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Law and policy expert, specializing in animal law in cases of cruelty and neglect; Rubin was instrumental in the creation of Desmond's Law

Biography

Jessica Rubin is the Director of UConn Law School's Legal Practice Program, a rigorous and required program that teaches fundamental lawyering skills of Interviewing, Counseling, Negotiation, Legal Research and Writing, and Contract Drafting. Professor Rubin hosts negotiation competitions, and trains students to compete in national and international competitions. She created and, in collaboration with UConn's Business School, runs the annual UConn Business Law Negotiation Competition in which law students work with business students to negotiate deals. Professor Rubin also teaches Animal Law – a field in which she is a widely recognized expert. Professor Rubin was instrumental in creating Desmond's Law, which allows Connecticut courts to appoint advocates – law students under supervision - in animal cruelty cases. She supervises students and appears in court to advocate for justice in cases of animal cruelty. Professor Rubin teaches a course in U.S. common law analysis and writing for international students pursuing their LL.M. degrees. During the summers of 2013 and 2014, Rubin traveled to Bilgi University in Istanbul, where she taught United States law and legal writing for the Open Society Foundation, and in 2016, she taught in Seoul, South Korea. In both locations, she supplemented her teaching activities with local stray animal rescue and relocation efforts. A member of the Connecticut and New York Bars and the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Professor Rubin's main areas of legal and scholarly interest include: practical skills instruction, with a focus on business transactional lawyering; writing and research instruction; and animal law, a subject about which she organized in partnership with the Connecticut Bar Association a recent on-campus symposium entitled, "Animal Cruelty: Legal Challenges and Potential Solutions." She is a graduate of Cornell University and Cornell Law School.

Areas of Expertise

Animal Justice Advocacy, Animal Cruelty, Desmond's Law

Education

Cornell Law School

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