

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

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Type of Work

The Entrepreneurial Law Clinic (ELC) is an innovative clinic serving entrepreneurs throughout the Pacific Northwest. The ELC teams law and business students with pro bono attorneys and business advisors. Together they provide critical early stage legal and business counseling to technology entrepreneurs, small business owners, social entrepreneurs and non-profits, and University of Washington and Institute for Translational Health Sciences faculty researchers. By providing such counseling, the ELC has become one of the cornerstones of the innovation ecosystem in the Pacific Northwest.

Clinic Numbers

Quarters offered: Full Year (Autumn, Winter and Spring)
Credits: 9 (three per quarter)
Students: 14 to 18 (13-14 J.D., 2 to 3 M.B.A., and 1 to 2 LL.M. students)

Notable Accomplishments

- Number of ventures served: 24
 - Ten microenterprises, including a neighborhood restaurant and bar in Seattle, a sustainable wine import and distribution business, a game designer for board, social, and online games, a recently opened coffee and pastry shop, a garden and landscaping business, a magazine geared toward the high-end lifestyle, an innovative physical fitness center, an East-African café and coffee shop, a Mandarin Chinese language service, and a statistical analysis consultant.
 - Six technology ventures, including a business that developed and promotes autonomous vehicle technology, an online dietary assessment and health and wellness service, a website focused on living a gluten-free lifestyle, an innovative wind-power device, an online money management tool, and a company that provides mesh wireless network infrastructure in rural areas of the Pacific Northwest.
 - Seven nonprofit or social entrepreneurship ventures, including a social venture providing affordable housing for the

middle income workforce, a community group combating racism in public schools, a community organization that raises profits through the use of solar panels, a mature youth focused nonprofit with over 80 partners around King County, a nonprofit formed to encourage young adults to participate in civic governance, a social organization dedicated to the sport and welfare of purebred dogs, and a nonprofit that assists female veterans.

- One UW technology spin-off—a supplier of specialty chemical reagents.
- Number of ELC legal consults: 55
 - Includes consults for the UW Business Plan Competition, the UW Environmental Innovation Challenge, Financial Fitness Day, and referrals.
 - Number of Hours Spent by ELC students, supervising attorneys and business mentors on ELC related work: 4,050 hours
- Discrete follow-up projects:
 - Nondisclosure Agreements drafted
 - Tester Feedback Form revised
 - Articles of Incorporation drafted
 - Inventions Assignment Agreement drafted
 - Bylaws drafted
 - Board/shareholder consent drafted
 - Additional tax question researched

Managing Director Update



Managing Director of the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, Jennifer S. Fan, presented to visiting Korea University Graduate School of Management of Technology faculty and students on U.S. law and entrepreneurship in July 2011.

