

Midwest Clinical Legal Education Conference 2016
Request for Proposals
October 6-8, 2016
University of Tulsa College of Law
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Teaching for Our Times

As clinical law faculty, we find ourselves in the midst of a time of both turmoil and transformation in legal education, law practice, and the provision of legal services to communities in need. It is also a time of paradox. On the one hand, we have law graduates burdened with student debt who struggle to find work in the law. On the other, despite the apparent oversupply of lawyers, we are faced with a staggering unmet need for legal services for the poor and middle class. These times present both obstacles and opportunities as we strive to find the best ways to engage and inspire today's law students and tomorrow's lawyers. Faculty engaged in clinical and experiential legal education are particularly well-placed to respond and to offer vision and ideas for cultivating successful students who will become effective advocates leading satisfying professional lives. This conference will be an opportunity to develop and share ideas for effectively teaching law students about to embark on law practice and the legal profession in challenging times.

Deadline for Proposals: **March 22, 2016**

The Planning Committee for the 2016 Midwest Clinical Legal Education Conference invites you to submit proposals for this year's conference, which will take place from Thursday evening, October 6 to mid-day Saturday, October 8, 2016 at The University of Tulsa College of Law in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Details on registration and lodging will follow soon.

The committee is open to receiving proposals for plenaries, concurrents, workshops or discussions formatted in other ways. The deadline for proposals is Tuesday, March 22, 2016. We will notify those whose proposals have been selected by April 15, 2016. A solicitation for a Works-in-Progress session will be distributed separately.

We encourage those submitting proposals to think broadly about the way in which their teaching, scholarship, and advocacy respond to our responsibility as law professors to make sure our students are well prepared for a professional career that will sustain them financially and emotionally, serve their clients and communities, and contribute to the quality of justice for everyone. We solicit proposals from teachers of in-house clinic or externship courses, incubator programs, and other courses that offer substantial experiential learning opportunities.

Criteria

In general, the organizing committee will favor proposals that address the conference theme, are relevant to conference attendees, are well-defined and focused, are timely and important, and show care and thoughtfulness in development.

We value diversity, both in the composition of presenting teams, and in your topic's presentation of diversity as a concern in your work. Diversity includes gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, geographical location, years of experience, type of school, type of program and other factors.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals should be submitted by e-mail to midwest-clinic-conference-2016@utulsa.edu no later than March 22, 2016. Please use the cover sheet and proposal template attached to this e-mail.