

**SIU SCHOOL OF LAW
CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW AND POLICY
HEALTH LAW PROGRAM
2012**

The SIU School of Law and its Center for Health Law and Policy offer a variety of courses, as well as co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities, for students interested in health law. The following briefly outlines information in this regard. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Professor W. Eugene Basanta at basanta@law.siu.edu or Professor Michele Mekel at mmekel@law.siu.edu.

Suggested Upperclass Elective Courses for a Health Law Concentration

Administrative Law	Health Policy Law
Advanced Torts	Insurance Law
Antitrust	Law and Aging
Bioethics and the Law	Medical Malpractice Law
Corporations	Mental Health Law
Contemporary Issues in Health Law	Not-for-Profit Corporations
Disability Law	Public Health Law
Food & Drug Law	Regulation of Health Care Professionals
Health Care Legislation	Health Law & Policy Semester in Practice Program

Note also that students interested in health law can take graduate courses related to their area of interest in other departments within the University. Up to six (6) hours for such course work can be counted toward the J.D. degree. Additionally, students can pursue their health law interests in an approved Independent Study course.

Faculty

- W. Eugene Basanta, Southern Illinois Healthcare Professor of Law and Medicine
- Michele Mekel, Assistant Professor of Law and Medicine
- Marsha Ryan, Adjunct Professor
- William Sherwood, Adjunct Professor
- Jeff Plesko, Adjunct Professor
- Cheryl Anderson, Associate Professor of Law
- Christine Chance, Adjunct Professor

Additionally, in 2012-13, students will have the opportunity to take courses with **Professor Eleanor Kinney**, <http://indylaw.indiana.edu/people/profile.cfm?id=17> who will be with us as the **Garwin Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law and**

Medicine. Professor Kinney, the founding Director of Indiana University's internationally recognized William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health, is one of the nation's leading experts on health law. A widely published author and respected lecturer on the subjects of America's health care system, medical malpractice, health coverage for the poor, and issues in administrative law, Professor Kinney is author or co-author of numerous law review articles, book chapters, and book reviews.

Professor Kinney will be teaching two courses, **Health Policy Law** (3 credit hours) and **The Law of the Medicare Program** (2 credit hours), in the 2012 fall semester. Then in the spring 2013 semester, she will teach a **Senior Writing Seminar--Health Reform Topics** (3 credit hours) and **Health and Human Rights in a Global Market** (2 credit hours). Course descriptions for Professor Kinney's courses are set out below.

This is a **great opportunity** for students interested in health law to work with one of the most well known health law experts in the country. Many thanks to the Garwin Family Foundation for making Professor Kinney's visit possible!

Health Policy Law

This course covers selected legal issues in the financing and regulation of the American health care system. The course emphasizes chief policy issues facing the American health care system today—cost, access, and equality of health care services for all Americans.

The Law of the Medicare Program

This course is a survey of the important legal issues that health lawyers are likely to face in representing Medicare beneficiaries, providers, and suppliers. This course also provides an overview of how the Medicare program affects the regulation of health care organizations and professionals. The course is more practical and designed to provide the student with the knowledge of how to look at legal problems raised in the representation of clients, and where to look for accurate information for purposes of developing legal advice. The course emphasizes the chief policy issues facing the American health care system today—cost, access, and quality of health care services for all Americans—and the critical impact these policy issues have on the judicial and legislative disposition of health-related legal issues in the Medicare program.

Health and Human Rights in a Global Market

This course explores the interaction of human rights, global trade, intellectual property, and health in the global market. The international human rights law as applied to health and health care is considered as is the development and marketing of pharmaceuticals and medical devices throughout the world. The course will also focus on the marketing and distribution of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, health insurance, and

health institutions and professionals in the world trade system. Specific topics addressed are the content of the human right to health and barriers to the implementation of this human right, as well as the role of health care product manufacturers in the realization of the human right to health. The course will also explore economic, social, cultural, civil, political, and third generation human rights.

Special Programs/Organizations

Health Law & Policy Semester-in-Practice Program

Linking full-time field placements with doctrinal coursework, the SIU Health Law & Policy Semester-in-Practice Program provides an applied capstone to participating students' legal education by combining health law courses with unpaid, semester-long field placements under the supervision of attorneys working in health law and policy at sites, such as hospitals and health systems, medical schools, health-related government agencies, and health care associations. The third-year students enrolled in the Program work full days at their assigned placement site, Monday through Thursday, for which they earn up to nine (9) hours of credit in a single semester, awarded on a modified satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. In addition to the immersive field practicum, the Program includes a pre-placement orientation, a regular classroom component, and the ability for students to enroll in a designated health law course via distance-learning technology.

Journal of Legal Medicine

SIU law students have the opportunity to write commentaries for the *Journal of Legal Medicine (JLM)*, a publication of the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM), and to serve as student editors of *JLM*. This unique opportunity allows students who have special interests in law and medicine to pursue those interests through scholarly research and the potential for publication. Students also have the opportunity to contribute to another ACLM publication, *Legal Medicine Perspectives*, a bimonthly newsletter on current developments in health law.

Moot Court Board and the National Health Law Moot Court Competition

Students may compete to be selected for the SIU Moot Court Board. Students interested in appellate advocacy participate in a multi-round Intramural Moot Court Competition during the fall of their second year as part of the Advanced Appellate Advocacy course. From these students, several are selected for the Moot Court Board and to represent SIU in national moot court competitions throughout the country. The problem used for the Intramural Moot Court Competition is the same problem used for the National Health Law Moot Court Competition.

Each fall the School of Law hosts the National Health Law Moot Court Competition. This inter-law school appellate moot court competition attracts teams from law schools around the country. Members of the SIU School of Law Moot Court Board have the opportunity to help plan and host this national event.

M.D./J.D. Concurrent Degree Program

Recognizing the heightened level of interaction between the professions of law and medicine in today's society, SIU Schools of Medicine and Law offer a J.D./M.D. concurrent degree program to accommodate the increasing number of individuals seeking a carefully structured, interdisciplinary education. The concurrent degree program is designed to lead to the concurrent award of degrees in law and medicine at the completion of a unique six (6)-year program involving academic and clinical study.

Law and Medicine Society

The Law and Medicine Society is a student organization that focuses on the interaction of law and medicine.

Clinical Programs Related to Health Law

The Civil Practice (Elder Law) Clinic is part of the Legal Clinic at the SIU School of Law. Through this program, law students, working under the supervision of experienced lawyers, are given the opportunity to provide legal assistance to persons who could not otherwise secure representation. Students receive academic credit for their work in the Legal Clinic. The program provides a full range of civil legal services to those 60 and older, including the drafting of simple wills and powers of attorney, as well as assistance with securing public benefits and entitlements, such as Medicare and Medicaid. The clinic also assists families of those who are no longer able to care for themselves or their property with the difficult issues arising out of the need for guardianship.

The Domestic Violence Clinic allows students to represent clients and appear in court under the supervision of a licensed attorney from the Clinic. In the Domestic Violence Clinic, students working with the program attorney represent victims of domestic violence. In most clinic cases, students represent clients seeking orders of protection. Because order-of-protection cases are completed quickly after they are filed, students can expect to handle cases from the initial interview to a final court appearance.

Students who enroll in the Extern Clinic work in publicly funded law offices that provide public-“service”-type legal assistance. These include state’s attorney offices, public defender offices, legal service offices, workers’ compensation arbitrator’s offices, etc. Students may also work in non-profit organizations that have in-house counsel and with federal, state, or local agencies that have attorneys on their staff. Health-related extern placements include (among others) state agencies, such as the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (which regulates physicians), as well as private organizations, such as Southern Illinois Healthcare, a not-for-profit hospital system, and Equip for Equality, an advocacy group for people with physical and mental disabilities. Additionally, students may work as externs in the Medical-Legal Partnership of Southern Illinois. See <http://www.medical-legalpartnership.org/mlp-network/sites/1128>. This Program integrates attorneys with physicians and medical providers to help patients facing legal issues related to their medical problems.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Health Law and Policy

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree is recognized in legal education as the first advanced degree beyond the Juris Doctor (J.D.). SIU School of Law offers an LL.M. in Health Law and Policy. This program involves the completion of at least 24 hours of credit in law courses. Of these hours, at least three (3) credit hours must be earned in producing a substantial research paper of publishable quality. Students enrolled in the Health Law and Policy LL.M. are also required to complete at least 12 of the required 24 hours in specialized health law and policy classes and to participate in externship placements.

Lectures and Symposium

SIH/SIU Health Policy Institute

Since 1999, SIU's School of Law, School of Medicine, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, and Southern Illinois Healthcare have sponsored the annual Health Policy Institute. Attendees hear presentations from national experts and discuss current regulatory and public policy issues in health care. SIU law students can attend this conference on a complimentary basis.

John and Marsha Ryan Bioethicist-in-Residence

This endowment sponsors a leading scholar who addresses current issues in bioethics during a three (3)-day visit to the SIU Schools of Law and the Medicine.

Dr. Arthur Grayson Distinguished Lecture

The Dr. Arthur Grayson Distinguished Lecture was established by the School of Law in 1997 with the support of the Garwin Family Foundation. Each year, a distinguished health law academic or practitioner is invited to campus to deliver this lecture.

Visitor in Public Service Health Law

As part of its public service mission, SIU periodically invites a public service practitioner to address the role of the lawyer in effecting important public health policy issues.