



Join us to commemorate the **35th anniversary** of the Hickton Center for Community Legal Services and Clinical Legal Education at the 2025 Snyder Lecture

# Legal Education and the Legal Profession: The Next 35 Years



This panel discussion will explore how legal education and clinical practice may evolve through 2060. The conversation will address emerging trends, future challenges, and the ethical implications shaping the next generation of legal professionals, featuring insights from **Peter Joy**, **Dawne Hickton** (JD '83), **Stella Smetanka**, and clinical program students. Moderated by **David Herring**.

**February 27, 2025**

**Lecture: 1-2:30 p.m.**

**35th Anniversary Reception: 2:30-4 p.m.**

University of Pittsburgh School of Law  
Teplitz Memorial Moot Courtroom  
Barco Law Building  
3900 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

*The Clinics will host an Open House from noon to 1 p.m. in the Hickton Center for Community Legal Services in the Barco Law Building. All are welcome!*

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*This program has been approved by the PA CLE Board for 1.5 hours of ethics credit. This presentation is free to Pitt Law faculty, staff, and students, and those not seeking CLE credit. There will be a \$45 fee for processing CLE credit for all others.*

## PANELISTS:



Peter A. Joy

**Peter A. Joy**, Henry Hitchcock Professor of Law at Washington University in St. Louis and director of the Criminal Justice Clinic, is a renowned expert in legal ethics, clinical legal education, and criminal justice, with extensive leadership roles, numerous accolades, and a career in both academia and legal practice.



Dawne S. Hickton  
(JD '83)

**Dawne S. Hickton**, COO and President of Aerospace, Technology, and Nuclear at Jacobs Engineering Group, is a trailblazing executive and former CEO of RTI International Metals, known for growth strategies and leadership in advanced materials manufacturing, with a legal and academic background from the University of Pittsburgh and extensive board service.



Stella Smetanka

**Stella Smetanka**, Professor Emerita of Law at the University of Pittsburgh, is a former prosecutor and practicing attorney who led Pitt's Health Law Clinic, with a career focused on public service, health law, and practical legal education, earning the University's Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award.

## MODERATOR:



David J. Herring

**David J. Herring**, Professor of Practice at Pitt Law and former Dean, is a legal educator and child welfare law expert who pioneered clinical legal education at Pitt, launched multiple clinics, co-founded Allegheny County CASA, and has published extensively on legal education.

