited Legomsky to advise him and his staff on possible immigration reform legislation. While in Seoul, Legomsky will give lectures at three Korean law schools.

In addition, he is doing research on the role of family reunification in Singaporean immigration law and giving various presentations on a range of subjects at seminars sponsored by the Asia Research Institute and the National University of Singapore’s law faculty.

Sidney Dobricik, LLM ‘05, right, recently met up with Professor Stephen Legomsky and his wife Lorraine Gnecco for some sightseeing in Singapore.
IP Clinic Students Share Expertise with Nonprofits

BY JANET EDWARDS

A NEW COMPONENT OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & BUSINESS FORMATION LEGAL CLINIC focuses on nonprofit incorporation and representation. Through the program, Washington University Law students are gaining valuable legal and professional skills, as well as making a difference for nonprofit organizations.

Adjunct professor Peter Ruger, JD ’69, who is now supervising two clinic students representing nonprofits each semester, handles a significant amount of pro bono practice with nonprofit organizations in St. Louis, through his work at Tueth, Keeney, Cooper, Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C., where he is of counsel. He is also Washington University’s former general counsel.

“My clinic students work with nonprofits all along the spectrum, from the early formative stage to dissolution,” Ruger said. “They work with clients to help them clarify vision, develop business plans, and comply with governmental regulations. Clients need a lot of guidance not only during the initial stages, but also during the life of the organization on matters such as personnel, charitable giving, and program expansion.”

David Deal, left, and Peter Ruger, JD ’69, review cases involving nonprofit corporations with law student Susan Bollman.

Schlanger Named Reporter for ABA Prisoner Standards

PROFESSOR MARGO SCHLANGER has been named the new Reporter for the ABA’s effort to rewrite and update its standards relating to the legal treatment of prisoners. These standards are part of the ABA’s overall Criminal Justice Standards project, which is designed to guide policymakers and practitioners in criminal justice matters.

Last revised in 1986, the prisoner standards include, among others, sections on conditions of confinement; classification and isolation of prisoners; disciplinary rules and procedures; personal security, including use of force and prevention and investigation of sexual and nonssexual violence; medical and mental health care; and accountability and oversight.

A member of the national Commission on Safety and Abuse in America’s Prisons, Schlanger is an expert on civil rights litigation, particularly litigation involving jails and prisons. She has written extensively on this topic, including “Civil Rights Injunctions Over Time: A Case Study of Jail and Prison Court Orders,” New York University Law Review; “Determinants of Civil Rights Filings in Federal District Court by Jail and Prison Inmates,” Journal of Empirical Legal Studies with Anne Piehl; and “Inmate Litigation,” Harvard Law Review. She recently established the Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse, an online database and repository for civil rights litigation, court orders, opinions, and pleadings.

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David Deal, administrative director of the Intellectual Property & Business Formation Legal Clinic, said the new facet of the clinic is exciting because students gain broad business experience.

“Students are learning about the representation of nonprofit organizations with supervision from one of the top experts in the area,” Deal noted. “This is not a simulation; students engage in actual attorney/client relationships in which the student lawyers gain real, practical knowledge, develop their professional skills, and gain substantive legal experience,” Deal said.

Third-year law student Susan Bollman worked with Ruger over the summer in an internship through the law school’s Summer Public Interest Stipend Program. She worked with seven different nonprofit organizations, which varied in focus from social service to sports to music.

“I found the organizations with which I worked to be incredibly interesting, both topically and legally,” Bollman said. “It was a bit concerned this would be routine legal work, but it wasn’t at all. The most challenging part for me was delving into the intricate details of how each organization wanted to be run and addressing their specific issues.”

Bollman’s work not only involved incorporation issues, but she also researched employment and insurance issues, drafted articles of dissolution, revised corporate bylaws, drafted contracts, and wrote several policies concerning operations and management.

Ruger said he has a backlog of nonprofit groups in need of legal assistance and for whom the clinic students will work this year.

“The work is often interesting, but more importantly, students feel they have really made a contribution to the welfare of the community,” Ruger said. “It’s rewarding for me because it puts me in contact with excellent students and allows me to pass on my expertise to them. It’s a way for me to continue my involvement in the nonprofit community, and the variety leads me to learn more, teach better, and make my own contributions to society.”
WINNING COMBINATION

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition team members Marguerite Roy and Luke McLaurin hold the 2007 Baxter Award for the best respondent submission in the world. At the 48th annual Shearman & Sterling International Rounds of the competition held in Washington, D.C., Washington University Law’s team ranked third out of 95 teams, representing 70 countries. The team also won the Alona M. Evans Award, given to the top written arguments in the international rounds. Other 2007 team members were Rachel Olander, Ashley Walker, and Liang-Wei Wong.