



SMU | DEDMAN
SCHOOL OF LAW

Legal Clinics

Pre-Registration Packet

Spring
2019

Pre-Registration Procedures

1. **Eligibility:** a) **COMPLETION OF 50%** of the hours required for graduation (minimum 44 hours) by the end of the Fall 2018 semester and b) **GPA above 2.0**. If you are currently on academic probation, you may not pre-register for any of the clinics.

Clinic	Prerequisites/Co-Requisites (can take in same semester enrolled in clinic)*	Mandatory Orientation
W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic	Evidence*	Wed., January 9, 2019
Civil/Consumer Clinic	Professional Responsibility*	Tues. & Wed., January 8-9, 2019
Criminal Defense Clinic	Evidence*	Tues. & Wed., January 8-9, 2019
Family Immigration Detention Center	Preference given to Spanish Speakers	TBD
Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women	1) Professional Responsibility* 2) Evidence & Family Law (recommended only)	Tues. & Wed., January 8-9, 2019
Innocence Clinic	N/A	Tues. & Wed., January 8-9, 2019
Patent Law Clinic	See Patent Clinic Flyer For Requirements. You must submit separate Patent Clinic application along with the regular application.	Wed., January 9, 2019
Small Business & Trademark Clinics	1) Business Enterprise 2) Counseling the Small Business Owner*(recommended only)	Wed., January 9, 2019
Tax Clinic	Federal Income Tax	Wed., January 9, 2019
VanSickle Family Law Clinic	Professional Responsibility*	Wed., January 9, 2019

2. **Mandatory Orientations and Prerequisites/Co-Requisites: MAY NOT BE WAIVED.**

3. **Rank clinic choices:** Please rank your choice of clinic on the Clinic Application Form. Number 1 is first choice, 2 is second choice, etc. We will fill the Clinics according to your stated preference.

4. **Submit Application:** Download Application, complete, sign and initial application, then submit online via Symplicity ID # 15825. **Deadline to submit your Lottery Application online is by 12 Noon on Monday, November 5th.**

5. **Drawing and Waiting List:** If your name is drawn for a Clinic slot, your name will be entered on the roll for that Clinic and your name will not be placed on any waiting list. After all Clinics slots have been filled, we will continue drawing names for the waiting lists and names will be placed on the waiting list of each clinic the student ranked on his/her application. Students will be notified of any openings in the order in which their names appear on the list.. **Clinic lists will be posted by the close of business, Thursday, November 8, 2018.**

6. **Prior Clinic Experience:** If you have been enrolled in any of the Clinics at SMU (or in a clinical program at another school) **you cannot participate in the drawing**. Students without prior Clinic experience have priority. However, you may put your name on the waiting list for one of more of the Clinics **after** the drawing is completed. Your name will be added to the bottom of the waiting list.

7. **Registration:** If you are drawn for a clinic, your name will be on a Clinic list to register and you may only register for the Clinic for which you were selected. **Registration begins on Monday, November 12, 2018.**

8. **Dropping Clinic:** If you must drop Clinic, you must receive permission from the appropriate clinic director so other students on the waiting lists can enroll. **Drop deadline is Monday, December 10, 2018, by 5:00 p.m.**



W.W. CARUTH, JR. CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC: SPRING 2019

OUR CLIENTS:

We represent abused and neglected children in child welfare cases in Dallas County Juvenile District Courts as their attorney and guardian ad litem.

ELIGIBILITY:

- * Good academic standing.
- * Completed at least one-half of the credits required for graduation.
- * Completed Evidence before being enrolled OR be enrolled in Evidence while in the Clinic.

CONSIDERATIONS:

~You should expect to spend 10-20 hours each week on Clinic-related work. The workload fluctuates with case events.

~You will handle from 2-3 cases, sometimes with a partner, sometimes on your own (with Director supervision).

~You will handle at least one, probably two, and possibly more court hearings (of varying length/detail/complexity). Most (but not all) hearings take place in the morning.

~You will need to visit your child clients in their placement homes about once a month and will otherwise need to conduct “fieldwork” investigation activities around the Dallas area (and occasionally beyond).

~ You will receive 5 credits for this Clinic.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Student lawyers represent their clients as the first chair attorney at all hearings, mediations, and trial, with the close supervision of the Director. Student lawyers interview child clients and their family members; investigate the facts of the case, including conducting

discovery; monitoring and obtaining records regarding the client’s status with health care professionals, school officials, and others; conducting home studies on potential relative placements for the children; monitoring the children while in foster care; attending meetings regarding the case scheduled by CPS; advocating for the child’s needs, informally and through motion practice.

CLASS EXPERIENCE:

Class occurs twice a week and covers federal and state law and procedural and ethical issues involved in the legal representation of children. Class also covers litigation skills (oral and written advocacy, drafting pleadings, interviewing and counseling, mediation, trial preparation, and trial advocacy).

Guest speakers provide an interdisciplinary perspective on the law.

Interaction is emphasized. Although classes may include lectures by the Director, they also often consist of “rounds” where Clinic cases are discussed among the class as a law firm with a Clinic student attorney leading the discussion. Classes also include simulated or “mock” court and investigative situations – typically based on real Clinic cases.

Supervision and Mentoring happens through one-on-one pre-scheduled weekly “tutorial” meetings with the Director.

COMMUNITY INTERACTION:

Students will work on a podcast project recording the stories of aged out foster youth, attend Grand Rounds at Children’s Health, and will staff 1 to 2 Kinship Intake Clinics (relatives who may need legal custody of children already in their care), and prepare a blog posting for the Clinic blog.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 (ALL DAY)

ENROLL IN THE CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC IF YOU WANT TO DEVELOP SKILLS APPLICABLE TO LEGAL PRACTICE, GAIN VALUABLE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD

CIVIL/CONSUMER CLINIC

5 CREDITS SPRING 2019

PRACTICE LAW ON BEHALF OF REAL CLIENTS

Student attorneys in the Civil Clinic handle real problems involving real as authorized by the Student Practice Rules of the State Bar of Texas. Currently, student attorneys are representing clients in landlord-tenant disputes, consumer fraud, real estate transactions, and matters involving credit and debt as well as identity theft in addition to FEMA appeals related to Hurricane Harvey. In recent semesters, clinic attorneys have also secured U-Visas for immigrant clients, tracked down stolen cars and the “ring” engaged in scam sales, helped a client enforce an elder healthcare employment contract, and stepped in to enforce a roofing contract.

In addition to the **direct representation** student attorneys provide, they also engage in **outreach and education in the community**. In past semesters, students have also engaged in **legislative advocacy** on access-to-justice and consumer-related issues. In the Spring, students will continue the Clinic’s work providing assistance to self-represented litigants in the Dallas County Courts.

While all student work is supervised by a clinic faculty member, the **student attorney is first chair**. Students work and learn in all aspects of the lawyering process. They conduct client and witness interviews, fact investigation, legal research, and problem solving. Clinic attorneys are responsible for advising and counseling their clients regarding available options, conduct negotiations and mediations, and if needed, they pursue litigation. Clinic attorneys handle all aspects of litigation including case planning, drafting pleadings and discovery, and conducting depositions. Clinic attorneys are lead counsel in the courtroom where they handle motion practice and hearings, trials and appeals.

CLINIC FACULTY

Students work individually with Clinic faculty members. Associate Dean for Clinics, Professor **Mary Spector** is the Director of the Civil/Consumer Clinic and a Supervising Attorney; Clinical Professor **Eliot Shavin** is the Assistant Director and is also a Supervising Attorney.

In coordination with the student attorneys, Clinic faculty select cases that raise interesting legal and factual issues and that expose students to disputes and contested legal issues. Faculty try to keep caseloads small to allow student attorneys to fully explore the facts and legal issues of each case and to insure that students provide excellent legal representation to their clients.

TIME COMMITMENT

In the **SPRING 2019** semester, Clinic students should expect to spend a minimum of **15 hours each week** on clinic related work including preparing for and attending the clinic lawyering seminar, interviewing potential new clients, and handling their assigned casework. **The SPRING 2019 mandatory lawyering seminar is held twice each week on Tuesdays and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m..** In addition, as part of their clinic work, student attorneys participate in weekly supervisory conferences where they work with faculty to develop their lawyering skills, discuss ethical issues, and review other dimensions of client representation including the dynamics of client decision making. In scheduling other courses, students should not take a larger than normal course load and students should take into account the flexibility that is needed to represent clinic clients.

ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION

Students must have completed 44 hours by the time they begin their clinic semester. Students must not be on academic probation at the time of pre-registration. The Legal Clinics cannot accommodate all eligible students who wish to enroll. For each student who enrolls, the faculty and staff engage in significant preparations prior to the beginning of the semester. **Do not** pre-register for a Clinic unless you intend to enroll. If you **MUST** drop Civil/Consumer notify Professor Mary Spector at mspector@smu.edu, **no later than 5:00 p.m., on Monday, December 10, 2018.**

MANDATORY ORIENTATION

Mandatory Orientation will be held **on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Attendance at Orientation is **MANDATORY. NO WAIVERS will be provided.**

SMU DEDMAN School of Law
Spring and Summer 2019
Criminal Clinic (6 Credits)

The Criminal Clinic provides law students a combination of academic and experiential learning through the practice of criminal defense law in the Dallas County Criminal Courts. In exchange, supervising attorneys certify to the Court that we will properly train and supervise you.

Clinic student attorneys represent low-income clients charged with misdemeanor offenses in the Dallas County Criminal Courts, some of the most common charges include: Assault, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, DWI, Possession of Marijuana, Prostitution, Theft, and Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon. **YOU** will be the attorney and engage in investigation, interviewing, discovery, plea negotiations, case planning, motion practice and trial. With the assistance of the supervising attorneys, you will be handling real cases and represent real clients. Clinic student attorneys will act as trial counsel- arguing everything from a motion to suppress evidence with live police witnesses to a jury trial!

SMU's Criminal Clinic is in its 43^d year. The supervising attorneys have been practicing criminal defense law for over a combined 84 years. Criminal Clinic Associate Director Mike McCollum has been with the Clinic for more than 40 years, and Adjunct Clinical Professor Brook Busbee is a Board Certified Criminal Attorney who has represented many high profile individuals in her 38 years of practice including six Death Penalty trials.

Your responsibility to the Clinic and your clients goes requires a substantial commitment on your part. Your time commitment to the Clinic is a minimum of 20 hours per week (total of at least 280 hours for the semester). This includes time spent at the courthouse, office hours (you must log 3 hours per week during business hours in the criminal clinic library) and class time. Mandatory classes are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. In scheduling your other courses, you should take into account the flexibility you need to represent clients. It is highly recommended that you do not register for morning classes because you will be at the courthouse almost every day and court takes up most of the morning – do not schedule 9 or 10 o'clock classes in order to avoid conflicts.

The clinic is a one semester, graded course. We will enroll 12 students for the Spring semester and 4 students for the Summer for 6 credits each. Due to the nature of trial preparation, the time commitment to this Clinic has generally exceeded the minimum 20-hour requirement. Additionally, clinic assignments will include short reflective/observation papers, a trial notebook and meeting to review case file management.

Summer clinic students should be aware that they must apply at the same time that the spring clinic students apply. Summer clinic students are required to take the class component of the clinic during the spring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:45 PM and are required to observe 4 court settings at The Frank Crowley courthouse and write 4 short reflective/observation papers. Further, summer students will be enrolled in the clinic for the entire summer. This is not a 6-week or 12-week course; participating in the clinic during the summer should be considered in lieu of other internships and work. Summer clinic students will not receive all 6 credit hours in one semester, but students will be able to tell the registrar how they would like to split their hours (as long as at least one credit hour is taken in the spring and at least one is taken in the summer).

To be eligible for the Criminal Clinic, you must be a student in good academic standing, you must have completed at least one-half (44 hours) of the credits required for graduation.

Evidence is a required co-requisite class, meaning you must have either already taken Evidence or be scheduled to take Evidence at the same time you would be in the Criminal Clinic. Recommended classes are Professional Responsibility and Texas Criminal Procedure.

Student selection for the Criminal Clinic is part of the general clinic pre-registration process.

MANDATORY TWO-DAY ORIENTATION: JAN. 8 & 9, 2018.

If you **MUST DROP Criminal Clinic**, you **MUST RECEIVE PERMISSION** by notifying Administrative Assistant Gloria Zapata at gzapata@smu.edu, by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018, who will then contact Associate Director Mike McCollum.

FAMILY IMMIGRATION DETENTION CLINIC



Students enrolled in this Clinic will travel to the Karnes Family Immigration Detention Center (located approximately an hour southeast of San Antonio) over the 2019 spring break to provide legal support to detained immigrant women and children seeking refuge in the United States.

While at the Detention Center, students will conduct intakes with newly arrived families, work with women and children to prepare for credible fear interviews (the first step in applying for asylum in the U.S.), draft declarations, support attorneys representing clients before the Immigration Court, and conduct pre-release orientations. Students' work will be jointly supervised by SMU Law faculty and attorneys from the CARA Family Detention Pro Bono Project.

Course Details

- ❖ 2 Credit Hours
- ❖ Maximum enrollment: 6 students (Spanish speakers given preference for enrollment)
- ❖ Trip Dates: Sunday, March 10 - Friday March 15, 2018
- ❖ The seminar will meet once a week during the weeks of January 21st to March 18th
- ❖ Lodging and transportation will be provided by the Hunter Legal Center
- ❖ A student bar card is **not** required for this Clinic

**JUDGE ELMO B. HUNTER LEGAL CENTER
FOR VICTIMS OF CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN**



About the Clinic

The Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women (“the Clinic”) serves survivors of gender-based harms, including domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. Eight (8) students may enroll each semester and will receive six (6) credit hours for the course.

Client Representation / Fieldwork

Student attorneys will undertake a broad range of legal work while enrolled in the Clinic:

- ❖ In teams of two, student attorneys will represent a survivor of gender-based violence in a legal matter impacting her life. Past cases have included post-conviction relief, family law claims, humanitarian immigration petitions, and protective order applications. Students have extensive client contact and gain experience interviewing, counseling, and negotiating on behalf of clients; drafting motions, pleadings, and legal memoranda; and litigating before a variety of tribunals.
- ❖ In teams of four, student attorneys will work with an institutional client to seek long-term solutions to the problem of violence against women. The advocacy work could include creating educational or *pro se* materials; writing policy papers or reports; or conducting policy or legislative advocacy.

Classroom Component - Clinic Seminar

Students will also take part in a seminar that provides the legal and analytical foundation for their lawyering experiences. The seminar is a discussion-based class that includes small group work, role-plays, and other activities to help students gain understanding of and perspective on issues they may experience in their casework. Seminar for Spring 2019 is tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Eligibility

Professional Responsibility is a required co-requisite; Family Law and Evidence are recommended. A **mandatory orientation** will be held on **January 8 and 9.**

Time Commitment

Students should expect to spend approximately 20 hours per week on clinic work, however, the precise amount of time each week will vary depending on the demands of casework.

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Spring 2019
Innocence Clinic (4 Credits)

The Innocence Clinic is a combination of academic and practical experience affording the participants the privilege of practicing post-conviction law on several cases out of the Dallas County Felony Courts.

Clinic participants review the cases of individuals who have been convicted of crimes, sentenced to prison and who now claim actual innocence. Some of the most common charges you will handle for your clients include: Murder, Sexual Assault, and Aggravated Robbery. As the student attorney, you will engage in any or all of the following: locating and reviewing original trial records; searching for and identifying remaining evidence, if any; analyzing cases for viability; submission of evidence for additional testing; interviewing potential witnesses; communicating with clients, including face-to-face meetings either in the county jail or the assigned prison unit; interacting with assigned personnel from the District Attorney's Office; identifying and communicating with potential experts; drafting briefs, motions and proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

This is the third year for SMU's Innocence Clinic. Innocence Clinic Supervising Attorney Chris Young has been with Dallas County since 2005 and during that time, he has served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and most recently as Assistant Public Defender where he currently leads the Dallas County Public Defender's Office Exoneration Unit.

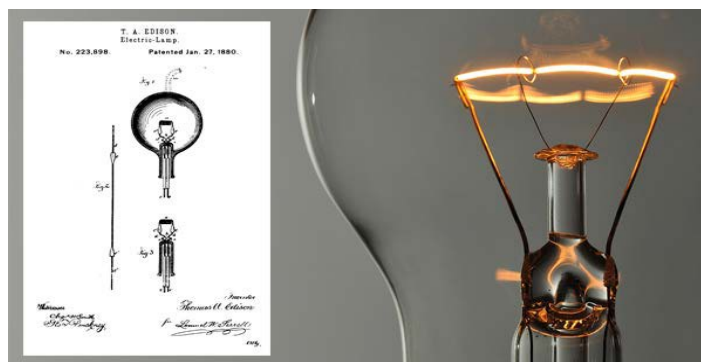
With the assistance of the supervising attorney, you will be handling real cases involving real clients. Your responsibility to the Clinic and your clients goes beyond the classroom and requires a substantial commitment on your part. Your time commitment to the Clinic is a minimum of 12 hours per week. This includes time spent at the courthouse, office hours and class time. The classroom portion of the course will meet weekly for one hour. In scheduling your other courses, you should take into account the flexibility you need to represent clients.

The clinic is a single semester, graded course. Clinic assignments will include weekly clinic meeting participation, written case history/overview, status reports, timesheets, periodic memos to the files, and closing memo submitted by each student at stated intervals during the year.

To be eligible for the Innocence Clinic, you must be a student in good academic standing, you must have completed at least one-half (44 hours) of the credits required for graduation by the end of the fall 2018 semester, and be eligible for a student bar card. Student selection for the Innocence Clinic is done as part of the general clinic pre-registration process.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION:
Tue., January 8, 2019, 4:30pm-5:30pm
Wed., January 9, 2019 12:00-1:00

Deadline to drop Clinic is Monday, December 10, 2018 by 5:00. You MUST RECEIVE PERMISSION from Administrative Assistant Gloria Zapata (gzapata@smu.edu) who will then contact the Innocence Clinic Professor.



PATENT CLINIC Spring 2019

The Patent Clinic provides students with the opportunity to gain experience advising clients on patent-related matters, with the potential to represent these clients in front of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Students, under the supervision of an adjunct clinical professor who is a practicing patent attorney, will provide pro bono legal services to individual and small business clients seeking to protect their inventions using the patent system. The work will typically involve counseling clients regarding patent-related matters, conducting inventor interviews, conducting patentability searches, preparing patentability opinions, drafting and filing patent applications, and drafting and filing responses to actions received from the USPTO.

All students will meet with the clinic director one hour a week, at a regularly scheduled time, for advanced instruction on selected patent prosecution topics.

The Patent Clinic will be offered during the fall and spring terms. Students successfully completing the Patent Clinic will earn 3 credit hours.

To be able to participate in the clinic, you cannot be a USPTO employee, must have successfully completed 1/2 of credits required for graduation, must not be on academic probation, and meet one or more following: (a) Successful completion of Patent Law; (b) Significant patent-related experience; (c) Registered with the PTO. Preference will be given to those who have completed or are concurrently enrolled in Patent Prosecution.

Though you need not already be registered with the USPTO, you must have the necessary technical background to qualify for registration to practice before the USPTO. The necessary technical qualifications are explained in the USPTO's General Requirements Bulletin. (See http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/oed/exam/OED_GRB.pdf, pages 4-8.)

Important dates:

- Deadline to drop Monday December 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. You must contact Gloria Zapata at gzapata@smu.edu who will then contact the Director Shannon Bates.
- Orientation Wednesday January 9, 2019 from 10:00pm – 3:00pm

SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW SMALL BUSINESS AND TRADEMARK CLINIC

SMALL BUSINESS AND TRADEMARK CLINIC. The Small Business and Trademark Clinic provides free legal services to new and existing small businesses and non-profit organizations that cannot afford to pay legal fees, while providing our students with training and experience in how to be transactional lawyers. Student lawyers advise clients about the start-up of their businesses and non-profit corporations, assist in preparing necessary formation documents, counsel clients regarding various legal issues, and draft transactional contracts. Students in the Small Business and Trademark Clinic work directly with clients as they experience the transactional practice of law.

In addition, this Clinic is a member of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's prestigious Law School Clinic program. Student lawyers advise clients about basic trademark matters, and draft, file and handle trademark applications with the USPTO. If you are accepted for the Small Business and Trademark Clinic, you will represent clients with trademark matters.

Number of Students	6 for Spring 2019.
Prerequisites	Business Enterprises and a student in good standing.
Recommended course	Counseling the Small Business Owner (not required)
Time Commitment	Minimum 135 working hours during the semester. You need to be available during the day.
Class	Tuesdays 8:30-9:50 am
Location	Room 29-B, Storey Hall
Credit	3 credits, no exam
Orientation	Wednesday, January 9, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS is done by a lottery process. **DO NOT PRE-REGISTER FOR ANY CLINIC UNLESS YOU INTEND TO ENROLL AND ATTEND ORIENTATION.**

Tremendous time and effort goes into preparing for the Clinics. Please do not sign up if you do not intend to follow through on your registration. Students who drop within 10 days of school starting may result in a Clinic slot going unfilled. **If you must drop the Small Business and Trademark Clinic, you must notify Gloria Zapata, Administrative Assistant, at gzapata@smu.edu by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018 so other students on the waiting lists can enroll.** In scheduling your other courses, you should take into account the flexibility of time you will need to represent clients.

YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED 1/2 OF YOUR HOURS FOR GRADUATION (MINIMUM 44 HOURS) BY THE END OF THE FALL SEMESTER 2018.

ORIENTATION IS MANDATORY. NO EXCUSED ABSENCES.

SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW TAX CLINIC

TAX CLINIC - The Tax Clinic is a combination of academic and practical experience. Students represent low-income clients who have tax problems before the Internal Revenue Service. The scope of representation ranges from negotiating settlements and collection plans with the IRS to taking a client's case to Tax Court. Participation in the Tax Clinic will be a unique educational experience in which you will be participating in the representation of actual clients before the IRS and in certain instances in the Tax Court.

Prerequisites	Federal Income Taxation and a student in good standing.
Time Commitment	Minimum of 12 hours per week. You need to be available during the day.
Class	Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.
Credit	4 hours for the fall semester

SELECTION OF STUDENTS is done by a lottery process. **DO NOT PRE-REGISTER FOR ANY CLINIC UNLESS YOU INTEND TO ENROLL AND ATTEND ORIENTATION.** Tremendous time and effort goes into preparing for the Clinics. Please do not sign up if you do not intend to follow through on your registration. Students who drop within 10 days of school starting may result in a Clinic slot going unfilled. **If you must drop the Tax Clinic, you must notify Gloria Zapata, Administrative Assistant, at gzapata@smu.edu by 5:00 PM on Monday, December 10th so other students on the waiting lists can enroll.**

In scheduling your other courses, you should take into account the flexibility of time you will need to represent clients. **YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED 1/2 OF YOUR HOURS FOR GRADUATION (MINIMUM 44 HOURS) BY THE END OF THE FALL SEMESTER 2018.**

Orientation - Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 8:00 am

ORIENTATION IS MANDATORY NO EXCUSED ABSENCES



VanSickle Family Law Clinic **Spring 2019 (6 Credits)**

Co-requisite (may be taken concurrently): Professional Responsibility

The VanSickle Family Law Clinic (“the Clinic”) launched in the spring of 2016 with 6 student attorneys! I am still excited about the opportunity to teach and work with student attorneys to be reflective and ethical practitioners. As you might know, family law can be highly charged and contentious. But, it can also be a rewarding and eye-opening experience.

The chief mission of the Clinic is to train student attorneys to think and act like competent and ethical lawyers with the consequence of providing a valuable service to the community and legal representation to clients. The subject matter is family law, but the skills students learn can be transferred to any practice area. In the clinic, which operates as a small law firm, student attorneys will be the primary practitioners on the case and meet one-on-one with the clinical faculty member weekly for guidance, case consultation and updates.

The seminar component will integrate substantive law and theory relevant to family law, core lawyering skills and legal ethics to provide law students real world law practice experience. Under the supervision of an experienced clinical faculty member, student attorneys will represent and provide counsel to low-income clients in matters of family law such as divorce, child custody, possession and access, paternity, modifications, enforcement actions, child and spousal support and adoption. The Clinic will engage student attorneys in the performance of fundamental lawyering skills and tasks including but not limited to interviewing and counseling clients, negotiating, fact development and analysis, strategic case planning, conflict resolution and decision making, motion and trial practice, drafting legal pleadings and ancillary documents, organization and management of legal work, cultural competency, collaboration and self-evaluation. Student attorneys will also provide services to pro se litigants at the clinic’s “self-help desk” at the courthouse on matters such as how to complete uncontested divorce forms promulgated by the Texas Supreme Court.

The class will meet twice a week in the Clinic library (tentatively -Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.) and the pedagogy will include lecturers, simulations, exercises, and case-rounds. It will also include guest speakers, field trips and the clinic’s pro se project at the courthouse. You will spend a *minimum* of 18 hours a week in the Clinic.

Additional information:

- Mandatory Orientation (No Waivers) **Wednesday, January 9, 2019 (All Day)**
- Clinic limited to 8 students