Program areas for the new center include:

- The Law and Economics Workshop Series, which is expected to include a dozen presentations by Law School faculty and guests each term during the academic year.

- Student Fellowships. Up to 10 fellowships per academic year, with each fellow, working under the supervision of a faculty adviser, writing a law and economics paper in addition to regular credit work. Also, several two-month summer stipends will be offered to students to stay in Ann Arbor and write similar papers.

- Faculty Research. The center will fund faculty research projects in the area of law and economics.

- Faculty Fellowships. The center may offer one faculty fellowship to a junior faculty member from another school. The center also will sponsor one-week Olin fellowships to several visitors to the Law and Economics Workshop who are able to remain at the Law School for up to a full week.

- Discussion Papers Series. The center will pre-publish working papers that apply a law and economics methodology in paper form and also will present them on its Web site, to be accessible via a link from the Law School homepage (www.law.umich.edu).

Clinical Professor Nick Rine is working this summer and fall in Cambodia under a Fulbright Scholar award to strengthen Cambodian legal education and the procedures that examine and license practitioners. Cambodia's legal community was virtually eliminated during the reign of the Khmer Rouge during the 1970s and only in recent years has begun to rebuild. Rine's eight-month stay in Cambodia represents the longest continuous visit of a Law School faculty member to the country to work with its legal leaders and educators.

The Law School, through its Cambodian Law and Development Program, has sent students to work in Cambodia for several years. That program is headed by Assistant Professor Peter J. Hammer, '89, who has worked on a variety of human rights and law reform projects in Cambodia since 1993. At deadline time, Hammer and Rine expected to have five volunteer student interns working with NGOs in Phnom Penh this summer and one student doing an externship there this fall.

"Cambodia is a difficult environment to work in, requiring both substantial creativity and endless patience," Hammer said. "There is no one more qualified or capable of working there than Nick. No matter how stressful or difficult the situation, Nick projects calm and confidence. This Fulbright combines a rare combination of real need with real talent."

Rine, who has worked with Law School students in Cambodia for the past two years, said his Fulbright-sponsored efforts are three-pronged:

- Co-teaching and consulting with faculty members of the law school (Faculte de Droit et des Sciences Economiques) in Phnom Penh, with curriculum development work concentrated in the fields of professional responsibility and professional skills development.

- Co-teaching and consulting with faculty members at the Cambodian Community Legal Education Center, which is associated with the National Institute of Management (NIM), also in Phnom Penh. Here, too, curriculum development work concentrates on professional responsibility and professional skills development.

- Consultation with Cambodia's Bar Association to accelerate development of regulations and procedures for testing and licensing law school graduates to practice.