Clinic courses for 2019-2020

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The Law Clinics provide second and third year law students with a unique educational opportunity. The clinical program not only provides students with the opportunity to develop lawyering skills under the watchful eye of faculty practitioners but also introduces that otherwise missing participant in legal education: the client.

The Law Clinics help students develop lawyering skills through a combination of theoretical classroom instruction and practical application in simulations and live cases. The Student Practice Rule adopted by the Minnesota Supreme Court allows clinic students to represent clients in actual court and administrative agency proceedings under the supervision of the clinic faculty.

The Law School was a pioneer in the field of providing clinical legal education to law students as early as 1913. The current clinical program was inaugurated in 1968. Since that time, the Law Clinics have grown from a tiny poverty law office to a large and integral part of the Law School curriculum.

The Law School currently offers 25 clinical courses in the following areas of practice:

**Two Semester Clinics Fall 2019 – Spring 2020**
- Bankruptcy
- Child Advocacy & Juvenile Justice
- Civil Practice
- Civil Rights Enforcement
- Community Legal Partnership for Health
- Community Mediation
- Consumer Protection
- Criminal Defense
- Detainee Rights: Immigration Incarceration
- Employment Law
- Environmental and Energy Law
- Family Law
- Federal Immigration Litigation
- Human Rights Litigation & Int’l Legal Advocacy
- Immigration & Human Rights
- Indian Child Welfare Act
- Innocence Project
- Insurance Law
- Tax: Federal Income

**One Semester Clinics Fall 2019**
- Criminal Prosecution
- IP and Entrepreneurship
- Business Law

**One Semester Spring 2020 Clinics**
These will be in the November 2019 Clinic Lottery
- Business Law
- Federal Defense
- Housing
- Rural Immigrant Access
## Courses Offered in the Clinic Lottery for Spring 2020

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<th>Course#</th>
<th>Clinic</th>
<th>Pre- or Co-req</th>
<th>Fall Credits</th>
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LAW 7860 – Business Law Clinic

Instructor: Emily Buchholz
Class Time: Monday, 3:35 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday 3:35 – 5:30 p.m.
Duration: One Semester – will be offered fall and spring
Credits: 3 credits total
Grade: 1 letter grade received at the end of semester
Pre/Co Reqs: Pre-Req - LAW 6051 Business Associations & Corporations

Course Description:

The Business Law Clinic is a one-semester 3-credit learning experience for upper level students. Students learn about the transactional practice of business law in a weekly class, which also serves to guide and support students while they provide transaction-based legal assistance to small businesses, nonprofits and entrepreneurs. The clinic experience closely replicates the practice of business law.

Students work in pairs under the supervision of an experienced, licensed business law or corporate attorney on a wide variety of matters including:

- Choice of entity and entity formation;
- Nonprofit and social enterprise status;
- Ownership distribution, shareholder and member control agreements;
- Intellectual property protection, including copyrights, trademarks, licensing agreements;
- Contract drafting and review;
- Employment and independent contractor guidance;
- Review of commercial leases.

The classroom component of the course focuses on skills training, exposure to the various facets of a business law practice, engagement with guest speakers, and other hands-on learning experiences. Classroom work includes a review of transactional law, substantive legal content, working with clients, negotiation and drafting, problem solving and communication styles, and professionalism.

What to expect when working on cases and with clients:

Students handle 2-3 client matters during the semester. The initial client meeting occurs in person in the Clinic office (Room 90, Subplaza). Additional communication typically occurs by telephone and email.

Clients find the Clinic in many ways, including from various referral sources such as: Carlson School of Management; Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD); Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA); gener8tor, Women Venture, Acara, and others.

*This course will no longer be open to only 3L students starting in Fall 2019. However, in the Clinic Lottery a 3L student with no prior clinic enrollment is given preference per the Clinic Registration Memo.*
**LAW 7246 – Housing Law Clinic**

**Instructor:** Elizabeth Sauer and Riann Meyer

**Class Time:** Wednesday 3:35 – 5:30 pm

**Additional Commitments:** There are additional requirements for this course – See below

**Duration:** One Semester - Spring

**Credits:** 3 credits total

**Grade:** 1 letter grade received at the end of spring semester

**Pre/Co Reqs:** There are no prerequisites or co-requisites for this clinic course.

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**Course Description:**

This clinic is grounded in the development of practical skills necessary to effectively represent low income tenants facing eviction, housing repair problems, utility shutoff and lockouts, and eviction cases in their rental history in Hennepin County Housing Court.

The two hour classroom component includes interviewing, clinic computer network training, professional responsibility, substantive housing law topics concerning the types of actions handled in the clinic, and case simulations in which students participate in interviewing, drafting, motion practice, trial and negotiation simulations patterned after real housing cases.

Housing Law Clinic cases provide a unique opportunity to handle cases from beginning to end. Housing Court cases are very active cases, which move faster than many other types of civil litigation. Student attorneys may experience interviewing, investigation, drafting pleadings, discovery, motion and trial practice and appeals. Often students obtain final decisions or settlements in cases that they started. Some cases may involve the delicate act of advising a client that the client does not have a good case.

**Additional Commitments:**

- Weekly staff meeting and round table discussion with other students to discuss issues and cases.
- Ongoing meetings with supervising attorney in preparation for and representation in housing cases.

**What to expect when working on cases and with clients:**

Each student may handle 2-5 cases during the semester. Students will meet with clients in person, on the phone and correspond with them. Clients of this clinic will be low income clients faced with various housing issues corresponding with the tight rental market and an aging housing stock, which precludes them from finding safe, decent and affordable rental housing.
# LAW 7572 - Federal Defense Clinic

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<th><strong>Instructor:</strong></th>
<th>Prof. Richard Frase</th>
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<td>[TBA – class meets once, usually in the first week of the term]</td>
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<td><strong>Duration:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Credits:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Grade:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pre/Co Reqs:</strong></td>
<td>Completed -- Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure; Completed or enrolled concurrently -- Evidence.</td>
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## Course Description:

In this clinical seminar, students assist in the defense of indigent persons charged with federal crimes, under the supervision of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Minnesota, assistant federal public defenders, and Professor Frase. This clinic is offered once each year, usually in the spring semester. It was last offered in Spring 2018, and will be offered in Spring 2019.

Fieldwork includes assignments such as research and writing of Eighth Circuit appeal briefs, memoranda in support of or response to motions, and legal research on a wide variety of topics. When cases are available, students may also be given various second-chair assignments in the preparation for and conduct of court and jury trials. If consistent with assignment deadlines, students are encouraged to observe other trials and federal criminal court proceedings.

## Additional Commitments/ Requirements:

In addition to regular conferences with Professor Frase, students work about twelve hours per week on clinic assignments, for a total of approximately 150 hours. Each student will arrange a regular weekly schedule for their clinic work at the Federal Public Defenders Office in Minneapolis. Students may select the time periods during the week which best fit their other commitments (fewer separate work periods and days are preferred) but must stick to their agreed Office schedule unless modified with advance notice to the Office. These requirements serve to minimize delays in assignments of fieldwork and consultation with supervising attorneys.

After receiving notification from the Law School registrar of their enrollment, students must immediately contact Professor Frase to discuss procedures for this clinic. Due to the very limited enrollment [four students per semester] there is usually a waiting list. Students should only register if they are quite sure they are willing and able to take the clinic, and should promptly withdraw and notify Professor Frase if their plans change, so that a wait-listed student may enroll.
LAW 7910 - Rural Immigrant Access Clinic

Instructor: Deepinder Mayell
Class Time: Wednesday 3:35 - 5:05pm
Additional Commitments: There are additional requirements for this course – See below
Duration: One Semester (Spring)
Credits: 2 credits
Grade: 1 letter grade received at the end of spring semester
Pre/Co Reqs: There are no prerequisites or co-requisites for this clinic course.

Course Description:

Students in the Rural Immigrant Access Clinic will participate in pop-up legal clinics in rural communities that have limited access to immigration attorneys and have experienced dramatic increases in immigration apprehension and detention. These full-day legal clinics will be held in a range of spaces in Minnesota, including community centers, churches, schools and libraries. Students will also conduct comprehensive legal intakes with a rapidly growing detained immigrant population held in rural county jails.

Under the supervision of faculty, students will provide legal advice to noncitizens at risk of deportation including legal options, social service referrals, and safety planning including the creation of custodial documents for use in family court. When confronted with complex immigration problems, students will research legal problems and provide written legal advice to immigrant families.

Please note this clinic does not include court appearances or representation of individuals in immigration proceedings. This course presents limited scope attorney-client opportunities.

Additional Commitments:

Pop-up clinics typically require a full-day commitment including travel. Students will be required to attend 4 out of 5 pop-up sessions. The Clinic will provide students with transportation and food. The class will meet for weekly seminar for 1.5 hours. The first four classes will consist of lecture, discussion, simulations and exercises. Community clinics begin after the fourth class and will occur on a bi-weekly basis.

What to expect when working on cases and with clients:

Please note this clinic does not include court appearances or representation of individuals in immigration proceedings. This course presents limited scope attorney-client opportunities.

This clinic is well-suited for all students including those with limited immigration experience and those that seek to complement advanced immigration practice courses such as field placements or externships.