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SLU HEALTH LAW PROGRAM NAMED NO. 1 IN THE NATION
FOR TENTH STRAIGHT YEAR

U.S. News & World Report Lists Center for Health Law Studies as Top Program in 2014 Rankings

ST. LOUIS, March 12, 2013 – For the tenth straight year, Saint Louis University’s health law program has been named the best in the nation by health law scholars, according to the 2014 U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools Rankings. These rankings come after a year of heated national discourse on our nation’s health care system, further emphasizing a need for well-educated lawyers working in health care reform and regulation.

“To be recognized by U.S. News & World Report for the tenth year in a row further solidifies our role as pioneers in health law scholarship and education,” said Professor Rob Gatter, co-director of the Saint Louis University School of Law Center for Health Law Studies. “We have received consistent national recognition for a reason. Our faculty are leaders in the health care industry. They are providing our students with the valuable background and training that enables them to make a real impact on the health care issues that face millions of Americans.”

The Center for Health Law Studies routinely places graduates in the nation’s leading health law firms, hospitals and health care systems, as well as on legislative staffs and in agencies that regulate the health care and pharmaceutical industries.

“Our mission at SLU LAW is to provide our students with a scholarly and practical education that pays mind to our Jesuit mission of justice and service,” said SLU LAW Dean Michael A. Wolff. “Our Center for Health Law Studies is a real example of how we bring our mission to life through the education of future leaders in the health care field as well as the many scholarly works of the Center’s faculty.”
“We are truly honored to be acknowledged by other health scholars as the leader in our field for the tenth year,” said Professor Thomas (Tim) Greaney, co-director of the Center for Health Law Studies. “We are proud to say our Center has been making an impact in the field of health care for more than 30 years. Recognition from our peers is a testament to the great work that we do to educate tomorrow’s leaders.”

SLU has been ranked in the top three health law programs nationally since health law was first included as a specialty. Over the past year the Center has grown in faculty recognition and offerings as Professor Sidney Watson was honored with the prestigious 2012 Jay Healey Health Law Professor Award by the American Society of Law Medicine and Ethics, joining three of her fellow faculty members who have previously been selected. A J.D./Master of Science in Health Outcomes Research degree program was also established this year to further enhance the school’s curriculum. In addition, the Center boasts a number of successful programs this year:

- The Center is in the midst of a third successful spring semester in Washington, D.C. Participating students have had the opportunity to clerk in health-related government agencies and to work on cases with licensed practitioners dealing with health care regulations. Agency placements thus far have included: Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition, Health Care Division; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of General Counsel; U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel; and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Quality & Safety, Risk Management Program.
- This spring semester the Center is hosting Health Law Practitioner-in-Residence, Margaret Donnelly, immediate past director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Donnelly is co-teaching “Health Law, Policy and Advocacy: Grassroots Advocacy” with Professor Sidney Watson.
- On March 28, the Center will welcomes its third distinguished speaker for the 2012-2013 academic year, Michelle Mellow, J.D., Ph.D., Professor of Law and Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health. Professor Mello’s talk is entitled “Disclosure of Medical Errors and Medicolegal Risk: Is It Safe to Be Honest?”
About the Saint Louis University Center for Health Law Studies

The Center for Health Law studies has earned the reputation as the nation's leading health law program for ten consecutive years according to U.S. News & World Report. The Center offers a broad range of health law courses taught by full-time faculty, including foundational and specialized health law and policy courses each semester, as well as an LL.M. in Health Law. The Center is home to two authors of the nation's foremost health law casebook. For more information, visit: law.slu.edu/healthlaw.

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