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Georgia State Law's Investor Advocacy Clinic Opens to Clients and Students



ATLANTA—Georgia State University College of Law has opened an Investor Advocacy Clinic that will represent clients who may have suffered losses resulting from broker misconduct but cannot afford or find private legal representation because of the size of their claim.

Supervised by experienced faculty, six Georgia State law students will provide legal assistance and advice to eligible investors who may have claims involving misrepresentation, unsuitability, unauthorized trading, excessive trading and failure to supervise. Nicole Iannarone, assistant clinical professor of law, will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the clinic and instruction of students.

“The clinic offers a unique educational experience for students while also filling a gap by providing legal services to small investors unable to obtain legal representation,” Iannarone said.

The clinic will handle most aspects of representation, including client in-take, interviewing, claim evaluation and client counseling. For those matters that move toward the dispute resolution process, the clinic also will engage in complaint preparation, settlement negotiations and advocacy in mediation and arbitration proceedings.

In addition, the clinic law students will conduct community outreach events during which they will offer investors information on ways to avoid broker disputes and become educated investors.

The clinic is funded by a \$250,000 grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and funding from the College of Law. It joins two other clinics at the college, the HeLP Legal Services Clinic and the Philip C. Cook Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. All three clinics offer services to under-served populations in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

LAW REVIEW PEACH SHEETS

The fall issue of *Georgia State Law Review* features an annual legislative review known as the Peach Sheets. This review provides the legal community with an in-depth look of the Georgia General Assembly's activities and the legislative intent behind significant bills.

- Eighteen bills are covered for the 153rd session.
- All second-year Law Review members partner to write on each bill; about 32 members write on a bill each year.
- The first Peach Sheets were published by the Law Review in 1985.
- Peach Sheets have been cited in judicial opinions in Georgia, including the Georgia Supreme Court.
- Each Peach Sheet includes a comprehensive overview of any legislative reports, committee hearings and floor debates to capture the legislators' viewpoints at the time of the bill's passage.

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Bankruptcy Course To Help Atlantans



ATLANTA—Georgia State University College of Law is introducing this fall a Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program, which will give students the opportunity to develop practical skills while helping an underserved sector of the greater Atlanta community.

Through this program, debtors with little or no income will be provided with pro bono bankruptcy counsel by a team of local attorneys and Georgia State Law students.

“The goal of this program is not to churn out 16 new bankruptcy attorneys each semester,” said Jessica Gabel, associate professor of law and co-founder of the Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program. “The goal is to create and grow a working environment that fosters the true components of legal practice: problem solving, teamwork, skills development, client representation and community building.”

Third-year students will enroll in Gabel’s Bankruptcy Litigation, Negotiation and Practice course to further develop their substantive knowledge of bankruptcy law and will work under supervision of mentor-attorneys on pro bono cases for academic credit.

The Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program has been made possible through a competitive Teaching Innovation Grant from the College of Law and sponsorships from McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, the State Bar of Georgia—Bankruptcy Law

Section, Atlanta Bar Association—Bankruptcy Section, the Georgia Network of the International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation and the Metro Atlanta Consumer Bankruptcy Attorney Group.

“We are excited for the opportunity for our students to provide this much-needed service to the community, while learning practical skills that will serve them well as they become members of the bar,” said Steven J. Kaminshine, dean and professor of law. “The mentorship that the students will receive is invaluable to their career.”

Students will have practical training in all facets of bankruptcy practice, including the drafting of pleadings and presenting arguments in court.

“More important, students will learn what it is really like to represent a client, which is something you don’t get in most law school classes,” said Jacob Vail, the program’s legal coordinator.

“I look forward to the opportunity to watch as these students develop into outstanding bankruptcy practitioners,” said Summer Chandler, a partner at McKenna Long & Aldridge and co-founder of the Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program. “This program will provide a remarkable, hands-on learning experience to the students. In addition, it will undoubtedly further strengthen the relationship between the bench and the bar.”

DID YOU KNOW?

- Our **HeLP Legal Services Clinic** partners with Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and Atlanta Legal Aid Society to address social and economic barriers to health in low-income families.
- Our **Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution** trains students to help mediate tenant-landlord disputes for Fulton County.
- **The Philip C. Cook Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic** provides Georgians with legal representation to help resolve IRS tax controversies.

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Georgia State Offers New J.D./M.P.H.

ATLANTA — Georgia State University will begin offering a juris doctor/master of public health dual degree program this fall, the university announced on July 24. The program allows students to pursue the degrees concurrently in a shortened period of time, by allowing certain courses from each program to count toward both degrees.

“At the national, state, and local levels, the areas where public health and law intersect are rapidly expanding,” said Steven J. Kaminshine, dean of the College of Law. “Leadership positions in both fields increasingly require multidisciplinary expertise.”

The announcement follows news of Georgia State’s Institute of Public Health being renamed the School of Public Health following the acceptance of its application to transition its accredited public health program to a school by the Council on Education for Public Health, the national accrediting body for schools and programs of public health.

“In the past decade, public health at Georgia State has grown dramatically — from a certificate program with a handful of enrolled students in 2002 to a full complement of programs, including not only a certificate, but the M.P.H. and doctoral degree programs,” said Michael P. Eriksen, founding dean of the School of Public Health. “We are thrilled to add yet another offering that prepares our students to meet current public health challenges.”

“As the first public option in Georgia for earning this dual degree, we are well located to attract strong J.D./M.P.H. candidates,” said Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law and director for the Center for Law, Health & Society. “We are walking distance from the Georgia Capitol and Georgia Department of Public Health. Also, Atlanta is headquarters for



the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”

Georgia State will host various events to introduce the program and highlight the kind of collaboration the new dual degree will foster, particularly on contemporary issues in law and public health during this year’s Public Health Grand Rounds—an interdisciplinary monthly seminar series:

Introduction to Georgia State’s new J.D./M.P.H. Dual Degree

- Noon-1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19

Grand Rounds: Public Views on Legal Interventions to Fight Obesity and Chronic Disease

- Featured Speaker: Michelle Mello, professor of law and public health, Harvard School of Public Health
- 1-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11

Grand Rounds: Public Health and Legal Implications of Eugenics

- Featured Speaker: Paul A. Lombardo, Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law, Georgia State
- Noon-1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13

Events will be in Room 170, Urban Life Building, 140 Decatur St. SE, Atlanta, GA 30303. Lunch will be served. To R.S.V.P., email PHEvents@gsu.edu, indicating which event(s) you plan to attend. To learn more about the J.D./M.P.H. program, visit law.gsu.edu/clhs/jdmp.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Georgia State Law has been ranked a top 5 **Best Value Law School** for five years by *National Jurist*
- Georgia State is home to the only **public School of Public Health** in Atlanta and one of the largest accredited public health programs in the Southeast.
- Our **School of Public Health** is one of the most diverse public health programs in the nation
- Georgia State Law’s **Health Law program** is ranked the No. 3 by *U.S. News & World Report*

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