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ARCH GRANTS AND SLU LAW JOIN TOGETHER FOR GRANTEE PROGRAMMING

Course will provide basic legal foundation for a successful startup

ST. LOUIS, June 12, 2014 – Saint Louis University School of Law is pleased to announce Legal Strategies for Startups, a new educational series specifically created for Arch Grants recipients. The six-week course, designed to cover the life cycle of an average startup company, will be offered at SLU LAW’s Scott Hall starting in September. The course will be directed by Sanjay Jain, an attorney and successful entrepreneur, and co-managed by SLU LAW Professor Michael Korybut.

The series will cover all major legal and business issues that typically affect a startup company. Each two-hour session will cover topics like entity formation, effective business plans, intellectual property protection and raising capital. The series also explores several important but often overlooked topics such as, leaving your former employer and human resources issues within a startup.

“As an inventor and entrepreneur, I have seen many startups make uninformed decisions early in their lives which can have negative consequences later in their lives, most of which can be easily addressed and resolved with some prior legal knowledge,” said Sanjay Jain. “I believe part of the reason my ventures were successful was because of my background as an attorney. We all want to encourage the success of the startup industry in St. Louis, and this course is my way of helping. SLU LAW, with their focus on entrepreneurship and beautiful new facility, is an ideal fit for this program.”

Located in downtown’s central business district, SLU LAW is well positioned to collaborate on neighborhood programming. “We have become a legal resource for this community,” said Michael Wolff, dean of SLU LAW. “With our new Legal Clinics director, Patricia Lee, focusing on entrepreneur law, we are in a unique position to assist these young companies and contribute to the vibrancy these business leaders are bringing to the area.”

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Each program will be followed by a social event held at Scott Hall and sponsored by local organizations. The sponsored programming is currently being arranged through SLU LAW’s communications department.

“We want to encourage our grantees not only to learn through this process, but also to engage with our neighbors,” says Ginger Imster, executive director of Arch Grants. “Connecting with the St. Louis community in a fun and educational way is a vital part of our program.”

The program will be offered at no cost to all Arch Grants recipients, past and present. It will begin on September 17.

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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