The most comprehensive Health Law program in the country

2019 HIGHLIGHTS
Health Law at Mitchell Hamline School of Law has the combined resources of our:

- Food Law Center
- Health Law Clinic
- Health Law Institute
- Professional Legal Education
- Food Law Center

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Mitchell Hamline offers more cutting-edge health law courses than any other program of its kind.

**Experiential and Simulation**
- Health Law Clinic: Medical Legal Partnership
- Health Law Externship
- Health Law Residency
- Elder Justice Policy Externship
- National Health Law Moot Court Competition
- Regulatory and Compliance Competition
- Transactional Health Law Moot Court Competition

**Health Care Compliance**
- Health Care Compliance Laws and Regulations
- Governance and Ethics in Health Care Compliance
- Health Care Compliance Institute
- Health Care Compliance Skills
- HIPAA Privacy

**Patient Care and Rights**
- Health Law Seminar
- Medical Malpractice
- Mental Health Law
- Health Law Quality of Care and Liability
- Race, Health Care, and the Law
- Reproductive Rights
- Genetics Seminar

**Public Health and Policy**
- Drug and Device Law
- Elder Law
- Food Law
- Food Fight: The Art and Science of Foodborne Illness Litigation
- Drugs, Guns, and Condoms: Public Health and The Law

**Access and Regulatory**
- Administrative Law
- ACA Evolution: Past, Present, and Future of Obamacare
- Health Law Organization and Finance
- Telemedicine Law
FACULTY AND EXPERTS IN HEALTH LAW

HLI FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Thaddeus Pope, J.D., Ph.D.
Director, Health Law Institute at Mitchell Hamline School of Law; Professor of Law

- Ranked as one of the Top 20 most-cited health law scholars in the United States.
- Has more than 200 publications in leading medical journals, bioethics journals, and law reviews.

2019 Highlights
- Participated in more than 30 invited presentations at Harvard, Emory, Oxford, University of California San Diego and international conferences in Cuba, Belgium and Quebec.
- Published more than 20 books and articles.
- Presented VSED Divulged: Legal, Ethical, and Clinical Status of the Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking Exit Option, in Belgium to the Third International Conference on End of Life Law, Ethics, Policy, and Practice. This is the subject of his new book under contract with Oxford University Press and a two-year, grant-funded project, Dementia and the Ethics of Choosing When to Die, on which he serves as an expert consultant to The Hastings Center.

Barbara Colombo, J.D., R.N. ’89
Director, Health Care Compliance Program; Assistant Teaching Professor

- Served as the assistant commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Health, general counsel for a health care organization and litigation attorney.
- Practiced as a critical care registered nurse before becoming an attorney.
- Frequent speaker on health care regulatory and compliance matters.

2019 Highlights
- Received recognition as an exceptional teacher from students including Morgan Shacht, J.D. ’14, Compliance/Privacy Officer at the Mayo Clinic, who shares, “Professor Colombo’s practical experience and knowledge of health care compliance played a huge role in helping to prepare me for practice after law school. I would not be where I am today without her guidance and expertise.”

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Laura Hermer, J.D., LL.M.
Professor of Law
- Research focuses on changes in access to health coverage and care under the Affordable Care Act.
- Created a medical-legal partnership and associated coursework between the law school and United Family Medicine, a federally-qualified health center in St. Paul.

2019 Highlights
- Spoke at conferences including the Charm City Colloquium on Law and Bioethics, co-hosted by the University of Maryland School of Law’s Law & Health Care Program and the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics.
- Published articles, legislative testimony, and op/eds, including Independence Is the New Health in the Saint Louis University Journal of Health Law and Policy.

David Larson, J.D., LL.M.
Professor of Law
- Served as “Professor-in-Residence” at the Equal Employment Commission headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- Has published more than 60 articles and book chapters and has made more than 150 professional presentations in Australia, Austria, Canada, China, England, Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United States.

2019 Highlights
- Published Digital Accessibility and Disability Accommodations in Online Dispute Resolution: ODR for Everyone in the Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution.

Eric Janus, J.D.
Professor of Law
- Named one of the “25 Most Influential People in Legal Education” by The National Jurist in 2015 and 2016.
- Served as president of William Mitchell College of Law from 2006–15
- Established the first hybrid online/on-campus J.D. program among ABA-approved law schools.
- Negotiated an agreement to combine with the Hamline University School of Law to create the Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

2019 Highlights
- Received the 22nd Annual Earl Larson Award from the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota, for his “lifelong commitment to justice and civil liberties work.”

Ana Pottratz Acosta, J.D.
Clinical Instructor and MLP Managing Attorney
- Oversees the Medical Legal Partnership between the law school and United Family Medicine.
- Previously served as supervising attorney for Lutheran Social Services of New York Immigration Legal Services Program.

2019 Highlights
- Published Obtaining Health Care and Public Benefits in the American Immigration Lawyer’s Association’s handbook, Immigration Practice Pointers.

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

How Does Someone in a Vegetative State Have a Baby? 1-9-2019, Thaddeus Pope

What Does ‘Dead’ Mean? The Debate Continues Some 50 Years After Harvard Defined Death 1-16-2019, Thaddeus Pope

Health advocates worry about surprise court opinion on SF’s sugary drinks law 2-8-2019, Doug Blanke

Nation’s First Opioid Trial Begins, Testing How Much Pharma Will Be Held Responsible for Crisis 5-28-2019, Doug Blanke

Miracle Medical Machine ECMO Makes Heroic Rescues, but Leaves Patients in Limbo 6-17-2019, Thaddeus Pope
Health Law Institute Faculty and Staff

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Eric Janus, J.D. | Professor of Law
David Larson, J.D., LL.M. | Professor of Law
Ana Pottratz Acosta, J.D. | Clinical Instructor and MLP Managing Attorney

2017-2019 Adjunct Faculty — including experts teaching from locations across the country.

Rebecca Bernhard, J.D. | Of Counsel, Dorsey & Whitney LLP | Administrative Law
Zach Clifton, J.D. ’13 | Sr. Compliance & Privacy Analyst at UC San Diego Health | Health Care Compliance Governance and Ethics
Tyler Cowart J.D. | Compliance Lead and Business Compliance Officer, Aetna Joint Ventures | Health Care Compliance Laws and Regulations
Jennifer Dukart, J.D. | Associate General Counsel, UnitedHealthcare Health Care Compliance Governance and Ethics
Brendan Flaherty, J.D. | Partner, Pritzker Hageman, P.A. | Food Fight! The Art and Science of Foodborne Illness Litigation
Mark Gardner, J.D. ’09 | President, Gardiner Law | Drug and Device Law: Health Law Regulatory Compliance Competition
David Graham, J.D. ’87 | Sr. Counsel, Dykema Gossett PLLC | Food Law
Mark Hallberg, J.D. ’79 | Founder, Trial Attorney, and Neutral Mediator, Hallberg Law P.A. | Medical Malpractice Theory and Practice
Lindsey Hennings, MSL | Compliance Manager, Prime Therapeutics | Health Care Compliance Laws and Regulations
Tescia Jackson, J.D. ’16 | Legal and Regulatory Analyst, Medica | Health Care Compliance Institute
Kate Johansen, J.D. ’09 | Director of Government Relations—Medica Health Plans | ACA Evolution: Past, Present, and Future of Obamacare
Elizabeth Kremenak, J.D. ’09 | Sr. Manager Regulatory Monitoring and Operation | Health Care Compliance Governance and Ethics
Shamila Merchant, J.D. ’14 | Staff Counsel, UnitedHealthcare | Health Care Compliance Institute
Megan Olson, J.D. ’15 | International Compliance & Privacy Officer, Data Protection Officer, Mayo Clinic | Telemedicine
Ryan Osterholm, J.D. | Partner, Pritzker Hageman, P.A. | Food Fight! The Art and Science of Foodborne Illness Litigation
Morgan Schacht, J.D. ’14 | Compliance/Privacy Officer, Integrity and Compliance Office, Mayo Clinic | Health Care Compliance Laws and Regulations

2019 | Dr. Whitelaw participated as an expert witness in the ongoing Opioid MDL litigation in the Northern District of Ohio assessing the corporate compliance and anti-diversion programs of several of the defendants.

Seth Whitelaw, J.D., Ph.D. | HLI Sr. Fellow | President and CEO, Whitelaw Compliance Group, LLC | Health Care Compliance Skills: Legal Compliance Essentials for Drug, Device, and Biotech Companies

Advisory Board — comprised of alumni and industry professionals who provide invaluable perspective on issues, challenges, and needs related to health law practice.

Diane Berthel | Retired Investment Consultant; Global Human Rights and Healthcare Volunteer
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Julie Brunner, J.D. | Retired Healthcare Executive
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Craig Moscetti, M.P.H. | Policy Analyst
Renee Obrecht-Como, M.A. | Program and Grants Coordinator

2019 | The Public Health Law Center and the American Lung Association—CA were awarded a $6 million, 5-year contract by the California Tobacco Control Program to support professionals in their work to end the commercial tobacco epidemic there.

Public Health Law Center — a renowned nonprofit law and policy organization that helps health leaders, officials, and advocates use the law to advance public health.

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Julie Ralston Aoki, J.D. | Director of Healthy Eating and Active Living Programs
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Andrew Twinamatsiko, J.D. | Staff Attorney
Susan Weisman, J.D. | Sr. Staff Attorney

Beth Roxland, J.D. | Bioethics and Strategy Leader, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Johnson & Johnson
Morgan Schacht, J.D. ’14 | Compliance/Privacy Officer, Integrity and Compliance Office, Mayo Clinic
Martin Stillman, M.D., J.D. | Mediation and Conflict Resolution Officer, Asst. Chief, Department and Faculty Affairs, Dept. of Medicine, Hennepin County Medical Center; Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School
Ann Tobin, J.D. | Chief Compliance Officer, Prime Therapeutics
Jeff Vigil, J.D. | Sr. Counsel, HealthPartners Inc.

Stephen Warch, J.D. | Shareholder, Chair, Health Care Practice Group, Nilan Johnson Lewis
Laura Zrust, J.D. ’86 | Sr. Counsel, Department of Human Services, Office of the General Counsel
IN 2019

717 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HEALTH LAW COURSES

2019 HEALTH LAW GRADUATES

“As a lawyer practicing in the field, I prioritize engaging health law students from Mitchell Hamline in my department’s clerkship opportunities. They have always been assets to our workforce, and come to us with a very solid understanding of healthcare laws and regulations. Staff love working with Mitchell Hamline law clerks and trust their advice and work product.”

Casey Martin, J.D., ’11
Deputy General Counsel/Chief Compliance Officer, Planned Parenthood North Central States

“Growing up in Rochester, Minn., home of the Mayo Clinic, I knew I wanted to study health law and I knew I wanted to attend law school in Minnesota. The other Minnesota schools did not even come close to what the Health Law Institute at Mitchell Hamline had to offer.”

Morgan Schacht, J.D. ’14
Compliance/Privacy Officer, Integrity and Compliance Office, Mayo Clinic
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2006 Inception

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