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**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW JOINS NEWMARK INSTITUTE PROGRAM
TO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL SERVICES**

Program marks a diverse partnership with Casa de Salud, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 24, 2013 – As part of a program sponsored by the Newmark Institute for Human Relations at the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Saint Louis University School of Law Legal Clinic joins Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry to collaborate with Casa de Salud and offer free legal counseling for those who could not otherwise afford such services. The Casa de Salud medical clinic serves new immigrants and refugees who encounter barriers to accessing other sources of care. The newly formed program will be held every third Monday of the month at Casa de Salud, located at 3200 Chouteau Ave.

“This is a great opportunity, not only for the community, but also for our students to work with accomplished attorneys,” said John Ammann, professor and supervisor of the litigation clinic at SLU LAW. “While our partner organizations may be diverse, we are all joined in the mission of justice for all. That sets a great example for our students.”

The Michael and Barbara Newmark Institute for Human Relations was inaugurated in 2010 at the Jewish Community Relations Council. It was established to support a diverse and pluralistic community by organizing, supporting and promoting programs and activities that foster good human relations between people of diverse backgrounds. Casa de Salud, a nonprofit organization that provides high quality, low-cost, clinical and mental health care for patients who lack access to other sources of care, was carefully chosen as a base location for this new program.

The SLU LAW Legal Clinic, which offers upper division students invaluable practical experience while providing valuable legal services to the community, will be joined by Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM) and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM). Both CLAM and LSEM offer assistance for

impoverished families who do not have the means to afford an attorney. CLAM is an agency of Catholic Charities of St. Louis. LSEM provides legal assistance to the low-income community in 21 communities in Eastern Missouri.

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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