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**SLU LAW LEGAL CLINICS RECEIVE 2015 CLEA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN A
PUBLIC INTEREST CASE OR PROJECT**

Legal Clinics recognized for their work on civil rights and criminal justice

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 21, 2015 – Saint Louis University School of Law is proud to announce that the Clinical Legal Education Association’s board of directors has selected SLU LAW Legal Clinics as the recipients of the 2015 CLEA Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project. The Legal Clinics are being awarded for their extensive legal work addressing civil rights and criminal justice abuses highlighted following the death of Michael Brown.

The award specifically recognizes the Legal Clinics for their work and advocacy over the past year that has involved a variety of legal matters including community outreach and education; national, state and local media awareness of civil rights and criminal law abuses; lawsuits in state and federal courts on municipal warrant and tear gassing abuses; testimony before the governor-appointed Ferguson Commission; municipal, legislative and executive testimony; and leading meetings and panel discussions at the law school and in the community in an effort to seek solutions.

“This award is a testament to the dedication of our clinical professors, students and staff in working toward a better and more just society,” said Patricia H. Lee, associate professor and director of the Legal Clinics. “For years the Clinics have advocated for the disadvantaged in our region, but efforts to right the wrongs of our community intensified after the events in Ferguson entered the national spotlight.”

Annually, CLEA honors and recognizes one case or project that truly contributes to the public good. The award is given to either an individual law student or law students in a clinical program or to a clinic or clinical program. The criteria for the award required the case or project to redress a high priority need of underserved or low income residents or communities and make a meaningful contribution to the advancement of civil rights, civil liberties, human rights, legal services for the underrepresented, environmental protection or consumer protection.

The award will be presented at the American Association for Law Schools (AALS) luncheon at the Clinical Conference on May 6 in Palm Springs, California. Previous recipients of the award include other top law schools such as the University of Chicago Law School, University of Alabama School of Law and University of Washington School of Law.

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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