

Elder Law News Spring 2008

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Seniors in the News: Our Seniors in the News Salute goes to Sen. John McCain who has claimed the 2008 Republican Presidential nomination. Senator McCain, age 71, and his mother Roberta, age 96, offer a vibrant and energetic picture of the “golden years.”

Careers in Elder Law: If you are interested in a career in Elder Law, plan to attend the Government Agency Career Fair on Friday March 28, 2008 from 2:00 to 4:00. Participating agencies of particular interest for Elder Law are the Kansas Department on Aging and the Kansas Health Policy Authority.

Fall Enrollment: Enrollment for Fall 2008 classes begins March 28, 2008. Earning the **Elder Law Certificate** is an excellent way to prepare for a career in elder law. Requirements for all of the certificate programs are found on the Law School Website under Academics/Certificate Programs. To earn the **Elder Law Certificate**, students must take 20 credit hours from a list of approved courses. Eligible courses being offered in the Fall 2008 include:

► *Elder Law Externship.* Externship students work with supervising attorneys for Kansas Legal Services, the Kansas Department on Aging, and the State Department of Rehabilitative Services. Placements are in Lawrence, Topeka, and Kansas City. **Enrollment is limited.**

Applications are available on the web site: click on Academics, then Clinical Programs and look for Elder Law Externship. For information contact Externship Director Marilyn Harp at (785) 233-2068;

harpm@klsinc.org or mmharp@ku.edu . **Elder Law Externship applications for 2008-09 are due March 14, 2008.**

► The *Elder Law Research Project* is a co-requisite of the *Elder Law Externship*. Students earn 3 credits per semester for the Externship, and 1 credit per semester for the Research Project for a total of 8 credits over the academic year. Chris Steadham teaches the Research Project.

► *Introduction to Elder Law*, (2 credits) taught by Adjunct Prof. Craig Reaves, President-Elect of the National Academy of Elder Lawyers.

► *Special Topics: Disability Law*, (3 credits) taught by Distinguished Prof. Rud Turnbull, co-director and co-founder of the Beach Center on Disability.

- ▶ Other Fall 2008 courses applicable to the Elder Law Certificate
Administrative Law,
Estates and Trusts (required for the Elder Law Certificate.)
Estate Planning: Principles
Public Policy Clinic (on approved Elder Law topic)

- ▶ Certificate requirements include one course from a listing of Gerontology courses outside the Law School. These courses are offered more frequently in the Fall Semester than the Spring.

- ▶ Contact Prof. Sandy McKenzie, Elder Law Program Director, if you have questions about the Elder Law Certificate.

Congratulations!

Blythe Glemming, a 2007 graduate who completed the Elder Law certificate is now practicing elder law with Taylor, Warren, & Weidner PA in Pensacola, Florida . Fellow 2007 graduate **Steve Grieb** who also earned the Elder Law certificate is clerking for Kansas Supreme Court Justice Lawton Nuss. **Steve Anderson** , L' 81 wrote about the challenges of returning to Law School to pursue the LL.M. in Elder Law. His comments were featured in the February issue of the Kansas Bar Journal. 77 J.B.A.K. 13 (Feb. 2008).

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Spring Break begins March 15, 2008

Elder Law News is your source for information about the Elder Law Program at KU Law. Please send your comments and suggestions to Prof. Sandy McKenzie, Elder Law Program Director. scm@ku.edu