This Semester’s Events

Health Law in the Movies

In April, the health law fellows and Prof. Sawicki held their semi-annual Bioethics in film series with this semester’s topic being ethical considerations of outbreaks and the spread of infectious diseases. Short clips from Contagion and I am Legend were screened, and our panelists were Dr. Susan Bleasdale and Lynda Peters. Dr. Bleasdale works in the University of Illinois’s Department of Medicine’s Infectious Disease Department, and Lynda Peters works with the City of Chicago and manages public health emergencies and outbreaks. The panel discussed current issues and trends in communicable diseases, especially in light of the recent and still ongoing global Ebola scare. On behalf of all of those who benefitted from the interesting discussion, we would like to thank our panelists.

Health Law Career Panel

The Health Law Society hosted a career panel in April to expose students to health law careers outside of the firm environment. Students were able to learn first-hand about the experiences and day-to-day tasks of attorneys in hospital compliance and regulatory work, and medical prosecution for the State of Illinois. We had an excellent turnout, and we would like to thank Tom Ferrone, Assistant General Counsel at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago; Janis Anfossi, Corporate Compliance Officer at Rush Oak Park Hospital in Chicago; and Laura Forester, Chief of Medical Prosecutions for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, for sharing their time and experiences.

Melanoma Awareness Month

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In the past thirty years, more people have had skin cancer than all other cancers combined. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer for people ages 25-29, and 1 in 5 Americans will develop some form of skin cancer in their lifetime. Among the three types of skin cancer, basal and squamous cell are responsible for ~3,000 deaths per year, while melanoma (the deadliest type) is responsible for ~10,000. Tanning beds increase your risk of melanoma by 75%, and regardless of what race you are or what skin tone you have, UV rays still damage your skin. Just because your skin does not burn, does not mean that it is not being damaged by the sun.

May is melanoma awareness month, and as students and faculty are eagerly awaiting vacations and lazy beach days, we would like to strongly encourage everyone to wear sunscreen! The sun is a great source of Vitamin D, so time outdoors is recommended for physical and mental health benefits, but remember to wear a 30 SPF sunscreen, reapply every two hours, and check your body regularly for any suspicious freckles, moles, or marks. Remember the ABCDE signs of melanoma: Asymmetry, Border irregularity, Color, Diameter (greater than a pencil eraser), and Evolving (visible changes). Have a fun summer!
**Recent Beazley Success**

Beazley Institute’s Health Justice Project

The Health Justice Project was selected by the National Center on Medical Legal Partnership to receive the Outstanding Medical Legal Partnership Award for 2015 at the 10th Annual Medical-Legal Partnership Summit. The Health Justice Project was selected for its fully-integrated medical-legal partnership, extensive collaboration to address health-harming legal needs, and its efforts to transform policies that affect the health of low-income individuals. The Health Justice Project was also selected for the cover of the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership Toolkit.

Health Law Moot Court Competition Teams

Loyola team members Eric Chung, Jena Grady, and Erin Sutton (pictured above) placed second out of 16 teams from across the country at the Fourth Annual Health Law Regulatory & Compliance Competition in February. Students were given 90 minutes to analyze a complex fact pattern focusing on the FDA’s regulation of the life sciences, bioethical research issues, and healthcare fraud and abuse laws.

Loyola health law students, Erica Cribbs, Jenna Fagerman, and Robert Hogan and Sumaya Noush, Mary Buckley, and Zach Slavens (pictured above) competed at the 5th annual L. Edward Bryant, Jr. National Health Law Transactional Competition in March. The team consisting of Cribbs, Fagerman, and Hogan placed first out of 20 teams from 16 schools across the country. As part of the competition, three-person teams of J.D. students prepared a legal memorandum that summarized their legal and business advice for the client regarding desire to enter the insurance market. Students then appeared in-person in a boardroom environment before attorneys and health care executives serving as the health system’s “Executive Management Team” to present their analysis of the client’s position in the market, and transactional recommendations on how the client should proceed. The team won the awards for Best Memorandum and Best Oral Presentation, as well as Best Overall team in this year’s competition.

**Featured Beazley Faculty Member**

Kristin Finn

Kristin Finn is the Program Coordinator of Loyola’s Health Law Institute as well as an adjunct professor of law. Kristin holds a J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and a B.A. in Political Science. Kristin spends much of her time assisting health law students with curriculum planning and career advising. She enjoys seeing students evolve over the course of their law school careers as they gain valuable experience and develop their resumes. She also values remaining in contact with former students after graduation. As an adjunct professor, she enjoys seeing her students engage with course material and learn from one another.

Kristin has been with the Beazley Institute since 2012, and likes working at Loyola because the culture is collegial and supportive. She advises health law students to get a certificate, start networking early, maintain professionalism with classmates and professors, and get to know the Beazley faculty and staff. Also, Kristin recommends taking full advantage of programming available during law school, which includes, career panels, symposiums, and networking events.

Kristin is from St. Charles, IL and is a recent newlywed. During her free time, Kristin enjoys staying active and spending time with her cat. Her favorite restaurant in Chicago is Geja’s Café in Lincoln Park.

Students interested in having Kristin Finn as a professor can enroll in Women & Leadership in the spring or the Health Law Seminar Series, which is offered online and available to J.D. students. This summer’s Health Law Seminar Series course focuses on leadership, management, and strategy in the health care context. Interested students should email Kristin at kfinn1@luc.edu with questions.

Additionally, Kristin co-authored *Careers in Health Law* with Beazley Institute’s Director, Larry Singer, and Associate Director, Megan Bess. *Careers in Health Law* is a valuable guide for students and practitioners interested in the expansive field of health law. The book emphasizes the breadth of health law as a practice area, organized around an industry, and highlights various potential career paths. Two copies of the book are available in the law library, and it is also available for purchase on the ABA’s website and Barnes & Noble. (Use code CHL20 to save 20% at www.ShopABA.org.)
MEET THE HEALTH LAW SOCIETY

Events Committee

The Health Law Society strives to introduce students to the complex and varied world of health law through events and networking opportunities with practitioners, scholars, and other students. HLS provides Loyola University Chicago School of Law students an opportunity to get involved with the school's health law program from day one of their law school career.

Marika Iszczyszyn, President

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Marika is a rising 2L from Chicago, IL, and is pursuing certificates in health law and advocacy. She has a B.S. in Biology with minors in Bioethics, Business Administration, and Philosophy from Loyola University Chicago. This summer, Marika will be working with Siprut PC as an intellectual property litigation law clerk, Rush University Medical Center's Office of Risk Management as a legal extern, and the Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys as a co-author for their annual survey update. In her free time, she enjoys playing bocce ball and beach volleyball, and trying new craft beers.

Brittany Tomkies, Executive Director of Events

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Brittany is a rising 2L from Columbus, OH, and is pursuing a health law certificate. She graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA, with a B.S. in Biology. After graduation, she worked in a general dental practice as an insurance and billing coordinator and later as the office manager of a dental surgery practice. This summer, Brittany will be externing at the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in Health Related Prosecutions and working as a law clerk at Capron & Avgerinos, P.C. In her spare time, Brittany enjoys going to the movies, cheering for the Buckeyes, and relaxing with friends.

Stephanie Toth, Executive Director of HLS Initiatives

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Stephanie is a rising 2L from Glenview, IL. She is pursuing certificates in health law, compliance, and advocacy. Stephanie graduated from Baylor University, where she studied Medical Humanities and Chemistry. This summer, Stephanie will work at The Beazley Institute for Health Law & Policy and The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Additionally, she will intern with the Honorable Judge Anthony C. Kyriakopoulos in The Circuit Court of Cook County. When she is not studying, Stephanie enjoys running along Chicago's Lakefront Trail and eating at new restaurants.

Kelly Kearney, Executive Director of Student Outreach & Marketing

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Kelly is a rising 2L from Sacramento, CA, and is pursuing a health law certificate. She has a B.A. in Philosophy with a minor in Psychology from Boston University. Prior to law school, she spent two years working at an intellectual property law firm in Boston that specialized in medical devices. This summer, Kelly will be working as a law clerk at Johnson Law, LLC, a general litigation firm, and will be doing research for Dean Kaufman. In her free time, she likes to experiment in the kitchen, run by the lake, and relax with some good wine and friends.
**SUMMER HEALTH LAW COURSES FOR 2LS & 3LS**

The Beazley Institute is pleased to provide the following health law-related courses to upperclassmen for the summer semester.

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**Health Law Directed Study**

Students may earn credit for participation in a targeted research tutorial. The scope and subject are chosen with the guidance of a faculty member who directs the students.

**Intro to Health Justice**

Students enrolled in Introduction to Health Justice serve as client advocates. Students conduct intake and, through direct interaction with clients, practice issue spotting, interview skills and creative problem-solving. Clients may present with a variety of matters related to health, such as housing code violations, medical debt, disability, special education, public benefits denials and other critical needs. Students also gain an understanding of interdisciplinary collaboration in the practice of law and an overview of legal systems that respond to poverty and health disparities.

**Advanced Health Justice Project**

Students who have successfully completed the Health Justice Project clinic may enroll in the Advanced Health Justice course, in which they will continue to represent clients and complete projects responsive to the needs identified during their clinical experience.

**Privacy and Security of Corporate Information (ONLINE ONLY)**

An examination of current data privacy laws and regulations, general risk management strategies, and emerging practical trends with respect to collection, management and retention practices regarding corporate information. In addition, the course will utilize real world contracts and other documents in order to provide students with practical solutions to evolving data privacy compliance and risk management issues.

**Risk Management, Patient Safety, and Quality (ONLINE ONLY)**

Students utilize case studies for learning and applying knowledge related to the key roles and responsibilities of the health care risk manager. Through the readings and case study analysis students will learn to identify legal, ethical, administrative, and risk management issues and to reach resolutions for the problems presented. They will also understand how principles of risk management have changed since the 1998 IOM Report which called for increased focus on systemic failures and moving away from a culture of blame and shame.

**Health Care Compliance (ONLINE ONLY)**

This course will progress from the basics of a compliance program, including the compliance operations and the Code of Conduct, to specific issues facing the healthcare industry such as anti-kickback, Stark, False Claims Act, and civil monetary penalties; conflicts of interest and governance; tax; coding and billing; privacy, technology, data, and security; and the link between regulatory issues and quality of care. Students will be assigned projects to show them how to implement in a practical setting the various laws, regulations, and standards as well as understand the enforcement environment.

**Health Care Data Security and Privacy: Legal and Ethical Issues (ONLINE ONLY)**

This course is an overview of Health Information Law and Policy as it pertains to data security and privacy of electronic health records here in the United States. Students will examine how individual health information is collected, maintained, and transferred in this electronic information age, and the ramifications when such information is improperly protected, stolen, and misused.

**Health Law Scholars Seminar Series (ONLINE ONLY)**

This course exposes students to seven unique and emerging issues impacting the health care industry. Each issue has the potential to impact providers, health care organizations, health care attorneys, and consumers. Each emerging issue is selected based on its likely impact on the industry and its timeliness, given current political and health care challenges. This course is structured over 14 weeks, in which we alternate between reading weeks, where students are given reading material to introduce them to each issue, and synchronous classroom lectures by national experts on each subject. At the end of the course, each student is asked to write a reflective paper on one of the issues presented and describe the impact that they believe it will have on their practice or the delivery of health care in general.
Fall Health Law Courses for 2Ls & 3Ls

The Beazley Institute is pleased to provide the following health law-related courses to upperclassman for the fall semester.

Canon Law and Catholic Health Care
Canon Law and Catholic Health Care should be of particular interest for law students and business students interested in the management of Catholic health care institutions. This course will be conducted as a seminar in which students will be invited to write a research paper and make a classroom presentation on some issue of canon law and Catholic health care.

Health Law Directed Study
Students may earn credit for participation in a targeted research tutorial. The scope and subject are chosen with the guidance of a faculty member who directs the students.

Life Sciences, Research and the FDA
This course serves as an introduction to the growing area of health law known as "life sciences." The theme for this course centers on the regulatory issues involved in the research, development, and sale of pharmaceutical drugs, medical devices, and biologics and the role of the FDA and other government agencies in regulating these industries. Topics covered will include the approval process for pharmaceutical drugs, medical devices, and biologics, genomics, personalized medicine, the FCPA, basic patent and intellectual property issues, as well as fraud and abuse and compliance issues for these industries.

Anti Trust in Health Care Field
This course will cover the full range of antitrust issues affecting the activities of all participants in the healthcare field, including different types of healthcare service providers (hospitals, physicians, and ancillary service providers), payors (government and commercial), and suppliers of products to providers and their patients. Following an introduction to the antitrust laws generally, the course will specifically address the competitive issues posed by mergers and joint ventures involving competing healthcare providers or payors, the formation and operation of provider networks (including Accountable Care Organizations) and managed care contracting, the activities of trade associations and group purchasing organizations, medical staff privileges and credentialing, single firm conduct, and specific statutory provisions (e.g., Robinson-Patman Act), exemptions and immunities.

Health Care Business and Finance
This course is designed to introduce students to the business of health care, including the types, formation and operation of health care organizations. Topics covered will include health care finance, taxation, payment and coverage. Students will learn about basic transactions, including collaborations, mergers, and joint ventures and the application of securities laws to these transactions. The course will also cover basic financial operations and corporate governance and students will become familiar with basic organizational documents.

Health Justice Policy
Students enrolled in the Health Justice Policy course will serve as legislative student lawyers. Students will engage in multiple activities that may include the representation of a national organization and the development of policy approaches to support access to health for low-income individuals. Students will practice legislative lawyering skills, which may include stakeholder analysis, legal research and drafting, creative problem solving, interdisciplinary collaboration, among others. Students will also work on an interdisciplinary team that includes social work and medical students.