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CLIP Launches Workshop Series

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Center for Law and Intellectual Property (CLIP) at Texas Wesleyan School of Law in conjunction with the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County presented an art law workshop “Copyrights and Trademarks and Arts, Oh My!” at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center on Monday, October 5. Providing practical information for visual artists, writers and designers, the workshop was the first of a four-part series designed to help artists learn how to identify and protect their intellectual property.

“Human creativity is the basis for both art and intellectual property,” explained Megan Carpenter, Associate Professor of Law at Texas Wesleyan. “It is important for artists to know how their creativity is viewed through the legal system. These workshops are intended to help artists understand how the law affects them and their work.”

Kathryn Murphy, a 2L at the law school, conducted a 30-minute presentation to the 40 attendees gathered in the Sanders Theatre. The program showed artists how to navigate “the Yellow Brick Road” of copyrights, copyright infringement and trademarks. A lively discussion then ensued as Murphy and Carpenter fielded a host of questions from the audience.

In addition to the Arts Council of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, CLIP has established partnerships with the North Texas Small Business Development Center, Tech Fort Worth and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. The Center for Law and Intellectual Property is based on an understanding that theory is grounded in practical application. The law students engage in dialogue with scholars and practitioners at the forefront of intellectual property issues, as well as with the community through service and advocacy.

The CLIP workshops are student designed and student driven. The next workshop will be on November 11.

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