

Debating the Creation of a New Entrepreneurship or IP Clinic
Concurrent Session on May 11/2022, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM Eastern
Discussion Questions for Breakout Groups

1. Great Bay's clinical program has a long standing social justice mission. Many of our faculty frown upon transactional/IP clinics because they believe that transactional/IP clinics lack a traditional social justice mission. They would rather not take the money than taint the social justice mission of the school's clinical program with a transactional/IP clinic that lacks a traditional social justice mission. How should we structure the social justice mission of the transactional clinic/IP clinic to appease these faculty and garner their vote at the faculty meeting?
2. Great Bay's Dean is against allocating any more funds from the operating budget for clinics. The sum of \$2 million will only go so far, especially if the program will pay the salary and benefits of a full time clinical faculty member. The Dean is considering establishing a "center" rather than a clinic. Under the "center" model, an administrator/staff person would coordinate lawyers who volunteer or are paid a nominal sum as adjunct professors to supervise student projects. This would avoid the cost of hiring a tenure/long term contract track clinical faculty and potentially increase the number of students and clients served.

Another model is to have a tenure and research track faculty Director with Staff attorney supervisor(s). The tenure and research track faculty could direct the clinic in addition to their regular teaching duties, similar to teaching an overload.

What structure should the clinic have? Should it have the traditional model of a tenure/long term contract track clinical faculty supervising students, one of these other models or another alternative?

3. What are the goals for the clinic? What learning outcomes should be the clinic's highest priority?
4. If teaching lawyering for equity is a goal, how should the clinic work toward that goal?
5. How do we measure the clinic's success?
6. What type of projects should the clinic accept?
 - a. Entity selection and formation
 - b. Tax issues
 - c. Trademark IP prosecution
 - d. Patent IP prosecution
 - e. Policy work
 - f. All of the above

- g. More than one of above
 - h. None of the above
7. What communities/clients should the clinic prioritize?
8. What criteria should be used for accepting clients?
- a. Strict need based
 - b. Value of the work experience for the students
 - c. Alumni or current students given priority
 - d. Other?
9. Does the clinic maximize the number of clients or assist fewer clients with many services?
10. If a conflict arises between being student centered and being client centered, what should be the priority of the clinic?