

HEAD Law School Clinic: A New Way To Create Awareness About The Importance Of Law For Start-Ups

HEAD Law School Clinic, Paris, provides students with hands-on legal experience under the supervision of attorneys who are not only experienced practitioners, but who are also trained in educating and mentoring students. HEAD Law School Clinic is the first clinic dedicated to both business law and start-ups. It offers a unique opportunity for students to build relationships with entrepreneurs, while acting as professionals in an educational framework. It also provides entrepreneurs with an innovative and creative way to encounter the law in the course of their business activities. They can collaborate with students who belong to their same age group, and who have a sound understanding of the law: a useful resource to be used in the creation and structuring of a business.

Through their participation in the clinic, students gain a wide range of skills. They interview start-uppers and advise them, and are thus able to create relationships with potential future clients. While handling legal and business issues, they are often called upon to adapt their language so as to be understood by those who are not at ease with these issues. And, they conduct legal research. They also collaborate with other students and attorneys who participate in the clinic, and thus are exposed to a wide range of areas in business law such as : company law, intellectual property and employment law.

The HEAD Law School Clinic is also an important part of HEAD Law School's commitment to civic responsibility. Indeed, the clinic was first created to sensitize young entrepreneurs to legal issues and how important law is during the development of a business. This action has a deep impact both on innovation and on the entrepreneurs' confidence in the law.

The HEAD Law School Clinic was created in Paris in January 2015, and is headed by Matthieu Brochier, who is a partner at the law firm Darrois Villey Maillot Brochier. Today, the clinic has a strong network of partnerships and works with entrepreneurs from the prestigious Ecole polytechnique PEI incubator. The clinic is composed of 26 students and almost 10 attorneys. The rapid expansion of start-ups in Paris, and the growing demand for legal advice that has resulted, has made the HEAD Law School Clinic a strong actor in the economic and legal fabric of Paris, with a high development potential. The clinic gives students and entrepreneurs a palpable sense of why law (and sometimes lawyers!) matters, and how much good it can do, which cultivates values they will use throughout their professional lives.