

# CROSS-CONNECTIONS COLLEGE OF LAW

At Syracuse University, we believe that the complexities of the world must be understood from multiple perspectives. In that context, the College of Law builds bridges between academic disciplines to address critical societal issues—from family law to counterterrorism.

Through interdisciplinary programs and academic initiatives, our students gain both a sound doctrinal legal education and practical hands-on experience in the real world. Our initiatives are many. Students can become involved in clinical and collaborative programming as well as public service initiatives. Some examples include:

- >> **The Family Advocacy Program**—created in conjunction with University Hospital—offers students an opportunity to address the health care and legal needs of disadvantaged children.
- >> **The Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT)**—created in partnership with the Maxwell School—provides a systematic, interdisciplinary approach to important questions of law and policy related to national and international security and counterterrorism.

- >> **The Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media (IJPM)**—created jointly by the College of Law, the Maxwell School, and the Newhouse School—is a first-of-its-kind academic institute devoted to the interdisciplinary study of issues at the intersection of law, politics, and the media.
- >> **The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic** offers student attorneys an opportunity to assist members of the community who have controversies with the IRS, including collection, examination, appeals, or Tax Court matters. Students are also involved in community outreach and education regarding income tax matters.
- >> **The Securities Arbitration and Consumer Law Clinic** provides legal assistance to small investors who have lost some or all of their investments as a result of improper conduct on the part of stockbrokers, investment advisors, securities firms, and mutual funds. Students provide representation to eligible investors who are required to use arbitration for the resolution of their disputes.



## Creating Significant Impact

Collaborative efforts reaching across academic silos expose our students to a wider breadth of knowledge that opens their eyes to the interconnectedness of all human endeavors. It takes more than bold ideas, however, to have a positive impact on the world. It requires significant financial resources that will allow us to seize collaborative opportunities as they arise.

As part of The Campaign for Syracuse University, the College of Law seeks to raise \$10 million to create interdisciplinary programs and academic initiatives involving clinical legal education, advocacy programming, and special projects that will have a significant impact on the lives of students, the local community, and the nation.

## To Learn More...

For more information about how you can support interdisciplinary teaching and research initiatives through a gift to the College of Law, call **315.443.1964** or e-mail [su-law@law.syr.edu](mailto:su-law@law.syr.edu).

To learn more about The Campaign for Syracuse University visit [campaign.syr.edu](http://campaign.syr.edu).



## SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTION PROFESSORS INCITE A CALL FOR JUSTICE

A group of law students eagerly joined Professors Janis McDonald and Paula Johnson's investigation into the mysterious death of Frank Morris, an African American man from Louisiana whose 1964 murder remains unsolved to this day.

Although the civil rights case has been cold for more than 40 years, the students painstakingly examined 150 pages of redacted FBI documents, compiled witness books, cross-referenced names, and researched information about Ku Klux Klan activities in the region.

As a result of their hard work, the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office have now pledged to look into the murder of Frank Morris—justice delayed but no longer denied. In return, our students gained valuable research and investigative skills that will serve them well throughout their careers.



Professor Janis McDonald reviews media coverage on the Frank Morris case with law students.