FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Transactional Lab & Clinic (TLC) at the University of Michigan Law School sits at the intersection of legal education and practice.

For our clients, we design and use tools in support of efficient and informed deal making. We draft contracts, create templates, and negotiate language all to serve our client’s business objectives.

We prepare our students to be effective lawyers, with deal skills and knowledge. Our students understand business clients—their pressures and needs—and work to deliver useful work product.

TLC engages with leading practicing lawyers and businesspeople to provide our students with a window into some of the myriad transactional practices and perspectives in the world. Practitioners give firsthand accounts of lessons learned in the trenches of deal work—and, in so doing, demonstrate how every experience comes with the potential for continued learning.

Fundamentally, TLC and transactional practice are about supporting collaboration for the creation of joint gain. We think collaboration works best when we get to know each other, and, so, we welcome you to take the opportunity to get to know us on the pages that follow.

With sincerity,

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Michael L. Bloom is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan Law School, where he teaches contracts, business, and transactional law classes and directs the Transactional Lab & Clinic.

Prior to joining the Law School faculty, he was a Lecturer in Law and the Executive Director of the Corporate Lab Transactional Clinic, which he co-founded, at the University of Chicago Law School. Additionally, he practiced corporate and transactional law at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago, with a focus on technology transactions and mergers and acquisitions.

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