



### Clinic courses for 2018-2019

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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 clinical courses in the following areas of practice:

**Two Semester Clinics - Fa18 - Sp19:** These courses were in a Clinic lottery in March 2018

- Bankruptcy
- Business Law
- 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
- Environment 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 2018:** These courses were in a Clinic lottery in March 2018

- Misdemeanor Prosecution
- IP and Entrepreneurship

**One Semester Clinics - Spring 2019:** These are in a clinic lottery in November 2019

- Federal Defense
- Housing
- Rural Immigrant Access Clinic (New!)

Course#	Clinic	Pre- or Co-req / Recommend (add course numbers)	Fall Credits	Spring Credits	Total Credits	Enrollment CAP	Fall- Day/Time/Room
7246	Housing Law Clinic		n/a	3	3	8	W/3:35 - 5:30 pm
7572	Federal Defense Clinic	<b>Pre- req (Completed):</b> Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure; <b>Pre or co-req:</b> Evidence.	n/a	3	3	4	N/A
7910	Rural Immigrant Access Clinic		n/a	2	2	6	W/3:35 - 5:05 pm

## LAW 7572 - Federal Defense Clinic

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<b>Instructor:</b>	Prof. Richard Frase
<b>Class Time:</b>	[TBA – class meets once, usually in the first week of the term]
<b>Additional Commitments:</b>	There are additional requirements for this course – See below
<b>Duration:</b>	One Semester (usually offered in Spring Semester)
<b>Credits:</b>	3 credits (qualifies for Experiential Learning, not Senior Writing)
<b>Grade:</b>	1 letter grade received at the end of the semester
<b>Pre/Co Reqs:</b>	Completed -- Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure; Completed or enrolled concurrently -- Evidence.

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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 7246 – Housing Law Clinic

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<b>Instructor:</b>	Elizabeth Sauer
<b>Class Time:</b>	Wednesday 3:35 – 5:30 pm
<b>Additional Commitments:</b>	There are additional requirements for this course – See below
<b>Duration:</b>	One Semester - Spring
<b>Credits:</b>	3 credits total
<b>Grade:</b>	1 letter grade received at the end of spring semester
<b>Pre/Co Reqs:</b>	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 7910 - RURAL IMMIGRANT ACCESS CLINIC

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

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## **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.