

## Program Overview

There is a growing consensus that American law schools need to do a better job of preparing students to practice law. Teaching students to “think like a lawyer” is still important but it is not enough for students to be able to *act* like a lawyer soon after they graduate.

Training lawyers is especially difficult because lawyers work on many types of problems, both when handling disputes and negotiating transactions. Some legal disputes are resolved at trial or on appeal, but most are resolved through other processes in the “shadow of the law.” Although legal education has evolved in recent decades, the legacy of the Langdellian system makes it hard to combine instruction in legal doctrine, practical skills, and clinical experience.

Recognizing the general problems of legal education is fairly easy. Solving them can be quite hard. Law schools serve many constituencies that have demanding and diverse interests. Needed time and money are scarce and there is no one-size-fits-all solution.

This symposium brings together scholars, practitioners, and judges to analyze the needs of stakeholders of legal education and how law schools can most effectively satisfy those needs.

## General Information

For biographies of the speakers and more information, see <http://law.missouri.edu/csdr/symposium/2012/>

This symposium is free and has been approved for 3.6 hours of Continuing Legal Education credit in Missouri.

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# Overcoming Barriers in Preparing Law Students for Real-World Practice

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## 2012 SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE



**Keynote Address:**  
*Training the Heads, Hands and  
Hearts of Tomorrow's Lawyers*

Lisa Kloppenberg  
Professor of Law  
University of Dayton School of Law

**Welcome 8:30**



**Rigel C. Oliveri**  
Associate Professor of Law  
Associate Dean for Faculty  
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University of Missouri School of Law



**John Lande**  
Isidor Loeb Professor of Law  
Senior Fellow, Center for the Study  
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**Lisa Kloppenberg**  
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**Break 9:45**

**Panel 10:00**

*What Law Firms and Clients  
Need from Lawyers*



**Moderator: Melody R. Daily**  
Clinical Professor of Law  
Director, Legal Research and  
Writing Program  
Director, Externship Program  
University of Missouri School of Law



**Clark D. Cunningham**  
W. Lee Burge Professor of Law & Ethics  
Georgia State University College of Law



**Hon. Solomon Oliver, Jr.**  
Chief Judge  
U.S. District Court,  
Northern District of Ohio



**John R. Phillips**  
Partner, Husch Blackwell LLP  
Chair, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution

**Break 11:00**

**Panel 11:15**

*Assessing Reforms in Legal  
Education: What Has and  
Hasn't Worked Well*



**Moderator: S. David Mitchell**  
Associate Professor of Law  
University of Missouri School of Law



**Judith Welch Wegner**  
Burton Craige Professor of Law  
University of North Carolina  
School of Law



**David M. Moss**  
Associate Professor  
University of Connecticut Teaching Fellow  
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**Barbara Glesner Fines**  
Rubey M. Hulen Professor of Law  
Associate Dean for Faculty Development  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
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**Adjourn 12:15**