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PATRICIA HURESTON LEE JOINS SLU LAW AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND CLINICAL DIRECTOR

Professor Lee brings extensive urban entrepreneurial and leadership experience

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 3, 2014 – Saint Louis University School of Law is pleased to announce the appointment of Patricia Hureston Lee as an associate professor and the new director of the SLU LAW Legal Clinics. Lee joins the School of Law from West Virginia University College of Law where she directed and advanced the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Law Clinic, a passion she hopes to evolve at SLU LAW. She will assume her post on July 1, 2014 and succeeds interim clinical director Barbara Gilchrist and longtime director John Ammann, who led the clinic for 17 years. Both will continue to serve as clinic faculty.

“We are very grateful for the leadership of Professor Ammann and Professor Gilchrist and welcome the addition of Professor Lee to our clinical program,” said Michael Wolff, dean of SLU LAW. “At a time when entrepreneurship clinical programs are vital to a growing community, we believe her leadership will be a driving force that expands our positive influence in our region and beyond.”

Lee began her legal career in legal services working mostly foreclosure and eviction cases. She spent 10 years as corporate counsel at McDonald’s Corporation before entering private practice and working in the nonprofit sector. After more than a decade as a practicing attorney, Lee pursued her passion as a legal educator by teaching at Northern Illinois University School of Law, DePaul University College of Law and The University of Chicago Law School, where she was the founding director of the law school’s Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship. In her current role at WVU LAW, she continues to work with law students to assist emerging entrepreneurs, nonprofits and small business startups (free of charge) in a variety of strategic, transactional, intellectual property law and administrative matters.

“I was blessed early in my career to learn the great responsibility lawyers have in furthering the community and promoting economic and social justice,” said Lee. “Clinical programs play a big role in advancing entrepreneurship and promoting economic growth. The current environment in St. Louis is
ripe for this type of development, and I look forward to working with the SLU LAW clinicians, students and professors to really make an impact in our community.”

Originally from Chicago, Lee welcomes the opportunity to get back to her Midwestern roots and focus once again on advocating for urban entrepreneurship. She has written numerous articles on topics ranging from entrepreneurship, regulations, eminent domain, law clinical programs and the U.S. Supreme Court. She received her Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate from Northwestern University and earned an entrepreneurship certificate from Syracuse University School of Management.

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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