JAHARIS
HEALTH LAW INSTITUTE

A Leader in Health Law
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

In uncertain times, where changes in Health Law and Policy come fast and furious, the Mary and Michael Jaharis Health Law Institute is educating students who will become future leaders in the field. Established in 1984, the Jaharis Health Law Institute engages with the broader global health community to advocate for a better tomorrow.

Followers of health law and health policy no doubt understand the significance of this past year. We watched as Congress was on the brink of repealing the Affordable Care Act. Then the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act effectively repealed the individual mandate. Cost-sharing reduction payments were also constantly in the news as the President threatened to cut off funding—which he ultimately did in October 2017. New states joined the Medicaid expansion while others sought to implement work requirements limiting eligibility. And that doesn’t even include the “Right-to-Try” bill passing, giving terminally ill patients the right to use experimental medications—not yet approved by the Food and Drug Administration, or the heated discussions on how to address drug pricing or the opioid epidemic.

There were many highlights of our year, but a notable one was the annual Jaharis Symposium on Health Law and Intellectual Property, which this year covered “Technological and Emergency Responses to Pandemic Diseases.” Keynote speakers Lawrence O. Gostin, Faculty Director and Founding Chair of the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, and Richard Wilder, Associate General Counsel in the Global Health Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, joined other renowned panelists to take an interdisciplinary look as this looming global problem.
Our faculty also continued to explore important issues in the field and gain recognition for their efforts. Professor Wendy Netter Epstein published articles this year in the *Southern California Law Review*, *Emory Law Journal*, and *Washington Law Review*, and was awarded the Faculty Scholarship Award. Professor Ana Santos Rutschman, in the final year of her faculty fellowship, was also prolific, publishing her work in the *UCLA Law Review*, *Yale Law Journal Forum*, and *Annals of Health Law*. Professor Santos Rutschman was named both a Bio IP Scholar and a Health Law Scholar. Professor Joshua D. Sarnoff received the 2018 DePaul Spirit of Inquiry Award. We highlight their work and the terrific scholarly contributions of our other health law faculty in the pages that follow.

Last but certainly not least, our students continue to be the most important part of our program, and we are proud of their continued achievements. This year, they impressed their employers in a host of externship and summer scholars positions at companies such as Baxter International, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, Advocate Health Care, Nixon Peabody, and the American Medical Association, to name a few. They also competed in national moot court competitions, published our monthly newsletter the E-Pulse and biannual issues of the DePaul Journal of Health Care Law, and hosted over twenty distinguished speakers on campus.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to welcome our new Jaharis Faculty Fellow, Charlotte Tschider, to DePaul. Professor Tschider is already widely published and an experienced and respected teacher. We know she will make invaluable contributions to our community. We are excited to continue to expand our programming; our JD, MJ, and LLM offerings; and to continue to build our unique expertise in compliance and the intersection between health law, intellectual property, and information technology. We are, as always, immensely thankful for the support of the Jaharis Family Foundation, the College of Law administration, the JHLI and Compliance Advisory Boards, and the scholars, practitioners, and alumni without whose support we could not do what we do. Our doors are always open for your feedback and your suggestions. We look forward to a terrific 2018-19 academic year.

Sincerely,

Wendy Netter Epstein  Katherine V. Schostok  
Faculty Director  Executive Director
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

DePaul’s Health Law Faculty brings tremendous breadth and depth to scholarly endeavors. Our faculty are making an impact in the field with important scholarly contributions in the areas of price transparency, unnecessary care, disability discrimination, intellectual property frameworks for outbreak diseases, federal regulation of medical devices, and informed consent law.

Valerie Gutmann Koch
Visiting Jaharis Fellow
Professor Koch’s research focuses on emerging technologies in medicine and science and the legal challenges they pose. In particular, she is exploring the role of liability in ensuring informed consent in treatment and human subjects research. This work has recently resulted in a symposium issue of the Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics in Spring 2017 and her article, “Under Attack: Reconceptualizing Informed Consent,” 45 J. Law, Med. & Ethics 6 (2017). Her research utilizing biospecimens has also recently been highlighted in the Hastings Center Bioethics Forum.

Rebecca Feinberg
Lecturer in Law
Professor Feinberg has cross-appointments in the College of Science and Health and the College of Law. Her research focuses on resource allocation in the developing world, with particular emphasis on access to preventive medicine. She began her work in this area with the African Centre for Technology Studies in Kenya and honed her focus while serving as a Senior Ethics and Health Law Fellow at the World Health Organization in Switzerland. Professor Feinberg completed her fellowship in bioethics at Harvard Medical School and continues to do research in assisted reproductive technologies.

Max N. Helveston
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Strategic Initiatives; Associate Professor of Law; Faculty Advisor of the DePaul Journal of Health Care Law
Professor Helveston’s teaching and research interests center on issues in business law, insurance law and health care law. His work has analyzed the effect that governmental regulation of private markets has on consumer welfare. His recent articles have discussed federal regulation of medical devices and manufacturers’ immunity to tort liability, private firms’ collection and use of consumer data for commercial applications and states’ solvency requirements for insurance companies.

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Mark Weber
Vincent de Paul Professor of Law
Professor Weber’s primary research interests are disability rights issues and complex tort litigation, including liability for toxic exposures and class action proceedings. He is the author of *Disability Harassment, Understanding Disability Law, Special Education Law Cases and Materials* (with Redfield and Mawdsley) and *Special Education Law and Litigation Treatise*. He frequently speaks on disability law issues at national and international programs. In “Intent in Disability Discrimination Law: Social Science Insights and Comparisons to Race and Sex Discrimination,” 2016 U. Ill. L. Rev. 151, he discusses social science research regarding discriminatory intent and its relation to the law, comparing disability discrimination to race and sex discrimination.
Professor Joshua D. Sarnoff is a faculty member in the Mary and Michael Jaharis Health Law Institute, a former Director of DePaul’s Center for Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology (CIPLIT®), and a 2018 DePaul Spirit of Inquiry award recipient. The Spirit of Inquiry award honors specific research, scholarly or creative achievements that exhibit a commitment to the spirit of creative inquiry, which DePaul endeavors to inspire in its students. Professor Sarnoff’s scholarly work, teaching, program development, and domestic and international public service focus on the intersections of intellectual property, health, and the environment.

Professor Sarnoff’s scholarly work is interdisciplinary in nature. He seeks to fully understand the sources of important current problems. And he provides creative leadership and pro bono advocacy to generate pragmatic solutions to those problems. Professor Sarnoff has published extensively on the history and theory of patent-eligible subject matter and many other patent law doctrines. Relying on that expertise, Professor Sarnoff represented the American Medical Association and other medical societies (in the district and appellate courts) and a group of law professors (in the U.S. Supreme Court) in the seminal Association for Molecular Pathology v. Myriad Genetics litigation. The case held that isolated genetic sequences cannot be patented.

Professor Sarnoff’s teaching also reflects his spirit of inquiry. For DePaul, he developed an interdisciplinary course in law and climate change, based on his organizing, editing, and co-authoring of a Research Handbook on Intellectual Property and Climate Change (Edward Elgar Publ. 2016). He was a co-founder of one of the first intellectual property law clinics (DePaul’s TIP Clinic® was established earlier), and was a champion for the Patent and Trademark Office’s adoption of a student practice pilot program, which provides hands-on experience and live-client responsibilities for students.

In 2018, Professor Sarnoff organized and hosted the annual Jaharis Health Law Symposium on Emergency and Technological Responses to Pandemic Diseases. The symposium featured two distinguished keynote speakers (Richard Wilder of the Gates Foundation and Professor Lawrence Gostin of Georgetown University’s O’Neill Institute for National & Global Health Law) and four panels of expert public health officials, lawyers, and academics (including DePaul Professor Barry Kellman and the inaugural Jaharis Health Law Fellow Ana Santos Rutschman). Speakers and panelists addressed domestic and international public health concerns and best practices.

In addition, Professor Sarnoff writes about the use of genetic resources and traditional knowledge in drug discovery and provides advice on the topic. He has been a grant reviewer for the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health’s International Cooperative Biodiversity Group (ICBG) Program. He was a consultant to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on disclosures of the origins of genetic resources and traditional knowledge in intellectual property applications, co-authored (with the recently appointed Executive Director of the South Center) a report for UNCTAD that was submitted to the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). As that issue continues to be the subject of international negotiations and conflict, this summer he was asked to present his analyses to assist the development of creative solutions at the TRIPS CBD Linkage: Issues and Way Forward conference in Geneva, Switzerland organized by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Centre for WTO Studies, and the South Centre.
DePaul’s health law curriculum offers a wide range of coursework in traditional face-to-face classes, online classes, fieldwork and other experiential offerings. Courses cover diverse areas including corporate compliance topics, policy, social and ethical issues and medical malpractice.

### Degree Programs

- **JD, Certificate in Health Law**
- **JD/LLM in Health Law**
- **LLM in Health Law**
- **Health Care Compliance Certificate**
- **Master of Jurisprudence (MJ)**
  - Health Law
  - Health Care Compliance

### Health Law Courses*

- Antitrust Issues in Health Care
- Bioethics & the Law
- Child Protection: Abuse & Neglect
- Data Breach Notification Laws
- Disability Law
- Elder Law
- Externship: Health Law
- Food and Drug Law
- Health Care Compliance and Regulations
- Health Care Delivery Systems
- Health Care: Fraud and Abuse
- Health Information Technology Law & Policy
- Health Innovation and Intellectual Property
- Health Policy and the Law
- Insurance Law
- Legal Aspects of the Biotechnology Business
- Legal Drafting: Health Law
- Medical Malpractice Survey
- National Moot Court Competition: Health Competition
- The Practice of Health Care Law
- Privacy Law
- Risk Management and Patient Safety
- Senior Research Seminar: Patent Policy in the Health Industry
- Sexual Orientation and the Law
- Special Topics in Health Law
- Transactional Health Law Practice

* Course offerings vary by semester. An extensive list and specific program requirements are available at [law.depaul.edu](http://law.depaul.edu).

### 3YP

Health law students can take advantage of DePaul’s innovative Third Year in Practice (3YP) program. The 3YP program allows law students to complete general course requirements in two years and then spend their third year immersed in the simulated and actual practice of law.

[GO.DEPAUL.EDU/JHLI](http://GO.DEPAUL.EDU/JHLI)
In “The Health Insurer Nudge,” recently published in the *Southern California Law Review*, Professor Epstein argues that removing sick people from risk pools or reducing health plan benefits would severely harm vulnerable segments of the population. Lawmakers focused on reducing health care costs should look elsewhere—to the $210 billion spent each year on expensive treatments that are unnecessary and ineffective. Consider how arthroscopic knee surgery for osteoarthritis is routinely performed even though it works no better than a placebo. Spinal fusion surgeries for low back pain on worn out discs and placement of coronary stents in patients with nonacute indications fall into the same category, and the list goes on.

Although the role of doctors and patients has been extensively explored, Professor Epstein turns to what she sees as the biggest puzzle: why payors pay for it. Payors should be motivated to turn down reimbursement for high-cost, unnecessary care, and yet they often do not.

Professor Epstein concedes that we do not want to live in a world where payors exert too much influence over care decisions (see problems with HMOs in 1980s and 1990s). On the other hand, unfettered reliance on patient and physician autonomy in decision-making has worsened the unnecessary care problem. Unnecessary care negatively impacts more than just the individual patient. When patients and physicians choose unnecessary care, the whole risk pool bears the cost.

Professor Epstein suggests a solution in the form of a nudge. To steer decision-makers away from unnecessary care while protecting patient and physician autonomy, payors should require an automated warning to providers when they try to order a test that is known to be overused or a treatment that evidence suggests will be ineffective. Essentially, the payor should require that the provider’s ordering system prompt the doctor with a warning: “Are you sure you want to prescribe this test?” There is preliminary evidence that such nudges can move the needle in significant ways.

For further discussion, see Wendy Netter Epstein, The Health Insurer Nudge, 91 S. CAL. L. REV. 549 (2018).

“UNNECESSARY CARE IS CONSUMED BECAUSE DOCTORS PRESCRIBE IT, PATIENTS CONSENT TO IT, AND PAYORS PAY FOR IT.”

Faculty Director Wendy Netter Epstein

PROFESSOR EPSTEIN EXPLORES HEALTH CARE COSTS
We are thrilled to announce that our inaugural Jaharis Faculty Fellow, Ana Santos Rutschman, has completed her fellowship and begun a tenure-track position at the Saint Louis University School of Law, which boasts the nation’s top-ranked health law program. Professor Rutschman spent a stellar two years at DePaul, honing her expertise at the intersection of health law, intellectual property, and innovation policy. Professor Rutschman is also an expert in intellectual property and licensing, food and drug law, and contracts. Coming to DePaul Law from Mitchell Hamline School of Law in Minnesota, Professor Rutschman has written and spoken on topics ranging from data collection in the medical industry and internet privacy to global data protection laws, among others.

Professor Rutschman is the author of International Cybersecurity and Privacy Law In Practice and her academic writings have appeared or are forthcoming in the Washington University Law Review, the Denver Law Review, the Annals of Health Law, the Journal of Law & Biosciences, and the ABA’s The Law of Artificial Intelligence and Smart Machines, among others. She has appeared on NPR’s All Things Considered and has been featured in a variety of news media publications, including The Hill. She is also a reviewer for the Journal of World Intellectual Property and the Oxford Journal of Cybersecurity.

In 2017, Professor Rutschman was named a Fulbright Specialist in Cybersecurity and Privacy Law by the Fulbright Scholar Program. At DePaul, Professor Rutschman will be working with both the Jaharis Health Law Institute and the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLIT®). She will also be teaching a course in food and drug law in the fall and a course on cybersecurity and privacy law in the health care industry in the spring.

Charlotte Tschider
Jaharis Faculty Fellow in Health Law and Intellectual Property

Professor Tschider is the 2018-2019 Jaharis Faculty Fellow in Health Law and Intellectual Property. Her primary scholarship is in information privacy, cybersecurity law, and artificial intelligence, with a particular focus on the global health care industry. Professor Tschider has written and spoken on topics ranging from data collection in the medical industry and internet privacy to global data protection laws, among others.

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FOCUS ON HEALTH & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

2018 SYMPOSIUM
Technological and Emergency Responses to Pandemic Diseases

On February 22, 2018, the Jaharis Health Law Institute and the DePaul Center for Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology (CIPLIT®) brought academics, policymakers and practitioners together for a symposium titled “Technological and Emergency Responses to Pandemic Diseases.”

Throughout the program, a multi-disciplinary set of experts presented on the current state of knowledge of pandemic diseases, with an emphasis on best practices in responding to them. Particular attention was given: to public health system preparations; to intellectual property issues relating to technological measures to develop diagnostics, vaccines and treatments; to concerns that arise with patient management and participation; with proper ownership and control over technologies developed in part from patients.

Leading public health officials, nonprofit policy experts, partners from law firms, pharmaceutical licensing experts, and medical, privacy, and intellectual property academics participated in the conference.

“This year’s symposium provided a perfect example of the value of bringing together all of the parties involved in our health care system—providers, regulators and lawyers—to discuss contemporary developments in the field. Not only do events like this provide the public with fascinating insights into issues that would otherwise be impossible to learn about, but they provide a venue for experts to learn from one another.”

Max Helveston
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Strategic Initiatives; Associate Professor of Law; Faculty Advisor of the DePaul Journal of Health Care Law
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Public Health System: Detection, Treatment, Containment

Dr. Julie Morita  
*Chicago Department of Public Health*

John D. Blum  
*Loyola University Chicago School of Law*

Dr. Nirav Shah  
*Illinois Department of Public Health*

Intellectual Property and Technology Responses

Ana Santos Rutschman  
*DePaul University College of Law*

Jordan Paradise  
*Loyola University Chicago School of Law*

Adam Conway  
*AbbVie, Inc.*

Luncheon Keynote Speaker

Richard Wilder  
*Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

Biosecurity and Civil Liberties

Dr. Martin Cetron  
*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Mark Parts  
*Partner, Parts & Spencer*

Barry Kellman  
*DePaul University College of Law*

Privacy, Informed Consent, and Property Rights in Biological Materials

Radhika Rao  
*University of California Hastings School of Law*

Liza Vertinsky  
*Emory University School of Law*

Richard Prebil  
*Loyola University Chicago School of Law*

Concluding Keynote Speaker

Lawrence Gostin  
*Georgetown University*

The annual symposium was cohosted by the DePaul Journal of Health Care Law, JHLI, the Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLIT®) and the DePaul Journal of Art, Technology & Intellectual Property.
ALUMNI

The list of accomplishments from our alumni is extensive and impactful. Our large alumni network serve in leadership positions in the most prestigious law firms, health systems and pharmaceutical companies, making their contributions of mentoring and supporting our students invaluable. The genuine connection our alumni make with DePaul students provides opportunities to succeed in a challenging and ever-changing industry.

"AS A TOP-TIER, NATIONALLY RANKED HEALTH LAW PROGRAM, DEPAUL PROVIDES LAW STUDENTS WITH A MULTITUDE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN REAL-WORLD, PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH FUTURE EMPLOYERS THROUGH EXTERNSHIPS AND OTHER PLACEMENT PROGRAMS. THESE AND OTHER DEPAUL-SPONSORED NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES DIRECTLY RESULTED IN A VARIETY OF EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS FOR ME. AND, UPON JOINING A LARGE LAW FIRM, I IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED HOW EXCEPTIONALLY WELL THOSE OPPORTUNITIES HAD HELPED PREPARE ME FOR THE CHALLENGES OF PRACTICING HEALTH LAW IN A FAST-PACED ENVIRONMENT."

— Jason Greis
When alumnus Jason Greis turned his sites toward law school, he had a singular purpose in mind: to be a health care attorney. His path first led him to a large multi-national law firm where he practiced general corporate law before moving to McGuireWoods to focus on health care law.

DePaul Law helped him hone his legal skills and focus in on a specialty area with practical experience in the form of externships, which he said are all important because “after the first year of law school, a good part of what you are learning should come from an employer, because health care lawyers need to understand the business of health care.”

He has taken the same advice in his career in advising law students hoping to practice in the area of health care: “Health law is a broad umbrella. It is best to get the practical experience and then create a narrow focus. Health care is hyper-specialized and clients expect their lawyers to become experts in their particular area.”

Jason’s representation of dialysis and nephrology providers has led him to become an expert in this field. He is equally adept at the everyday issues facing some of his other clients, including, among others, post-acute care providers, academic medical centers and physician group practices.

Jason has furthered his stride in the health care industry as a longtime member and now Immediate Past President of the Illinois Association of Health Care Attorneys, where he has continued his DePaul Law connections, providing opportunities in the organization for current students and young alums and helping them connect with networking opportunities.

A college externship set Danielle Capilla on her career path. “My summer working at St. Jude’s gave me a fascinating glimpse into the intersection of health care and law. After that, I was only looking at law schools with health law certifications.”

DePaul helped her get the experience that would eventually bring her to her current job at United Benefit Advisors. She first worked in the legal department at Walgreen’s and then as a transactional clerk at Clifford Law Offices. After law school graduation, she entered the legal publishing sector as an attorney and senior writer-analyst for the health law division of Wolters Kluwer.

At Wolters Kluwer, she honed her legal writing skills. In addition, she published a number of in-depth strategic perspectives focusing on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s (PPACA) contraception mandate and preventive service requirements, thereby developing and eventually cementing a reputation as an expert on the Affordable Care Act.

Danielle’s education didn’t stop with her DePaul law degree. She continues to learn about health care reform issues as the Federal and State Legislative Chair of the Downtown Chicago Association of Health Underwriters (CHAHU), as she helps that group successfully navigate these “hot button” issues.

Danielle has continued to share that expertise by coming back to DePaul Law, lecturing and serving on JHLI’s advisory board.

“JHLI is instrumental in exposing law students to the many ever-changing facets of health law. The institute has the best in-class professors; offers students opportunities to learn from respected individuals and hosts networking events with local practitioners who provide the institute with their time and knowledge throughout the year.”

— Danielle H. Capilla
Hon. Camela A. Gardner, LLM ’97
Chief Compliance Officer, SeniorWell; Advisory Board Member, Mary and Michael Jaharis Health Law Institute

The Honorable Camela Gardner’s first judgeship came by way of a colleague who suggested that Judge Gardner apply for a Chief Administrative Law Judge opening in her department. As an Assistant State’s Attorney, whose day-to-day duties included interfacing with the Cook County Health & Hospitals System, but also included corporate governance, labor and employment, real estate and procurement, Judge Gardner saw this as the perfect opportunity to focus in on health care and her Masters of Law training at DePaul Law.

An opportunity to be an administrative law judge at the Illinois Department of Public Health followed, where she has presided for the past 6 years. In her current role, Judge Gardner presides over an average of more than 50 cases governed by state and federal licensing laws, rules and regulations, including the Federal Medicare Conditions of Participation and Coverage, as these laws pertain to entities and professionals employed by, among other organizations, skilled nursing homes, ambulatory surgical treatment centers and rural health clinics.

It was during her time at the Cook County Public Defender’s Office — where her cases included juvenile, first municipal and felony tribunals — that she became interested in health care.

DePaul had already developed a reputation as one of the top programs in health law and offered a part-time program. Judge Gardner’s job in night court allowed her to attend classes part-time during the day.

Judge Gardner’s background in both the judiciary and the government has made her a valuable asset to DePaul College of Law as a Jaharis Health Law Institute Board Member. In addition, she has lent her special expertise to similar boards such as the National Association of Correctional Health Care, Provident Hospital of Cook County Ethics Review Board, the Illinois Department of Public Health Institutional Review Board and trade organizations, including the Illinois State Bar Association’s Health Law Section Council.

Down the road, her career may eventually take another path. “I’ve always been interested in the private sector and corporate work. It is an exciting time for attorneys in health law. The health care industry offers some of the hottest jobs in the legal market - from hospitals, to law firms, from general counsel positions to chief compliance officer in health care-related companies.”

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— Hon. Camela A. Gardner
Although DePaul’s Health Law Program spans the field in the breadth and depth of its offerings, the program has developed particular expertise in two growing areas: Health Care Compliance and The Intersection Between Health Law and Intellectual Property.

Health Care Compliance and Ethics

All health care organizations face health care compliance concerns. Preventing illegal, unethical, or improper conduct is both essential and challenging and requires a thorough understanding of health care laws and regulations.

DePaul’s Health Law program is one of only a dozen programs in the nation that is accredited by the Compliance Certification Board (CCB). Students who meet the requirements are eligible to sit for CCB’s certification exams.

DePaul Law has also recently introduced a new Master of Jurisprudence degree in Health Care Compliance. Guided and informed by compliance professionals from various health care companies and firms, the MJ degree provides students with the opportunity to develop skills that will enable them to manage and develop regulatory compliance programs.

Students in the program are trained to assess needs within health care organizations, structure and administer compliance programs and implement mechanisms for detecting violations. They will learn about current issues in the field, including addressing cybersecurity and social media compliance risks. Additionally, students learn techniques for effectively communicating with physicians and other providers, health care administrators, legal counsel, risk management personnel, human resources departments and regulatory agencies.

The Intersection Between Health Law & Intellectual Property

In 2015, the Jaharis Family Foundation Inc. established an endowment in the College of Law to support programs at the intersection of health law and intellectual property. DePaul Law now offers a robust curriculum in these areas. Students have recently taken courses in:

- Data Breach Notification Laws
- Food and Drug Law
- Biotechnology Patent Strategies for the New Millennium
- Patent Policy in the Health Industry
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation and the Law at 1871 & 2112
- IP Valuation in Tech, Health, and Other Industries

Students can also choose from externship and other student employment opportunities to hone their skills at the intersection of these fields. For instance, students have recently worked at pharmaceutical and medical device companies, health information technology companies and firms specializing in health and IP work.

The endowment has supported extensive programming and also a yearly symposium focused on the intersection between health law and intellectual property.

“DEPAUL’S COMPLIANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT HEALTH CARE LAW LANDSCAPE AND PREPARES THEM FOR A CAREER IN THIS DYNAMIC INDUSTRY. AS A MEMBER OF THE DEPAUL LAW HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, I SEE FIRSTHAND THE GREAT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS UPON GRADUATION. “

Ahmed Salim
Regional Director of Compliance at Presence Health; Vice Chair, Jaharis Health Law Institute Advisory Board
THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The Jaharis Health Law Institute offers a variety of opportunities for hands-on learning. Our student organizations, programs and competitions are faculty supported and are an opportunity for students to develop and refine their skills while engaging in real-world practice.

DePaul Journal of Health Care Law
Founded in 1996, the journal has long been one of the nation’s premiere student-run scholarly publications and provides insightful and progressive articles by academics and practitioners that analyze the legal complexities of the rapidly evolving health care field. The journal’s staff writers and editors also have opportunities to submit their work for publication. The journal is one of the few peer-reviewed health law journals in the nation.

E-Pulse
The E-Pulse is a student-run, bimonthly newsletter that publishes submissions from students affiliated with the Jaharis Health Law Institute as well as from practitioners who have expertise in special areas of interest. E-Pulse encourages students to submit high-quality health law articles to be published online and distributed to a wide variety of readers. E-Pulse offers a constant stream of current, thought-provoking articles for health law scholars and practitioners alike.

Health Law Fellows
DePaul students selected as Health Law Fellows have opportunities to participate in JHLI’s programs and substantive work. Fellows are involved in a variety of activities including organizing lectures and annual events, assisting with research and writing and participating in mentorship and career-focused programs.

JHLI Student Advisory Board
Working as the liaison between the students and the Advisory Board, the Student Advisory Board has the opportunity to initiate new programmatic ideas based on student feedback and promote student and practitioner engagement through educational and networking events.

Health Law Competitions
JHLI sponsors student teams to compete in two national competitions: The L. Edward Bryant Jr. National Health Law Transactional Moot Court Competition at Loyola University Chicago and the Health Law Regulatory & Compliance Competition at the University of Maryland. The competitions expose our law students to the core competencies of the corporate and regulatory practice of health care law. Students are challenged to apply corporate lawyering skills and to navigate the complex regulatory landscape of health care law in hypothetical situations.

Vaughn Bentley
Prosecutor, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

“My time with the Jaharis Health Law Institute helped me to grow into the attorney I am today by giving me the connections and skills I need to succeed. Serving on the Jaharis Health Law Institute student board as the Director of Marketing and Editor-In-Chief of E-Pulse allowed me to gain numerous connections to practicing attorneys while the opportunity to be published in the DePaul Journal of Health Care Law allowed me to gain exposure.”

Yesenia Perez
Northeast Region Employee Benefits Counsel, USI Insurance Services

“After graduating from college, I knew that I wanted to pursue a career in health law, but was not sure where to start. Through JHLI, I was able to participate in a wide variety of class courses, luncheon seminars, the Health Law Journal, Moot Court, the Summer Scholars Program and took on a leadership role as a student on the executive board. During my three years at DePaul, the Health Law Institute provided me with the tools, knowledge and experience necessary to succeed in my profession as an employee benefits compliance attorney.”

Azeema Akram
Transportation Counsel, Illinois Commerce Commission

“DePaul’s health law program connected me to great opportunities that prepared me for my career... The Summer Scholars Program, Transactional Moot Court team and DePaul Journal of Health Care Law were all valuable experiences.”
JHLI SUMMER SCHOLARS

The Summer Scholars Program allows qualified DePaul Health Law Fellows and intellectual property law students to apply for positions at some of the most distinguished law firms and health organizations in Chicago. Each Summer Scholar is provided a summer stipend by the Jaharis Health Law Institute. Some recently served in positions at:

- Advocate Corporate
- American Medical Association
- Baxter International
- Hill-Rom
- Husch Blackwell
- Nixon Peabody
- Lurie Children’s Medical Center
- Presence Health
- R1 Revenue Cycle Management, Inc.
- United Benefit Advisors

“DURING THE SUMMER BEFORE MY 2L YEAR, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A COMPLIANCE INTERN AT UNITED BENEFIT ADVISORS. THROUGH THIS POSITION, I RESEARCHED AND DRAFTED A PUBLICATION ON COBRA LIABILITY IN MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS, PROVIDED SUPPORT TO THE COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT BY REVIEWING AND EDITING DOCUMENTS ON TOPICS SUCH AS ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS, AND DEVELOPED A BROAD KNOWLEDGE OF GROUP HEALTH PLAN TOPICS, INCLUDING PLAN DOCUMENTS AND NONDISCRIMINATION RULES. I HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE AS A SUMMER SCHOLAR, WHICH HELPED TO ENHANCE MY KNOWLEDGE AS A LEGAL PROFESSIONAL."

Elisabeth Volk
Summer Scholar at United Benefit Advisors

“WORKING AS A SUMMER EXTERN AT LURIE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL THROUGH THE JAHARIS SUMMER SCHOLAR PROGRAM HAS BEEN A REWARDING AND ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE. MY PLACEMENT AT LURIE’S HAS PROVIDED ME EXPOSURE TO A VARIETY OF ISSUES WITHIN THE FIELD OF HEALTH LAW. THE ATTORNEYS AT LURIE’S HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLE MENTORS AND THE REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE I HAVE GAINED IS INVALUABLE.”

Katie Johnson
Summer Scholar at Lurie Children’s Medical Center
As a summer extern for the legal department at Advocate Aurora Health, Joanna was given the opportunity to dip her toes into the vast field of health law. The externship exposed Joanna to many different areas of the law within health law, and completely changed her understanding of what it means to be a health care lawyer. She began the externship with a focus on exploring compliance issues—quickly learning that compliance and policy are only a small component. Advocate Aurora’s in-house attorneys’ practice encompasses compliance, litigation, and transactional elements.

Throughout the externship, Joanna was constantly learning through researching the various statutes and regulations that pose legal ramifications for noncompliance. From being exposed to systemic issues as well as to more nuanced business issues, she realized the diversity of work in-house counsel are expected to handle.

Additionally, Joanna observed first-hand some potential effects of hospital merger and acquisition activity. Illinois-based Advocate Health had recently merged with Wisconsin’s Aurora Health Care when she began her externship. She saw how this merger created new challenges in terms of standardizing policies. After being exposed to real estate law, Joanna learned that there are stark differences in how acquiring real estate is handled, showing how health lawyers also must be prepared to face the legal issues presented by mergers that cross state lines.

This externship allowed Joanna to realize that the issues health lawyers handle, intersect with almost every other area of the law, from employment law to tax law, contract law, property law, information technology law, and intellectual property law.

“I REALIZE THAT THERE IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE SOMETHING TO LEARN AND RESOLVE IN THE DYNAMIC FIELD OF HEALTH LAW.”
— Joanna Kluzowska
In addition to the annual symposium, JHLI hosts a monthly lecture series where continuing legal education credit is awarded. In attendance are health care lawyers, medical professionals, faculty members and students. JHLI has welcomed many distinguished speakers this year.

Dr. Richard Corlin presented on mental illness and the evolution of the American health care system.

Attorneys Timothy Fry and Holly Carnell from McGuireWoods spoke on retail medicine and the corporate practice of medicine.

Ahmed Salim, Regional Director of Compliance at Presence Health, discussed the non-monetary compensation exception under Stark Law.

The inaugural JHLI Faculty Fellow, Ana Santos Rutschman, presented on the intellectual property considerations involved in vaccine development.

Attorney Mary DeBartolo, Associate at the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, spoke on infectious disease and international law.

Wolters Kluwer also hosts a lecture series each year at the Institute, covering recent developments and emerging issues in health law, privacy and compliance.

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