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 Berkley)

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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)

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**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*