

Street Law Clinic

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Type of Work

The Street Law Clinic offers law students the opportunity to educate young people about our legal system and democratic form of government.

Student teams are placed in a Seattle School District high school class for one semester, and teach twice weekly. The goals of the course are to:

- Provide law students with an opportunity to apply and refine lawyering skills, including communicating with a large audience, organizing their thoughts, directing the flow of ideas, answering wide-ranging questions, and articulating legal arguments;
- Develop an appreciation for the multi-faceted role and responsibilities of the lawyer in the community; to sensitize law students to sources and resolutions of community legal problems, particularly for youth;
- Practice time management and planning, through lesson planning, and classroom management, and
- Prepare for the Washington Bar exam.

Clinic Numbers

Quarters Offered: 2 (Winter and Spring)
Credits: 8 (four per quarter)
Students: 16

Notable Accomplishments

- Students from four Seattle high schools conducted eight mock trials at William H. Gates Hall during the weeks of May 9, 16 and 25, 2011.
- Street Law students wrote Model Lesson Plans, which are posted on the UW Law Clinics website. The Model Lesson Plans webpages are the most popular of any clinic webpage, and teachers across the United States have commented on the usefulness of this resource. To see these webpages, go to:

<http://www.law.washington.edu/Clinics/Streetlaw/lessons.aspx>

Faculty Update

Prof. Julia Gold has been teaching Street Law since 1989. In addition to directing the Street Law Clinic, she is director of the Mediation Clinic and teaches alternative dispute resolution and negotiation courses, as well as co-teaching the Mediation Skills CLEs at UW Law. Prof. Gold also conducts mediation and conflict resolution training nationally.

She is involved with numerous public service-oriented entities, including the Executive Committee of the Council on Public Legal Education (a committee of the Access to Justice Board) and the Board of the King County Dispute Resolution Center. The annual Northwest Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference is co-chaired by Prof. Gold.

