

**WASEDA UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
BERKELEY  
JOINT SYMPOSIUM ON CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION**

**IMPACTS OF CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ON THEORY AND PRACTICE:  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES IN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN**

Dates: December 12th and 13th, 2009

Venue: Building No. 8, Waseda Campus, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

Languages: Japanese and English (Simultaneous interpretation provided)

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***Objectives of the Symposium***

Japan introduced new graduate professional law schools in the university settings as a core institution of professional legal education in April 2004. Japanese law schools are now seriously challenged in their educational competencies. With the educational motto of the law school system being “bridging theory and practice,” what have law schools achieved in Japan? What role has the clinical legal education played as an educational methodology of integrating theory and practice in order to strengthen educational competencies of Japanese law schools? It has been five and a half years since the start of the law school system. It is time to examine our past achievements and future challenges. This joint symposium aims to make a critical evaluation of educational endeavors at Japanese law schools with a special focus on clinical legal education, and with comparative insights from American law schools.

The symposium on December 12th will discuss impacts of clinical legal education on legal theories and practices, dealing with various issues such as achievements of criminal justice clinics, roles of legal clinics for community empowerment, and intellectual property clinics for bridging theory and practice. The workshop on December 13th will examine achievements and challenges of clinical legal education in Japan through eyes of law students.

This joint symposium is hosted by Research Group of Clinical Legal Education funded by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, co-hosted by the Waseda University Institute of Clinical Legal Education and the Sho Sato Program in Japanese and U.S. Law at the University of California Berkeley School of Law, and supported by Waseda University Law School.

## **Program**

### **Symposium**

#### **Impacts of Clinical Legal Education on Theory and Practice: Achievements and Challenges in the United States and Japan**

Time and Date: 10:20 to 18:00, December 12th (Sat), 2009

Venue: Conference Room, 3rd Floor of Building No. 8, Waseda Campus,  
Waseda University

Language: Japanese and English (Simultaneous interpretation provided)

Moderator: Ayumi Michi (Waseda University)

#### **Morning Session (10:20 to 11:45)**

10:20 to 10:30

##### *Opening Remarks*

Shuichi Furuya (Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Waseda University Law School)

##### *Explanation of Purposes of the Symposium*

Ayumi Michi

#### **Keynote Speeches**

10:30 to 11:00 A. *Impacts of Clinical Legal Education in the U.S. on Legal Theories and Practices*

Charles Weisselberg (University of California Berkeley)

11:00 to 11:30 B. *Challenges of Clinical Legal Education in Japan to Change Teaching Law and Practice*

Shigeo Miyagawa (Waseda University)

11:30 to 11:45 *Comments*

Ayumi Michi

Lunch Break

### **Afternoon Session (13:30 to 18:00)**

#### Focus Speeches

13:30 to 13:55 A. *Innocence Projects in the United States*

Keith A. Findley (Wisconsin University)

13:55 to 14:20 B. *Developments of Criminal Justice Clinics in Japan*

Satoru Shinomiya (Kokugakuin University)

14:20 to 14:30 *Comments*

Hiroshi Sato (Waseda University)

14:30 to 14:55 C. *Unprivileged Communities Served by the East Bay Community Law Center*

Tirien Steinbach (University of California Berkeley)

14:55 to 15:20 D. *Improvement of Legal Access in Remote Regions by Law School Clinics in Japan*

Masaki Kunihiro (Shimane University)

15:20 to 15:30 *Comments*

Shozo Ota (University of Tokyo)

Break (20 mins.)

15:50 to 16:15 E. *Law Reform in IP/Technology Clinics*

Jennifer Urban (University of California Berkeley)

16:15 to 16:40 F. *Community Empowerment by Children's Rights Clinic*

Takeshi Nomura (Dokkyo University)

16:40 to 16:50 *Comments*

Jeffrey Selbin (University of California Berkeley)

Break (10 mins.)

17:00 to 18:00 *Panel Discussion*

Panelists: Keith A. Findley, Jeffrey Selbin, Jennifer Urban, Tirien Steibanch, Takeshi Nomura, Masaki Kunihiro, and Satoru Shinomiya

Moderator: Shigeo Miyagawa

18:15 *Reception*

(Sponsored by the Sho Sato Program in Japanese and U.S. Law, University of California Berkeley School of Law)

## **Workshop**

### **Achievements and Challenges in the United States and Japan From the Viewpoint of Law School Students**

Time and Date: 10:00 to 12:00, December 13th (Sun), 2009

Venue: Conference Room, 3rd Floor of Building No. 8, Waseda Campus,  
Waseda University

Languages: Japanese and English (Simultaneous interpretation provided)

10:00 to 12:00 *Workshop*

Student Speakers from:

Kokugakuin University, Chuo University, Dokkyo University and  
Waseda University

Commentators:

Keith A. Findley, Jeffrey Selbin, Jennifer Urban, Tirien Steinbach, and  
Charles D. Weisselberg

Moderator: Shigeo Miyagawa

12:00 *Reception#*