

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Faculty Senate Executive Council

A RESOLUTION

to congratulate and honor the University of Tennessee College of Law Legal Clinic on its seventieth anniversary of preparing students for the practice of law, cultivating in its graduates a life-long commitment to public service, and providing legal services to the disadvantaged.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the University of Tennessee Faculty Senate should recognize the extraordinary efforts of programs within the University that serve the community and commend those devoted to these programs who, through their endeavors, improve the lives of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, one such program is the University of Tennessee College of Law Legal Clinic, which was founded in 1947 by Charles Henderson Miller, making it the longest continually-existing legal clinic in the country; and

WHEREAS, Professor Miller was an innovator in and established the UT Legal Clinic as a model for clinical legal education; and

WHEREAS Professor Miller understood that, through clinical legal education, students would acquire invaluable skills training while serving the community by providing legal assistance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, through this model clinical legal education program, the UT Legal Clinic has provided the foundations for and positively impacted the careers of many of Tennessee's most outstanding attorneys, judges, and lawmakers; and

WHEREAS, throughout its seventy years, the UT Legal Clinic has offered law students an opportunity to represent individuals and organizations under the supervision of talented law professors, to develop essential lawyering skills, and to acquire the practical wisdom necessary to practice law effectively in a variety of contexts; and

WHEREAS, the UT Legal Clinic, through its clinical legal education program, arms law students with the advocacy, transactional, ethical, and interpersonal skills necessary to solve legal problems in a professional manner utilizing both legal knowledge and practical understanding; and

WHEREAS, the UT Legal Clinic's unique educational experience empowers law students to advise and counsel clients in litigation and transactional matters and to gain experience and insight that benefits them regardless of their career aspirations; and

WHEREAS, the UT Legal Clinic inspires its graduates to commit to providing legal representation, instills in them a culture of public service, and prepares them to distinguish themselves as leaders in the legal profession who contribute to society throughout their careers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE that we hereby honor and congratulate the University of Tennessee College of Law Legal Clinic on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary and thank it for its continuing service to the bench, bar, and people of the State of Tennessee, as we extend our best wishes for every success in its future years of training outstanding legal advocates.

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