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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**Welcome**  
8:30  
Rigel C. Oliveri  
Associate Professor of Law  
Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development  
University of Missouri School of Law  

John Lande  
Isidor Loeb Professor of Law  
Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution  
University of Missouri School of Law  

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**Keynote Address**  
8:45  
Training the Heads, Hands and Hearts of Tomorrow’s Lawyers  
Lisa Kloppenberg  
Professor of Law  
University of Dayton School of Law  

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**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  
University of Missouri School of Law  

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

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**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  
Neag School of Education  

Barbara Glesner Fines  
Rubey M. Hulen Professor of Law  
Associate Dean for Faculty Development  
University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law  

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**Adjourn**  
12:15