Performing research and preventing, diagnosing, and treating diabetes raises legal, social, and policy issues. Issues raised by diabetes include understanding and addressing barriers to research, such as analyzing the impact of patents on genes related to diabetes or of statutes that restrict certain types of research; assessing the challenges of bringing new diabetes-related technologies through the government approval process; conflicts of interest in research and medicine; and understanding and protecting the rights of human subjects in diabetes research, including genetics based research on collected or stored tissue samples. Other topics include assuring people’s access to appropriate services and healthcare; preventing discrimination against people who have diabetes, a predisposition to diabetes, or family members with diabetes; and analyzing the effects of direct marketing to patients on diagnosis, prevention, and treatment. One undergraduate student will work on a research project with Professor Lori Andrews and researchers at the Institute for Science, Law & Technology (ISLAT) based at Chicago-Kent College of Law.