**Affiliated Faculty**

Robert Percival, *Director, Environmental Law Program*. Professor Percival is the Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law and the Director of the Environmental Law Program. Prior to joining the Maryland faculty, he served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White and as a senior attorney with the Environmental Defense Fund. He is the principal author of a leading environmental law casebook and he has taught Torts and seminars on Tobacco Control and the Law and Toxic Torts.

Diane Hoffmann, *Associate Dean & Director, Law and Health Care Program*. Dean Hoffmann received her law degree from Harvard Law School and her Master’s degree from Harvard School of Public Health. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Maryland School of Law, she practiced with the firm of Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood in their Washington D.C. office. Her practice included health, environmental, and FDA law.

Allyn Taylor, *Adjunct in Residence, University of Maryland School of Law*. Dr. Taylor served as health policy advisor to the World Health Organization (WHO) and senior legal advisor on the WHO’s Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Dr. Taylor holds a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall) and an LLM and JSD from the Columbia University School of Law.

David Mann, *Instructor, Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine*. With a B.S. in Biology (Johns Hopkins University), an M.D. (Harvard Medical School) and an M.S. in Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine (University of Maryland), Dr. Mann adds a unique set of skills to the Center. Dr. Mann has conducted smoking cessation classes and is involved in research on computer delivery of smoking cessation and other behavior change counseling. Dr. Mann also assists the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in addressing health disparities in Maryland.

**Center Staff**

Kathleen Hoke Dachille, *Director*. Professor Dachille joined the Center in July 2002 after eight years with the Office of the Attorney General where she designed and launched the Attorney General’s Program to Reduce Youth Access to Cigarettes. Kathleen teaches a Tobacco Control Seminar and Clinic, providing students with hands-on experience in bill drafting, legislative advocacy and litigation in the tobacco control arena. Kathleen is a 1992 alumnus of the University of Maryland School of Law.

Michael Strande, *Managing Attorney*. Michael Strande joined the Center for Tobacco Regulation after graduating with honors from the University of Maryland School of Law in 2001. While in law school, Michael was notes and comments editor of the Maryland Law Review. Michael received a Certificate in Environmental Law. Michael prepared a comprehensive needs assessment for the Center in 2002 and has become an important partner with county tobacco control coalitions.

**Collaboration**

One of the goals of the Center is to collaborate with other national organizations in tobacco control efforts. To that end, the Center is a charter member of the National Tobacco Control Legal Consortium (www.wmitchell.edu/tobaccolaw/tclc.html), a group of similar centers across the country. Center staff likewise participate in the annual National Conference on Tobacco or Health each year, presenting information on Center activities while gathering information from many other tobacco control organizations.

From jointly drafting and advocating for legislation to coordinating youth tobacco sales enforcement efforts among state and local governments, the Center collaborates frequently with the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland. Similarly, the Center works closely with Smoke Free Maryland and county smoke-free coalitions across the state. The Center collaborates with the Institute for Global Tobacco Control at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.
The Legal Resource Center for Tobacco Regulation, Litigation, and Advocacy

BACKGROUND & MISSION

Established in the summer of 2001, the Legal Resource Center for Tobacco Regulation, Litigation, and Advocacy is dedicated to providing legal support to community groups, employers, local governments, state legislators, and others wishing to reduce smoking, the sale of tobacco products to children, and the negative health effects of tobacco products. The Center, located at the University of Maryland School of Law, was established with funding from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Office of Health Promotion, Education and Tobacco Use Prevention with monies from the state’s tobacco settlement.

The Center is designed to insure that state and local tobacco control bills are legally sound and accomplish the desired goals. The Center also identifies emerging issues in tobacco control, conducts research in the public health and legal literature, and produces written reports analyzing the issues and making policy recommendations. Issues that have been studied include:

- Reduced-ignition propensity cigarettes.
- Flavored tobacco products.
- Foster children’s exposure to secondhand smoke.
- Insurance coverage for cessation services and products.
- Drifting smoke in apartments, condominiums, and office buildings.

LEGAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES

In its first year the Center conducted a Needs Assessment to identify the legal services that local governments need to assure they achieve their tobacco control goals. Based on the results of the Needs Assessment, the Center provides the following services:

- Draft legally sound ordinances for state and local legislators to reduce youth tobacco sales, limit secondhand smoke exposure, enhance tobacco cessation programs, and eliminate health disparities.
- Give technical advice to community coalitions in advocating for ordinances before local government bodies.
- Evaluate alternative strategies for reducing tobacco use based on study of the experience of other states and localities.
- Assist local governments when implementing tobacco control policy or enforcing tobacco control laws.
- Deliver advice and litigation support to local governments when an ordinance is challenged.
- Provide advice to landlords and individuals concerning smoke drift in apartments, condominiums and office buildings.

WEBSITE

The Center’s website (http://www.law.umaryland.edu/specialty/tobacco) features documents such as the Master Settlement Agreement, significant court decisions, Center conference materials, center reports, and other information on tobacco control issues. There are also links to state and local laws, advocacy groups, information clearinghouses, reference sites, and tobacco company sites. The web site is continually changing, and we welcome content suggestions.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Center’s newsletter is published bi-annually and may be received by mail or accessed at the website. The newsletter contains updates on state, local and national tobacco efforts and highlights the Center’s work and achievements.

Center staff respond to requests for advice or assistance by email (tobacco@law.umaryland.edu) or phone 410/706-1129. Requests to be added to the newsletter mailing list may be emailed, faxed to 410/706-1129 or mailed in with the form below.

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