

2016 TRU Learning Award



Katie Sykes

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In her rethinking of learning at Law School, Katie Sykes encourages her learners to "...do things better – for our clients, for the wider community and society..." Her Lawyering in the 21st Century course is set up as a new kind of law firm, one that tackles new legal challenges and opportunities emerging in the legal services marketplace. She asks her students to reflect deeply on their ethical obligations and to devise new ways to serve their clients. The result – LawHacks – projects that encourage her students to find new ways to be better lawyers. By engaging her learners with "wicked problems" Professor Sykes not only provides them with opportunities to develop skills that they will use in their future legal careers, but also encourages the kind of reflective thinking that will set them up for success as engaged citizens.



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