

JUSTICE FOR ALL: LEARNING BOTH, ATTITUDES AND LAWYERING



LAW CLINIC

A DIFFERENT WAY OF LEARNING LAW

We took the leading role of our education by carrying out a real case in practice. That strengthens the relationship between tutors and students and teaches different skills: collaborative work, critical spirit and reasoning conflicting lines of argument.



ATTITUDES

WHAT KIND OF LAWYER I WANT TO BE?

We'll be the lawyers of the future. We should develop a social conscience and be aware of the role we'll play. We can be an instrument for the fulfillment of expectations and justice for disadvantaged people. Growing up as a lawyer means growing up in ethics and as versatile professionals.



OUR CLIENT

On 3rd July 2006 the most serious and terrible accident at Metrovalencia tube lines happened resulting in 47 injured and 43 deaths. Once they exhausted all legal resorts, the civil association formed by victims of the accident turned to us. Although the trial ended, they were still ignorant about responsibilities for the accident.

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<< CHALLENGES FOR US >>

- Empathizing with client's demands
- Reflecting on the difference between the application of formal law and how sense of justice is perceived by victims in their own judgment
- Preparing meetings and presentations
- Deciding by ourselves the way to take them a suitable approach to the case and its obvious inconsistency

UNIVERSITY COMMITMENT



CIVIL SOCIETY RIGHTS



VICTIMS OF THE ACCIDENT DEMANDS

- Make them understand the judicial proceedings and legal aspects that exceeded the capability of anyone beyond law knowledge
- Give them voice and the last opportunity towards the achievement of their rights
- Work out the case contradictions by means of alternative initiatives, either judicial or extrajudicial

RESULTS: RECOGNITION OF A VIOLATED RIGHT AND EDUCATING IN ATTITUDES

- » » Victims get over the tragedy as law clinic members give them the appropriate explanation to understand the case and its resolution. It's also easier to regain confidence in the legal system.
- » » The Clinic is now evaluating the possibility to present the case before the United Nations Human Rights Committee on the basis of the violation of access to justice and equal protection. This claim is based on the trial mistakes and political intentional obstacles. As a result of this initiative victims are now on the way to recover their damaged dignity.
- » » Like that Law students have collaborated in order to do our part in the fight against unfair Law application.

