SUMMARY OF IN-HOUSE CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Arts, Sports & Entertainment Law Clinic

Faculty	Geoff Scott
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Intellectual property law (including copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, licensing, rights of privacy and publicity) and administrative law
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Advise clients, draft contracts, participate in negotiation sessions
How many students participate each semester?	7 students
Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	Normally 2 semesters; however, in special circumstances, director may consider 1 semester commitment
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	1 or 2 credits (student can decide)
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes, students in the clinic meet 1x/week for 2 hours
How many hours/week should I expect to work	6-9 hours (minimum)
(outside of the classroom component)?	
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	Required: Law of Artistic Properties and Persons (prior to concurrent enrollment)
	Suggested: Copyrights Trademarks Licensing of IP Internet Law Business Law Courses Tax Law Courses
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	Depends on the work
Who is eligible to apply?	JD and LLM students may apply; this clinic attempts to assist students who already have a demonstrated commitment to the subject to enhance and advance their vocational interests in the related subjects.

Center for Immigrants' Rights

Faculty	Shoba Wadhia
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Immigration Law
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Collaborate with clients, build relationships with stakeholders, develop and implement advocacy and policy projects. Immigration work ranging from policy work, community outreach in Centre County and legal support for individual cases of immigrants fighting deportation

How many students participate each semester?	4-8 students
Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	1-semester commitment
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	5 credits
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes, students in the clinic meet 1x/week for 2 hours; students also have a mandatory weekly case meeting with the professor
How many hours/week should I expect to work (outside of the classroom component)?	18-24 hours
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	Required: None, but preference is given to those who have taken/are taking Immigration Law or Asylum and Refugee Law
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	No
Who is eligible to apply?	JD, LLM and SIA students are eligible to apply.

Civil Rights Appellate Clinic

Faculty	Michael Foreman
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Non-criminal civil rights, including but not limited to employment and other traditional discrimination cases
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Research and draft appellate briefs (often amicus), assist in appellate strategy development, and attend oral arguments
How many students participate each semester?	5-8 students
Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	1-semester commitment (requests for a second semester will be considered)
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	4 credits
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes, students in the clinic meet 1x/week for 2 hours
How many hours/week should I expect to work	18-20 hours
(outside of the classroom component)?	
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	Required: None, but preference is given to 3Ls who complete Evidence, and substantive civil rights or employment law courses
	Suggested: Civil Rights or Employment Law Courses Evidence
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	Depends on the work

Who is eligible to apply?	JD, LLM and SIA students are eligible to apply.

Criminal Appellate & Post-Conviction Services Clinic

Faculty	Gopal Balachandran
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law, Advocacy
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Research and Analysis, interview and advise clients, draft letters, motions and briefs. Conduct direct and cross- examinations in contested hearings before a judge.
How many students participate each semester?	2
Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	2 semester commitment
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	3 credits
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes
How many hours/week should I expect to work (outside of the classroom component)?	10-12
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	Required: 43 credits in law school plus Professional Responsibility and Evidence
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	Yes
Who is eligible to apply?	Applicants must be JD students.

Entrepreneur Assistance Clinic

Faculty	Tom Sharbaugh, assisted by two supervising licensed attorneys
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Legal issues of importance to entrepreneurs, including company formation, arrangements among owners, funding the business, employment/independent contractor agreements, service agreements and website terms and conditions.
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Students work in pairs and a team is usually the sole point of contact with a client. Students meet with clients throughout PA over Zoom and typically hold a number of meetings with each client. Under the supervision of one of the lawyers, students interview and advise clients, form entities, review and draft transactional documents, assist clients with business funding strategy, and represent clients at meetings.
How many students participate each semester?	Approximately 24 students

Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	1-semester commitment although students are encouraged to return for a second and even a third semester. Many of the students have also worked at this clinic during the summer after their 1L or 2L years.
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	4 credits
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes. There will be a two-hour class each week at the LaunchBox. The group will be divided into two subgroups for class purposes. The times for the alternative classes will be set once the available gaps in the class schedule can be assessed.
How many hours/week should I expect to work (outside of the classroom component)?	12 hours, which can be done anywhere except for a four-hour commitment at the LaunchBox each week for office hours.
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	There are no prerequisites for this clinic and, therefore, 2 nd semester 1Ls in the spring semester are encouraged to apply.
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	No
Who is eligible to apply?	Applicants must be JD students. 2 nd semester 1Ls are also encouraged to apply to work (as employees) at this clinic over the summer.

Family Law Clinic

Faculty	Susan Bardo
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Domestic violence, divorce, custody, child and spousal support, paternity, adoption, parental rights and name changes.
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Advise and interview clients, research and draft correspondence and pleadings, appear at meetings and in court; and possibly work on policy related projects.
How many students participate each semester?	5-7 students
Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	1-semester commitment
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	5 credits
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes, students meet 1x/week for 2 hours and 1x/ week with supervising attorney
How many hours/week should I expect to work (outside of the classroom component)?	16-18 hours
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	Required: Family Law (prior to enrollment) Evidence (prior to enrollment)
	Suggested: Professional Responsibility
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	Yes; accepted students will become certified legal interns prior to working on cases.
Who is eligible to apply?	Applicants must be JD students.

Indigent Criminal Justice Trial Clinic

Faculty	Richard Settgast
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law, Trial Advocacy and Negotiation
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Draft motions and briefs, negotiate plea offers, weekly court appearances
How many students participate each semester?	3-4 students
Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	2-semester commitment
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	5 credits
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes, class sessions will be held twice a week for one hour followed by client interview sessions of 2 hours
How many hours/week should I expect to work	12-16 hours
(outside of the classroom component)?	
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses	Required: 43 credits in law school plus Professional Responsibility and Evidence
with this clinic?	
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal	Yes
intern to take this clinic?	
Who is eligible to apply?	Applicants must be JD students.

Intellectual Property Clinic

Faculty	Jon D'Silva
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Intellectual property (IP) (e.g. patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets), IP protection strategies, and contracts related to IP
What type(s) of work will student perform?	In person and telephonic/video conferences with clients, evaluation of company's IP (including trademark searches, patent searches, and freedom to operate) practical IP matters such as ownership, IP strategies, client counseling, drafting of US provisional and non- provisional patent applications and preparing related PTO documents. The IP Clinic is focused primarily on transaction law, but there is a possibly to comment on USPTO rulemaking and work on IP policy-related projects, if student expresses interest.
How many students participate each semester?	6-10 students

Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	1 semester commitment (requests for a second semester will be considered)
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	4 credits
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes. Students in the clinic meet 1x/week for 2 hours for combination of lecture, group discussion on active clients, and simulations. In addition, students will participate in 2 hr/week meeting with a supervisory attorney in addition to the in-class hours.
How many hours/week should I expect to work	12-18 hours
(outside of the classroom component)?	
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	Required: Patent Law prior to enrollment. (May be waived on a case-by-case basis by Director, must be taken concurrently).
	Suggested: Professional Responsibility, any of: Trademarks, Copyrights, Introduction to IP, Licensing of IP.
	Preference given to students who have passed the USPTO's Patent Registration Examination (sometimes referred to as the "Patent Bar").
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic? Who is eligible to apply?	Yes Applicants must be JD students.

Manglona Lab for Gender and Economic Equity

Faculty	Bethany N. Schols
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Laws and policies affecting gender and economic equity.
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Research issues relating to gender and economic equity, analyze potential solutions, and advocate for change. Projects may include identifying and interviewing witnesses, identifying, researching and include continuing to build a database of interviews of witnesses to the "Herstory" of gender and economic injustice, and preparing persuasive memoranda or briefs to advocate for change.
How many students participate each semester?	3-5 students
Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	1 semester commitment
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	4 credits
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes, students in the clinic meet 1x/week for 2 hours

How many hours/week should I expect to work (outside of the classroom component)?	12-18 hours for 4 credit hours.
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	None
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	No
Who is eligible to apply?	JD or LLM students.

Rural Economic Development Clinic

Faculty	Ross Pifer
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Legal issues of importance in rural communities with a
	focus on agricultural, food, and energy law
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Interview and advise clients, conduct legal research, review and draft transactional documents, prepare other written work product, engage in client development
How many students participate each semester?	4-6 students
Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	1-semester commitment (requests for a second semester
	will be considered)
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	4 credits
Does the clinic include a classroom	Yes, students in the clinic meet 1x/week for a total of 2
component?	hours
How many hours/week should I expect to work (outside of the classroom component)?	12-16 hours
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	Required: None
	Suggested: Agricultural Law Professional Responsibility Corporations
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal	No, although recommended to be certified if JD
intern to take this clinic?	
JD, LLM and SIA students are eligible to apply.	

Veterans & Servicemembers Legal Clinic

Faculty	Michele Vollmer
What type(s) of law are practiced?	We assist veterans, their spouses and families with their claims for disability, education and pension benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Most clients have been denied benefits or received fewer benefits than they deserve. We prepare appeals supported by service records, medical records, medical research, medical expert opinions, case law and written and oral advocacy. We also write amici briefs and advocate for other changes in the law that assist veterans. We sometimes educate veterans and servicemembers about their rights under the law.
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Advise and interview clients, request and review documents, conduct research, work with expert witnesses, draft correspondence, VA forms and written arguments, briefs or motions, appear at meetings and hearings with the VA, and/or work on policy or education related projects.
How many students participate each semester?	Usually 4-6 students
Is there a mandatory term of enrollment?	1-semester commitment
How many credits per semester in the clinic?	4-5 credits, students may choose
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes, students in the clinic meet 1x/week for 2 hours
How many hours/week should I expect to work (outside of the classroom component)?	12-18 hours for 4 credits; 16-20 hours for 5 credits
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	Required: Pre-requisite or co-requisite Veterans Benefits
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	No Applicants may be JD or LLM students