
REPORT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEGAL CLINIC ON CONSUMERS LAW IN THE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

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The Romanian-American University's School of Law is the only Law School in Romania that has developed sustainable legal clinics based on the American model.

As part of the project “Practical School: Innovation in higher education and success on the labor market” - POSDRU/156/1.2/G/132920, there were established the Center for Human Rights and Migration at the Romanian-American University, School of Law, and 4 legal clinics (Migration and Refugee Legal Clinic, Non-Discrimination Legal Clinic, Mental Disability Rights Legal Clinic, and Public Integrity and Corporate Social Responsibility Legal Clinic). These clinics have done research and provided legal advice to vulnerable groups while offering students practical training to develop their skills and legal competences since 2013.

In October 2018, the Legal Clinic on Consumers Law started to be developed under the **Erasmus+ project “Skills Transfers in Academia: A Renewed Strategy Enhancing Legal Clinics in the European Union”**. It has started to work as an informal activity in the second semester of 2018 when there was gathered a group of 12 students interested in research and street law activities on consumers law. The interest of students for the activities of this legal clinic increased after the 2018 Summer School in Brescia.

At the present, there is the enrolment period for the Legal Clinic on Consumers Law. The announcement for the second informal activity is launched. The students targeted are undergraduates in the second and third year of studies. The clinical activities are scheduled for the second semester between the 25th of February and the 9th of June 2019, every Wednesday from 12:00, Room 223. The announcement was posted in the University and online. Below is the Facebook announcement on the Clinic's page.

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Starting with the 2019-2020 university year, the Legal Clinic on Consumers Law will be part of the Romanian-American Law School curriculum. It will be a facultative class for the undergraduate students in the second or third year of studies.

The Clinic will function more as a research and street law clinic. It also may offer pro-bono legal advice or advocate for better policies (strategic litigation). The Legal Clinic on Consumers Law cannot be developed to offer legal services as the Romanian legislation is not very facile to allow us working with real clients (pro bono legal services are strict regulated, no insurance coverage for pro bono work).

Through clinical research activities students develop knowledge in order to specialize themselves in consumers rights, in general, or in a specific area of products or services, based on the interest of each student. The research activities may identify challenges in the protection of the consumers rights and possibilities to advocate for better and more transparent rights.

Street Law activities of the Clinic motivate students in their clinical activities. Once they have good knowledge, they are encouraged to share them with a specific group of consumers and, if needed, to offer legal advice under the supervision of a lawyer.

Using the knowledge accumulated during the training on legal clinics organised by Brescia University in July 2019 and the exchange of good practices with the other 4 legal clinics that are partner in this project, as well as having in mind the specificities of the Romanian legislation and the Romanian-American University's internal rules, the formal Legal Clinic on Consumers Law will be inserted in the Romanian-American Law School curriculum in the university year 2019-2020.

In order to establish an efficient legal clinic, the next steps will be followed:

1. continuing, in the second semester 2019, the informal activities with students interested in Legal Clinic on Consumers Law. The clinical activities are scheduled every Wednesday from 12:00, Room 223, between the 25th of February and the 9th of June;
2. attending the next summer schools and the training organised for professors in order to improve knowledge about the consumers' rights and about specific legal clinics activities (Luxembourg - July 2019, May (Olomouc) – July (Roma) 2020);
3. exchange of good practices in establishing an efficient legal clinic at the project level (March - October 2019);
4. special meetings with representatives of partner clinics in order to discuss the clinical activities, teaching materials and basic needed documents for a recognised legal clinic under European Network for Clinical Legal Education (ENCLE) (March – August 2019);
5. drafting all documents needed to establish the Legal Clinic on Consumers Law in the Romanian-American School of Law and introduce it in the curriculum (March – September 2019);
6. submission of documents to the Senate of the Romanian-American University in order to have the Legal Clinic on Consumers Law as a facultative class in 2019-2020 university year (September 2019).