

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 (outside of the classroom component)?	6-9 hours (minimum)
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	<u>Required</u> : Law of Artistic Properties and Persons (prior to concurrent enrollment)
	<u>Suggested</u> : 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 Sivaprasad 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 for organizational clients, 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?	<u>Required</u> : 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 <i>amicus</i>), 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 (outside of the classroom component)?	18-20 hours
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	<u>Required:</u> None, but preference is given to 3Ls who complete Evidence, and substantive civil rights or employment law courses
	<u>Suggested:</u> 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.

Entrepreneur Assistance Clinic

Faculty	Tom Sharbaugh
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Legal issues of importance to entrepreneurs, including company formation, arrangements among owners, funding the business, basic intellectual property and HR
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Interview and advise clients, review and draft transactional and HR documents, assist clients with business formation, agreements among founders and early funding; issue equity to founders and investors; represent clients at meetings; students typically work in pairs.
How many students participate each semester?	10-18 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 (but lower amounts are available for students close to clinical cap)
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes. There is a remote class on Thursdays from 9:00 am-10:50 am but a second Thursday PM session will likely be added for those with AM conflicts.
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?	There are no prerequisites for this clinic
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	No; you do not need to be a certified legal intern.
Who is eligible to apply?	Applicants must be JD students

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?	<u>Required:</u> Family Law (prior to enrollment) Evidence (prior to enrollment)
	<u>Suggested:</u> 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.
When can students apply?	Students can apply for the Fall or the Spring semester; however, students must have completed three semesters of law school prior to participation in the Family Law Clinic.

Indigent Criminal Justice Practicum (2 Tracks Now Available)

ICJP Trial Work Track	
Faculty	Richard Settgest
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 (outside of the classroom component)?	12-16 hours
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	<u>Required:</u> 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.

Criminal Appellate/ Post-Conviction Track	
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, draftletters, 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?	<u>Required:</u> 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.

Intellectual Property Clinic

Faculty	Andrew Sherman
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 possibility 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 (outside of the classroom component)?	12-18 hours
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	<u>Required:</u> Patent Law prior to enrollment. (May be waived on a case-by-case basis by Director, must be taken concurrently).
	<u>Suggested:</u> Professional Responsibility, any of: Trademarks, Copyrights, Introduction to IP, Licensing of

	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?	Yes
Who is eligible to apply?	JD, LLM and SIA students may apply with preference given to JD students; All applicants must demonstrate a firm grasp of written and spoken English-language skills.

International Sustainable Development Clinic

Faculty	Jeffrey Erickson
What type(s) of law are practiced?	Foreign Law (project specific)
What type(s) of work will student perform?	Research and analysis, advise and document preparation: foreign laws affecting design, implementation and viability of humanitarian project ventures
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?	3 credits per semester plus (possibly) 1 credit for the summer semester
Does the clinic include a classroom component?	Yes. In addition, students may be required to participate periodically in engineering course meetings
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?	<u>Required</u> : None
	<u>Suggested</u> : International Business Transactions
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	No, although recommended.
Who is eligible to apply?	JD and LLM students are eligible to apply.

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 component?	Yes, students in the clinic meet 1x/week for a total of 2 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?	<u>Required:</u> None
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	Suggested: Agricultural Law Professional Responsibility Corporations
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	No, although recommended to be certified if JD
Who is eligible to apply?	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 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?	4-8 students; some semesters, if a project we are working on is large, we may accept 10 students; students often work in teams on each client matter (due to the complexity of the legal research, analysis and writing involved)
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 for a combination of lecture and case rounds (i.e., a discussion of client work). In addition, students often participate in meetings every other week with Prof. Vollmer in addition to the 2-hour class meeting.
How many hours/week should I expect to work (outside of the classroom component)?	12-18 hours for 4 credits; 18-24 hours for 5 credits
Are there pre-requisite or co-requisites courses with this clinic?	<u>Required:</u> None, but preference is given to 3Ls and those who have taken/are taking Veterans Benefits and/or Civil Pretrial Practice and Advocacy. Under 18 U.S.C. § 205, students who are federal employees, such as students committed to JAG or sworn in as officers, are not permitted to represent clients (even under the supervision of a law professor) if the matter is adverse to the U.S. government. Such students may still join the clinic to work on policy or education projects, and those students are permitted to hear about the work of other students in the clinic who work on matters adverse to the U.S. government; under that statute, a VA

	benefits matter is “adverse” to the U.S. government – see Prof. Vollmer for more details
	<u>Suggested</u> : Veterans Benefits Law (offered every spring); Civil Pretrial Practice and Advocacy (offered every fall) – in that course, students learn how to review documents, interview witnesses, counsel clients, and create a theory of the case to meet the client’s goals in a civil litigation context which is directly applicable to what the clinic does for veteran clients in an administrative law context.
Do I have to be a certified as a student legal intern to take this clinic?	No because the clinic primarily practices in the federal administrative law context
Who is eligible to apply?	Applicants may be JD or LLM students
When can students apply?	Students can apply for the Fall or the Spring semester