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## CLINICAL LAW PROGRAM ENJOYS MORE INTEREST FROM STUDENTS

The Clinical Law Program at Willamette has always enjoyed excellent ratings by students and this past spring twice as many students registered for the fall semester Clinical Law Program than there were available spaces.

The increase in interest resulted from a spring survey conducted to determine students' preferred subject areas for the Clinical Law Program.

This semester's substantive law focus at the Clinic includes business law, family law, wills, trusts and estates, tribal law, and general civil law practice.

Professor Warren Binford, the Director of the Clinical Law Program, spearheaded the spring student survey and she recently conducted a survey of faculty interest as well.

While the spring student survey was limited mostly to those students who were in the Clinic or already interested in the Clinic, a new broader survey of students will be conducted this fall.

Students from the Atkinson School of Management will conduct market research into the types of clinical law classes and areas of practice that students might enjoy, how many students have an interest in the program, and under what conditions. The Atkinson students will determine their own methodology for the survey.

Professor Binford hopes to better determine student interest, faculty interest and talent, as well as community needs for the Clinical Law Program by promoting town halls, surveys and audits.

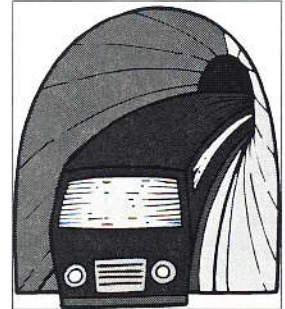


## FIVE LINKS TO SUCCESS IN YOUR LAW SCHOOL CAREER ON OUR LAW LIBRARY WEBPAGE!

### 1. Exams/study aids. Requires your campus password.

There is a train coming, and not just on 12<sup>th</sup> St.

Many professors have authorized selected exam questions to be published, and they are available from a link on the left column of the **law library homepage** under **Exams/Study Aids**.



### 2. Oregon Legal Forms.

Clerking? Working for the Law Clinic?

Legal forms for Oregon can be found in many resources by going to **Research Guides** on the left column of the **law library homepage** and selecting **Oregon Forms**.

### 3. Trial Preparation.

Preparing for Moot Court or Trial Practice?

Everything from the preparation of *voire dire* to oral arguments is covered in resources listed by going to the **Practice Aids** link on the left column of the **law library homepage** and selecting **Trial Preparation**.



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#### 5. Researching for third year papers or Law Review topics.

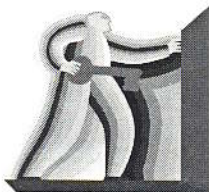
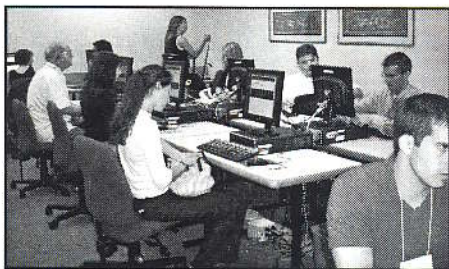
Getting ready to write your third year paper or a law review article?

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## PROFESSOR PAUL DILLER OFFERS ADVICE ON FEDERAL LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Interested in a federal judicial clerkship, or working for the U.S. Department of Justice?

Professor Paul Diller, who currently teaches State and Local Government Law, offers advice to students interested in federal judicial clerkships or working for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Professor Diller served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Edward R. Becker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia in 2001 and worked as an attorney in the federal programs branch of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice from 2002 to 2005.

Professor Diller recommends judicial clerkships to anyone interested in litigation. He suggests that any appellate clerkship is abstract and theoretical, but it is still litigation and one has to read and analyze the record. As a consequence, one learns how important creating a record is in trials.

In order to prepare for a federal judicial clerkship, Professor Diller advises taking classes in federal courts, administrative law, public law classes, and employment discrimination. He stresses that criminal procedure is also very important.

Professor Diller notes that a clerkship for the Oregon Supreme Court is similar to a federal judicial clerkship in the sense that "it is also challenging on a theoretical and abstract level, particularly because Oregon has a tradition of interpreting its own constitution in its own way, due in a large part to Hans Linde."

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## PROFESSOR DILLER OFFERS ADVICE

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Although the ability to write good briefs was necessary in his role as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Professor Diller worked on a variety of cases that provided hands-on experience beyond just writing briefs.

For example, on federal employment discrimination cases, Professor Diller deposed people and participated in oral arguments.

One interesting case involved the defense of copyright law, whereby Congress restored copyright law for foreign authors, including taking *Peter and the Wolf* out of the public domain. Professor Diller deposed scholars and professors, including some from Great Britain.

One area of legal inquiry which occurred often during Professor Diller's tenure with the U.S. Department of Justice involved Freedom of Information Act requests. Professor Diller explains that his role was to get the relevant agency to release sufficient information "so that the case would not be dismissed on summary judgment."

While Professor Diller notes that a lot of issues were politically neutral, in essence "an attorney with the Department of Justice does the administration's bidding."



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