A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

The more we’re able to understand each other’s perspectives, the better our solutions are going to be in the future, and that’s the legacy of this program. This is a unique opportunity to bring together the strength and the experience of two world-renowned institutions.”

—Claire Brindis, Director of UCSF’s Institute for Health Policy Studies

In 2009, the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy was little more than a promising idea. Since then, dedicated professionals at both the University of California Hastings College of the Law and the University of California San Francisco have nurtured this idea to create a dynamic collection of collaborative initiatives. True to its founding vision, the Consortium has developed programs in three areas – Education, Research, and Clinical Training & Service – that seek to advance both the academy and our society. This brochure celebrates many of the Consortium’s programs and achievements. But our success so far is only a prelude for more to come.

Today, lawyers and health care professionals operate largely insulated from one another, both in formal training and daily practice. Yet, increasingly, it is apparent that effective health care or legal representation cannot be delivered without an appropriate understanding of the ways in which these two worlds so frequently intersect. Lawyers and health care professionals, working together, are able to integrate and coordinate their practice areas in ways that advance their respective professions and the populations they serve. The UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium was founded on this vision and works to achieve this vision in three principal areas:

**Education** is key to our interdisciplinary partnership because it prepares future generations of legal and health professionals to understand one another’s language, culture, and standards of success. The Consortium has initiated formal programs to help lawyers understand the vocabulary, methods, and culture of the health sciences as well as programs to help health professionals and scientists understand the doctrine, processes, and culture of the law. Consortium-sponsored conferences, workshops, and grand rounds serve a similar function.

**Research** is key to the UCSF/UC Hastings partnership in that legal and ethical issues permeate the health sciences. In the health sciences, “bench to bedside to society” describes the translational process by which laboratory findings are leveraged to improve the health of individual patients and then applied to societal populations. The law shapes the entire translational spectrum; to borrow from de Tocqueville, scarcely any scientific question arises in the United States that is not resolved, sooner or later, into a judicial question. The Consortium is pioneering a vision of research translation that extends from “bench to bench” – scientific to judicial – that will advance health sciences and the law in innovative and unique directions.

**Clinical Training & Service** is key to the Consortium because effective medical-legal partnership can be essential for the health of vulnerable populations. The Consortium developed and supports the Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors (MLPS), in which a UC Hastings legal clinic has been co-located with a UCSF primary care clinic for seniors. Using a team approach, physicians, nurses, social workers and law students at the MLPS provide a comprehensive approach to healthcare. The MLPS, and similar collaborations in development, benefit patients while providing an invaluable training environment for students, as well as a unique forum for development of inter-professional relationships and understandings.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with the dedicated professionals that have made the Consortium such a success. We are proud of all that the Consortium has accomplished and look forward to expanding and deepening the partnership between these two great institutions.

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The UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy is a groundbreaking collaboration between two renowned institutions. Founded in 1873, the University of California, San Francisco is the only UC campus devoted solely to health science. Its four schools (Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy) consistently top the rankings in education, research, patient care, and NIH funding support. Patients travel from across the state, country, and globe for care at UCSF’s medical center. The university’s four major campuses and affiliations with the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the Department of Veteran’s Affairs make it the second largest employer in the city. The University of California, Hastings College of the Law was founded in 1878 as the first law school in the University of California public university system. As a top-ranked law school, UC Hastings’ classes, centers, and clinics educate students in cutting-edge areas of the law and provide opportunities for students and practitioners to work together at the school and in the community. Hastings alumni are leaders in law, policy, government, and business.

UCSF and UC Hastings have a long history of informal collaboration between faculty working at the intersection of law and health science. The insight of such collaborations is that the worlds of law and science, while traditionally perceived to be silo-ed, in fact are intricately entwined. By working jointly, lawyers, health care professionals and scientists can and should advance health and science through informed law and policy. Recognizing the growing need for such joint endeavors, in 2009 the institutions established the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy. The mission of the Consortium is to act as the primary organizing and facilitating force for interdisciplinary collaborations in education, research, and clinical training and service. The scope of the Consortium’s programmatic work is ambitious, linking scholars, professionals and students across UC Hastings and the four UCSF schools in joint programs encompassing a breadth of topics at the intersection of law, science, and health policy. In 2013, the institutions signed an Affiliation Agreement to formalize the relationship and set forth the areas of interdisciplinary collaboration to be developed and facilitated by the Consortium.
Consortium Grand Rounds

The Consortium hosts and co-sponsors many events throughout the year which are designed to foster interdisciplinary education and communication. Consortium Grand Rounds are held throughout the fall and spring semesters at both UCSF and UC Hastings campuses. This lecture series highlights the work of faculty at UCSF and UC Hastings, as well as collaborators from other institutions. The Consortium addresses a wide range of topics in the Grand Rounds series, ranging from bioethics at the beginning and end of life, the translation of science to law, public health and law, and health reform, to name a few.

The Consortium also hosts full and half day symposia during which scholars and professionals from a variety of fields join to discuss cutting edge law and health science issues in more depth. Grand Rounds and symposia are open to students, faculty, professionals, and the general public. Throughout the year, the Consortium also holds small group workshops designed to nurture collaboration around ongoing research projects.
Symposium Highlights

FROM BENCH TO SOCIETY: LAW AND ETHICS AT THE FRONTIER OF GENOMIC TECHNOLOGY
Spring, 2013. Featuring keynote speaker George Poste, DVM, PhD, DSc, FRS and panels on the state of the science, predictions of future health, individualized medicine, and behavioral genetics.

LAW AND POLICY OF THE DEVELOPING BRAIN: NEUROSCIENCE FROM WOMB TO DEATH
Spring, 2012. Featuring keynote speakers Robert Sapolsky, PhD and Lise Eliot, PhD, as well as panels on regulation of factors affecting prenatal and child brain development (environment, caregiving relationships, and inequality), neuroscience, aging and decision-making, financial fraud and the elderly, and predicting Alzheimer’s Disease.

FOOD DESERTS: LEGAL, SOCIAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES
Fall, 2011. Featuring keynote speaker David Kessler, MD, JD and panels on policies impacting food deserts in the community and in prisons.

WEST COAST MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT
Fall, 2011. Featuring keynote speaker Larry Adelman and a special introduction by Megan Sandel, MD, well as panels on forming medical-legal partnerships, health care reform, mental health issues, training medical and law students, and promoting and sustaining collaborations.

FRONTIERS IN WOMEN’S HEALTH: THE ROLE OF HORMONES IN AGING AND DISEASE – WHAT WE KNOW (AND DON’T KNOW) EIGHT YEARS AFTER THE WOMEN’S HEALTH INITIATIVE
Spring, 2011. Featuring keynote speaker Marianne Legato, MD, FACP and panels on informed consent litigation and the state of the science regarding hormone therapy, translational research, government agency and health policy decision-making, genomics, and public advocacy.

HEALTH AS A HUMAN RIGHT: THE GLOBAL OPTION, EXPANDING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPACT
Spring, 2010. Featuring keynote speaker Stephen Lewis, CC and panels examining the definition of health as a human right, the economics behind public health reforms, and a case study on Haiti’s challenge responding to various health issues.

“I know just how difficult it is to get the right mixture of science, ethics, and law - or, perhaps more accurately, the right people to talk both across disciplinary lines and to a general audience, about these topics. The UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium does an excellent job of finding the right balance.”
—Hank Greely, Director, Stanford Law School, Center for Law and the Biosciences
JD Concentration in Law & Health Sciences

The Concentration in Law & Health Sciences is a structured course of study designed to prepare JD students for legal careers related to health and science. Students are required to take foundational courses that include Health Law I, Health Law II, and Science in Law. Students may then choose relevant electives according to their interests and with the guidance of the Concentration Advisor. UC Hastings offers a wide variety of coursework on subjects at the intersection of law, science and health policy, such as Mental Health & the Law, Women’s Health & the Law, Food & Drug Law, and Elder Law. Students may also take courses at UCSF and apply credit toward the Concentration requirements.

In addition, Concentrators are encouraged to enroll in clinics or externships related to science and health. The most notable of these opportunities is the Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors, in which students learn essential lawyering skills by providing legal assistance to low-income patients of UCSF Medical Center. Externship opportunities are also available with organizations such as Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, ChangeLabs Solutions, the San Francisco Probate Court, and the Health, Education, & Welfare Section of the California Attorney General’s Office.

The course of study culminates with the Concentration Seminar, in which students write a scholarly research paper on the law and health science topic of their choice. Students work closely with the Concentration Advisor to develop the topic and draft a paper of publishable quality.

The Consortium provides career guidance and support to Concentrators throughout their course of study, as well as after they graduate and become alumni. In addition to meeting with individual students to provide advice, the Consortium maintains the Law & Health Sciences Student Handbook, works with the Alumni Mentor Program to identify appropriate mentors in the field, and holds networking events designed to educate students about career opportunities and link them to potential employers. The Consortium itself often provides job opportunities for students and recent graduates, who are hired to provide research assistance on grant-funded research initiatives.

Consortium students are a vital part of our community and the Consortium aims to support their professional development throughout their time at UC Hastings and beyond.
Student Highlights

“My participation in the Concentration positioned me to excel at the Federal Department of Health and Human Services as well as in the Health, Education, and Welfare Section at the California Department of Justice. Moreover, my involvement in the Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors allowed me to work with actual clients contemplating some of life’s most difficult legal decisions. The Concentration helped me develop the intellectual and interpersonal skills that are vital to twenty-first century practice.”

-Dane Barca, JD Candidate 2013

“I first learned about the Consortium when I was David Faigman’s research assistant the summer after my 1L year. I was not entirely sure what kind of law I wanted to pursue, and after learning about the Consortium I began exploring health care as a possible focus area. I took a number of classes which counted towards the Concentration in Law and Health Sciences, and became more interested in health care and the programs offered by the Consortium. Everyone who worked at the Consortium was passionate about the project, and the Concentration was a great way to meet students who were also interested in health care. I really enjoyed the Health Law class, Bioethics class, and the Concentration Seminar. After I graduated, I became a Consortium fellow and got to work on a fascinating research project with the Veterans Administration. Being a part of the Concentration and the Consortium has been a tremendous help to me professionally. My coursework for the Concentration and the Consortium research project I worked on helped me secure a job as a health care attorney after my fellowship. I have also met a number of lawyers in the health law field who are very interested in the Consortium and the Concentration. I have even had people tell me that they would have gone to Hastings if these programs existed when they were applying to school!”

—Claire Marblestone ’11, Associate at Fenton Nelson
Health and science professionals increasingly deal with the modern regulatory state, participate in legal processes, research legal actors and institutions, and interact with legal systems. Thus familiarity with the law is essential, whether it provides the framework within which they work or whether it is the subject of their research. Yet most health and science professionals have little training in understanding the complexities and nuances of the law and legal processes.

The UC Hastings Master of Studies in Law (MSL) program is a one year degree designed for health science professionals who do not seek to practice law, but who instead want to equip themselves with a more sophisticated understanding of legal reasoning and doctrine. MSL students come from a variety of backgrounds and fields within the health sciences, and are at varying stages in their careers.

Highlighted MSL Students

**ROB LUSTIG, MD**
Robert H. Lustig is Professor of Pediatrics, in the Division of Endocrinology at the University of California, San Francisco and author of the book “Fat Chance: Beating the Odds Against Sugar, Processed Food, Obesity, and Disease”.

**RAJI KOPPOLU, RN, BSN, MS, CPNP**
Raji Koppolu is a pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) for the Pediatric General Surgery service at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. She is also volunteer faculty at the University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing.

**SHIRLEY STIVER, MD, PHD**
Shirley Stiver is Board Certified in neurosurgery in both Canada and the United States.

**CHIEH-WEN ED HSU, PHD, MPH**
C. Ed Hsu is Professor of Health Informatics, at the University of Maryland University College. Previously, he was Associate Professor of the University of Texas School of Biomedical Informatics(SBMI) and School of Public Health (SPH) specialized in Public Health Informatics.
“I need to know enough about the legal arguments around societal change as it relates to public health in order to be an effective policy maker and also an effective advocate. The fact is that we could be much better advocates for our patients if we knew just a little bit about the law.”

—Robert Lustig, MSL Class of 2013, UCSF Professor of Pediatrics

The Consortium supports MSL students throughout the degree program by teaching core required coursework, providing individual academic advising, facilitating group “works in progress” workshops, and linking students to collaborators and mentors at UCSF and UC Hastings. MSL students are encouraged to attend Consortium Grand Rounds and symposia, and are invited to present their work at these events as well.

MORE ABOUT THE MSL DEGREE

MSL students must complete a total of 28 units, which includes both required and elective coursework. Required courses include:

- Legal Research and Writing for MSL Students (Fall, 2 units)
- Intro to Law (Fall, 4 units)
- At least one of the following first-year classes in the first semester: Civil Procedure I, Constitutional Law I, Contracts I, Criminal Law, Property, or Torts

ELECTIVES

Students create a course plan in consultation with the Consortium Director, who is their primary academic advisor. UC Hastings offers a variety of courses that meet the diverse needs and interests of health science professionals, including:

- Administrative Law
- Bioethics, Law & Healthcare Decision-Making
- Child Maltreatment in Context Seminar
- Children & the Law
- Class Action Seminar
- Constitutional Law II
- Criminal Procedure
- Disability Law Seminar
- Domestic Violence Law
- Education Law
- Elder Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Food and Drug Law
- Forensic Evidence Seminar
- Genetics: Issues in Law & Policy
- Germs, Globalization and Governance
- Global Health Law & Policy
- Health Law I
- Health Law II
- Incentives in Health Care Seminar
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Human Rights
- Law and Biosciences (LAB Project)
- Law and Economics Seminar
- Law and Health Science Seminar
- Law and Social Anthropology Seminar
- Law and the Human Body Seminar
- Mediation
- Medical Liability Law
- Mental Health Law & Policy
- Negotiation & Mediation
- Patents & Trade Secret Law
- Personal Injury Litigation
- Problem Solving and Professional Judgment
- Public Health & Homelessness Seminar
- Public Health Law
- Public Policy Advocacy Seminar
- Race, Racism & American Law
- Science in Law Seminar
- Scientific Methods for Lawyers
- Social, Legal & Ethical Implications of Human Reproductive & Genetic Tech.
- Sociology of the Criminal Justice System
- Sexuality and the Law
- Special Education Law Seminar
- Women’s Health & the Law
- Wrongful Convictions Seminar
A major focus of the Consortium is developing and supporting the research of scholars at UC Hastings and UCSF, often in collaboration with experts from leading institutions around the world. The Consortium promotes research opportunities by acting as a resource center for lawyers, scientists, clinicians, faculty members, students and educators whose research would benefit from interdisciplinary consultation. The Consortium also links researchers to other scholars in relevant fields, and facilitates successful collaborations. In addition, the Consortium hosts workshops and events through which researchers can share insights and ideas, and gain access to a supportive community of thoughtful collaborators.

**Aging**

The health and well-being of older adults is an increasingly pressing area of focus as the population ages. Healthcare for older adults is bound up with the law in a broad variety of ways and the care needs of this population are often front and center in policy debates about healthcare cost and quality. In addition, health conditions that often present in old age, such as cognitive impairment and dementia, have important legal implications for patients that are not widely understood. Consortium research in these areas has included an examination of advance directive law and health care decision making in clinical context, medical-legal responses to elder financial abuse, and regulation of skilled nursing facilities.

**Health Reform**

The Consortium was conceived at a critical juncture in the decades-long debate about health care in the United States. The debate and passage of the Affordable Care Act, and subsequent upholding by the Supreme Court, wrought a multitude of developments in law and policy. Most importantly, there was and is a need for informed public discourse about the law and its potential implications. To that end, Consortium research in the area of health reform attempts to shed light on legal developments through the Consortium Health Reform Portal and to analyze potential new policy issues such as the antitrust implications of lack of price transparency in the healthcare marketplace.
Health Privacy

Patient demand, government policy, and new technologies have led to an increase in the amount of health information that is shared online and through mobile devices. While these developments promise new efficiencies and potential improvements to health and health care, they also present new concerns about patient privacy and provider liability. The Consortium investigates these problems and attempts to identify policy solutions for clinicians, institutions, lawmakers and private individuals.

Neuroscience & Law

Scientists build their knowledge of the natural and social worlds by collecting data from groups and making inferences at the group or population level. Lawyers are largely concerned with how the natural and social worlds impact or might help to decide individual cases. Given this lack of a shared basis for analysis, translating scientific findings to law is a central problem in courtrooms. The Consortium is leading a research effort designed to identify frameworks for resolving the problem of reasoning from group to individual data, focusing on the context of neuroscience in criminal and quasi-criminal cases. In addition, the Consortium is part of a MacArthur Research Network focusing on aligning state of the art neuroscience with criminal justice.

Reproductive & Women’s Health

Reproductive and women’s health has long been a key example of the intersection -- or collision -- of law and health science. The rights of women with respect to their bodies and healthcare is subject to legal and policy scrutiny unlike any other area of health or public policy, often generating deep emotions about freedom, ethics, and rights. Consortium research in this area aims to assess law and policy in light of good science and best health care practice for women and their families. Areas of research include California regulation of abortion, ethics in the provision of non-invasive prenatal testing, and guidelines surrounding the provision of obstetrical interventions.

“It’s crucial in this changing, dynamic era of ours to be able to blend multiple academic disciplines and skill sets.”

—Frank Wu, Chancellor & Dean, UC Hastings College of the Law
MLPS

The Consortium is dedicated to developing and supporting partnerships that improve the health of vulnerable populations, while at the same time providing critical training opportunities for law students and health science learners.

The Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors is a joint project of UC Hastings College of Law and the University of California San Francisco Medical Center with three primary aims: 1) provide law students with training in essential lawyering skills and with foundational knowledge of legal and health issues faced by low-income elderly clients, 2) provide UCSF patients with free legal assistance that eliminates or prevents barriers to health or health care, and 3) provide UCSF health care professionals with information about the legal issues impacting patient health, and with an onsite referral source for resolving them.

The MLPS is a clinical course in which law students work under the supervision of UC Hastings faculty to provide legal assistance to low-income elderly patients of UCSF Medical Center. Students meet with patient/clients at the medical clinic, or conduct home visits for homebound patients. Key areas of assistance provided through the clinic include advance health care planning, financial powers of attorney and simple wills, and consultation on public benefits such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps and In-Home Supportive Services.

The UC Hastings legal team works closely with UCSF medical providers to educate them about legal issues which affect patient well-being. The medical providers are then able to identify legal issues that arise during patient visits and “prescribe” a visit to the MLPS for free legal assistance. Conversely, the medical team provides important education and information to the legal team about the medical conditions common among older adults, which often underlie and inform representation of older clients.

The Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors is a cutting edge initiative: only a small handful of such partnerships exist across the country that focus on the needs of the elderly. The MLPS provides an exceptional hands-on learning experience for law students, while at the same time meeting a pressing need for increased attention to the aging population from both the medical and legal professions.

“Physicians know that there is more to health than just medicine and being sure that our patients have access to advice regarding legal and social problems is vital. The MLPS students have been essential in providing my patients with legal help that addresses the social and financial needs that so often impact their health.”

—Carolyn Welty, UCSF Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine
Externships & Pro Bono Opportunities

The Consortium partners with UC Hastings clinical faculty and community organizations to provide externship and pro bono opportunities to students. Judicial or legal externships that share a nexus with the health sciences provide invaluable real-world experience to students. Law student placements have included the following:

**KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN/KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

Students work with some or all practice groups over the course of the semester, depending on the student’s interests and staff attorney needs. The externs have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the various Department practice areas by working directly with attorneys, attending meetings with management and corporate leadership, observing and/or participating in judicial or administrative proceedings, and performing research and drafting legal memoranda.

**CA ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE – HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE SECTION**

The HEW section handles the litigation for all of the major health and welfare agencies including: the Departments of Health Services, Social Services, Mental Health, Developmental Services, Rehabilitation, Employment Development, and Toxic Substances Control; the Commission on Teacher Credentialing; and, the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. The section’s cases often deal with major constitutional and policy issues. Under the supervision of attorneys, externs write briefs, do research, and, if certified, argue cases.

**CA ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE – TOBACCO LITIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT SECTION**

The Tobacco Litigation and Enforcement Section holds the tobacco industry accountable for strict compliance with the marketing restrictions, public health provisions, and payment obligations set forth in the landmark Master Settlement Agreement (MSA). Externs work on many aspects of trial preparation, including: legal research on evidentiary issues; working with a litigation support team to devise effective trial exhibits and visual demonstratives; assisting with witness preparation; analyzing statistical and econometrical issues relating to taxes, audits, and cigarette sales; and, assisting at trial.

**CHANGELAB SOLUTIONS (FORMERLY PUBLIC HEALTH LAW AND POLICY)**

ChangeLab Solutions works with neighborhoods, cities, and states, to transform communities through laws and policies that create lasting change. Backed by decades of solid research and proven results, ChangeLab Solutions helps the public and private sectors to help improve access to services and resources in those communities that are at the highest risk. Externs work on various initiatives including: childhood obesity, tobacco control, healthy housing, and healthy planning.

**PROBATE DIVISION, SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT**

The Probate Division of the San Francisco Superior Court handles estate matters, as well as probate and mental health conservatorships and guardianships. Students work directly for a judge or commissioner and assist in preparing memos related to matters on the calendar. Students also have the opportunity to observe court proceedings.
Consortium Staff

The strength of the UCSF / UC Hastings Consortium lies in the dedication of its faculty, staff, and students. Their diverse talents and remarkable contributions to the legal and health science worlds attract national attention. The Consortium channels this pool of talent into novel interdisciplinary collaborations which help to further our understanding of the interactions between law and science, and how those interactions impact individuals and communities.

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We believe strongly in providing learning and career development opportunities to students and recent graduates wherever possible. Past interns and fellows have gone on to accept positions in health law firms, nonprofits, or government and remain dedicated “Consortium alumni” who keep connected with the Consortium even after their internship or fellowship ends.

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