THE INTERSECTION OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND DELIVERY OF LEGAL SERVICES TO THE NEEDY: THE ROLE OF CLINICAL EDUCATION

A FORUM
Saturday, April 9, 1994
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
I. Assessing the Problem
   A. What are the legal needs of "the needy" which are defined as low income persons, the elderly, and children?
   B. How many "needy" require legal services?
   C. What type of legal needs arise?
   D. To what extent are their legal needs going unredressed?
   E. What are the consequences from lack of access to lawyers?

II. Addressing the Problem
   A. How are legal services currently being delivered to the needy?
   B. What are the problems/drawbacks of the current system?

III. Answering the Problem
   A. How can we, in our various roles, i.e., practitioner, educator, service provider, best meet our responsibility to provide legal services to the needy?
B. Who should have primary responsibility for delivering services? The Bar? State government?

C. If the Bar or government cannot provide all services, how can law schools supplement?

1. How are law schools and law students currently being utilized? Are there any clinical or intern programs currently in the state?

2. How might clinical programs be used? How can we fund such programs?

3. What legal skills are necessary in providing legal services to the needy? Counseling? ADR? How can we incorporate these skills into the law school curriculum?

4. How can more students be encouraged to pursue legal public interest careers?
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