


ENTREPRENEURIAL LAW CLINICS

Quo Vadis Entrepreneurship
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Law Clinics: What is a Law Clinic? Where do they come from?

Definition and Origins

- Concept originally from the US (first half of the 20th century), developed to provide legal aid for the poor
- During a period from 1960s to 1990s great expansions of law clinics due to the demand for social relevance
- Focus on the educational aspect, substantial lawyering experience involving actual clients
- Development of entrepreneurial clinics in more recent years in order to help potential entrepreneurs
- Focus on the start-up phase of a venture
- Providing help at the legal side of businesses with limited financial means



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