BANKRUPTCY CLINIC Students advise and represent individuals in serious financial difficulty through communicating with creditors, filing bankruptcy cases, and representing clients in adversary proceedings.
2-semester course; 2 credits each semester (4 total)

BUSINESS LAW CLINIC Third-year students obtain broad experience working with startup businesses and entrepreneurial clients.
2-semester course; 3 credits each semester (6 total)

CHILD ADVOCACY/JUVENILE JUSTICE CLINIC Students handle family law and juvenile law cases through pretrial procedure, negotiation, discovery, and courtroom practice.
2-semester course; 4 credits first semester, 3 credits second semester (7 total)

CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT CLINIC Students assist in the investigation and litigation of cases in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Minnesota.
2-semester course; 3 credits first semester, 2 credits second semester (5 total)

COMMUNITY MEDIAIZATION CLINIC Students gain practical experience in styles and models of mediated dispute resolution involving housing, family, juvenile, criminal, school, business, elder, and employment arenas; after completion of the fall semester clinic, students are eligible to be listed on the Minnesota Rule 114 Roster of Qualified Neutrals.
2-semester course; 3 credits each semester (6 total)

COMMUNITY PRACTICE AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC Students are exposed to the practice of law and gain experience in systemic problem-solving and policy development in community-based settings.
1-semester course; 4 credits

CONSUMER PROTECTION CLINIC Students handle cases of marketplace fraud and disputes regarding consumer credit, debt collection, and predatory lending, often in federal court, and also assist in broader consumer protection advocacy projects.
2-semester course; 4 credits first semester, 3 credits second semester (7 total)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MISDEMEANOR PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE) CLINIC Students gain firsthand knowledge and understanding of how to practice in the criminal justice system. Students commit to taking both the Prosecution Clinic and the Defense Clinic.
2-semester course; 3 credits each semester (6 total)

DETAINEE RIGHTS CLINIC Students have multifaceted opportunities to represent noncitizens facing removal from the United States who are detained at Immigration and Customs Enforcement facilities in the Twin Cities area.
2-semester course; 4 credits first semester; 3 credits second semester (7 total)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: LAND, WATER AND ENERGY Students engage in research, technical assistance and advice, legislative drafting, and advocacy before state or federal administrative agencies to promote policy with environmental sustainability implications for land use, water, and energy.
2-semester course; 3 credits each semester (6 total)

FEDERAL DEFENSE CLINIC Students assist indigent persons charged with federal crimes, under the supervision of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Minnesota, assistant federal public defenders, and Law School faculty.
1-semester course; 3 credits

FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LITIGATION CLINIC Students represent clients in appellate litigation before the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals, U.S. Supreme Court, and Board of Immigration Appeals, as well as litigation before U.S. District Courts.
2-semester course; 4 credits first semester; 3 credits second semester (7 total)

HOUSING LAW CLINIC Students represent tenants facing eviction, housing repair problems, privacy violations, utility shutoff, and lockouts in Hennepin County Housing Court.
1-semester course; 3 credits

HUMAN RIGHTS LITIGATION AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY CLINIC Students learn interviewing, counseling, negotiation, and legal ethics while gaining experience in human rights advocacy through direct participation in supervised clinical projects in such settings as the United Nations, the Inter-American human rights system, federal and state courts, and coalitions of nongovernmental organizations.
2-semester course; 4 credits first semester, 3 credits second semester (7 total)

IMMIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC Students handle immigration law matters, primarily applications for political asylum, withholding of removal, and Articles 3 claims under the Convention against Torture.
2-semester course; 4 credits first semester, 3 credits second semester (7 total)

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT CLINIC Students get practical experience in handling family law and juvenile law cases that involve the federal ICWA statute.
2-semester course; 4 credits first semester, 3 credits second semester (7 total)

INNOCENCE PROJECT CLINIC Working in conjunction with the Innocence Project of Minnesota, students investigate claims of actual innocence being made by inmates in Minnesota and North and South Dakota.
2-semester course; 5 credits each semester (6 total)

INSURANCE LAW CLINIC Students learn to represent individuals and small businesses effectively and confidently during all stages of an insurance claim and/or dispute.
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1-semester course; 3 credits

ROBINS, KAPLAN, MILLER & CRESI CIVIL PRACTICE CLINIC In this, the oldest of the Law School’s clinical programs, students are introduced to the practice of lawyering—inter-viewing, negotiation, drafting, motion practice, discovery, hearings—by representing low-income clients in cases that typically touch on family, housing, discrimination, and disability law.
3-semester course; 4 credits first semester, 3 credits second semester; 3 credits third semester (7 total)

RONALD M. MANKOFF TAX CLINIC Students represent low-income taxpayers who have a dispute with the IRS.
2-semester course; 3 credits first semester, 2 credits second semester, 2 credits third semester (7 total)

WORKERS’ RIGHTS CLINIC Students are introduced to practice in employment law with an emphasis on unemployment compensation, unpaid wages, and professional licensing.
2-semester course; 2 credits each semester (4 total)

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“...It’s hard to overstate the value of clinical education in law school. My experiences in the Immigration clinics provided me with an abundance of practical knowledge and skills that were simply impossible to get in a lecture hall. I also gained confidence in my own abilities as a future attorney. Being a student attorney in the clinics was the best part of my law school experience, and it solidified my decision to pursue a career in immigration law.”

JULIA DIBARTOLOMEO DECKER ('14)
Fellow, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, St. Paul

“...As a student in the Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic, I had an invaluable face-to-face encounter with a multi-layered legal process: we learned how a client's real-life story translates into complex legal arguments; we saw how a case developed over time from a local decision to appeal at the highest court in the nation; and finally we achieved a successful result by negotiation and settlement.”

ANNA FINSTROM ('15)
Fellow, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, St. Paul

WHAT IS A CLINIC?
A clinic is a law school course combining legal theory and practical training, available for students in their 2 or 3L year. Clinic courses include a classroom component, simulation learning and actual client representation in real-life cases. Students receive law school credit for taking a clinic and are graded on an A-F scale.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CLINICS?
Clinical courses help students develop lawyering skills through classroom study, simulated exercises and representation of actual clients under the supervision of experienced faculty practitioners.

WILL I GO TO COURT? WHAT ELSE WILL I DO?
Students are expected to participate in regular classroom sessions as well as simulated exercises. Students are assigned actual clients with actual legal needs, and have all first-hand client contact. Students appear in court on behalf of their clients as first chair attorneys under the guidance of a supervising attorney.

HOW MANY CLINICS CAN I PARTICIPATE IN?
You may participate in more than one clinic during your time here at the law school, but not simultaneously. You may take a clinic course as a 2L, and then apply to become a student director as a 3L. You also may take two separate clinics, but preference is given to students during the lottery who have never had a clinic. There are more than 200 law clinic positions available.

HOW MANY YEARLONG AND SEMESTER LONG CLINICS ARE THERE?
Currently we offer 19 yearlong (two semester) clinics and three one semester clinics.

WHO OVERSEES EACH CLINIC?
Clinic courses are taught by faculty members of the Law School and by adjunct professors from local law firms and non-profit organizations.

WHOM DO CLINICS SERVE?
Law clinic clients are low-income community members who need legal assistance. The clinic works with local non-profits often to receive referrals for those clients in need.

WHERE IS THE CLINIC OFFICE?
The law clinic office is located at the University of Minnesota Law School in room 190 Walter F. Mondale Hall. Though most clinic work happens on campus, certain clinics may meet off site at a local law firm or legal non-profit office where their adjunct faculty is located. Students often travel to the local courthouses.

WHAT IS THE STUDENT PRACTICE RULE?
The Student Practice Rule adopted by the Minnesota Supreme Court allows students to represent government agencies and indigent clients in actual court and administrative agency proceedings under the supervision of a licensed attorney. To be eligible, a student must be currently enrolled, have completed at least two semesters of full-time study (24 credits), and be in good academic standing (2.0 G.P.A). The rule also states that students must identify themselves as a student and be accepted by the client.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL
is home to one of the country’s largest and most distinguished clinical education programs. Second- and third-year students, under faculty supervision, represent real clients in 22 clinics that encompass a wide array of practice areas.

The clinical experience offers remarkable opportunities for students to develop their confidence and practice skills—and more than 50% of our students take advantage of these opportunities.

OUR CLINICS HAVE SIGNIFICANT REAL-WORLD IMPACT

• The Civil Practice Clinic made new law when the Minnesota Supreme Court decided that petitioners represented by the clinic could pursue a systemic challenge to property tax assessments in Minneapolis and Hennepin County.
• The Innocence Clinic students spent several days on the Spirit Lake Reservation in N.D. interviewing witnesses on a federal case. Clinic students also drafted for submission a pardon application to President Obama.
• The Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic recently was granted its first certiorari petition to the U.S. Supreme Court in Mellouli v. Holder.
• The Immigration and Human Rights Clinic secured asylum for victims of torture and other forms of persecution in four different cases over the last two years.
• Students in the Tax Clinic tried a case in U.S. Tax Court and filed an appeal in the 8th Circuit.
• A Human Rights Clinic’s brief was cited by two U.S. Court of Appeals judges.
• The U.N. Human Rights Committee included Human Rights Clinic recommendations in concluding observations on the human rights consequences of misuse, improper regulation, and illicit transfer of small arms and light weapons in the Dominican Republic, Philippines, and Yemen.
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