

CLINIC INFORMATION FOR 3Ls

CLINIC: Law 662 (See bulletin for more details)

Legal Interns in the law school clinic are authorized to practice law in state court pursuant to Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 2.1 (attached - please read). To be certified as interns, clinic students must have satisfactorily completed one-half of the academic requisite for their J.D. and have taken or be enrolled in Legal Profession (Law 220).

Enrollment in an externship and a section of clinic during the same semester is always discouraged and often prohibited (see below). The time commitment to each endeavor is significant and, if contemporaneous, problematic. In addition, some externships result in conflicts of interest for clinic students (e.g. prosecutorial externships because we do criminal cases). If you intend to enroll in an externship, you must indicate as much on your application and should so advise the clinic instructor when you interview.

It is the policy of the Clinic that a student may not enroll in the externships listed below and the Clinic during the same semester.

Students wishing to enroll in Clinic must complete a pre-registration application at the Clinic office in Heritage Hall and have interviewed with the instructor, if required, by noon on March 27, 2009. Students wishing to enroll in the Criminal, Juvenile, Mediation, Tax, Sports Law, Domestic Violence, and Wrongful Conviction clinics must arrange for an interview with the instructor during the week of March 23. Interview appointments are to be made at the Clinic office in Heritage Hall.

Students are encouraged to enroll in the same clinic for two semesters to maximize the learning experience. Students may not enroll for Spring semester only.

After applications and interviews are completed, the Clinic will inform the registrar and students, prior to registration, which students may enroll in the various sections. If more students are interested than may be enrolled, the staff will maintain a wait list.

Average hourly requirements are as follows:

<u>Prof. Brown</u> - (1 grp. of 5)	Domestic Violence 6.7 hours per week; 2 cr.
<u>Prof. Gienapp</u> - (2 grps./5 ea.)	Civil cases; 2 cr. 6.7 hours per week
<u>Prof. Kohlhoff</u> - (1 grp. of 10)	Tax cases; 3 cr. 10 hours per week
<u>Prof. Schmidt</u> - (1 grp. of 10)	Mediation; 2 cr. 6.7 hours per week
<u>Prof. Straubel</u> - (1 grp. of 10)	Sports Law Clinic; 2 cr. 6.7 hours per week
<u>Prof. Tegarden</u> - (1 grp. of 5)	Juvenile Law Clinic; 2 cr. 6.7 hours per week
<u>Prof. Welter</u> - 	Criminal defense cases; 3 cr. 10 hours per week
<u>Prof. Brown/ Prof. Vandercoy</u> (1 grp. of 5)	Wrongful Conviction Clinic 3 cr.; 10 hours per week

You may not take Clinic and the following externships during the same semester:

725-A	State Judicial Externship
726-A	Federal Judge Externship
727-A	U.S. Attorney Externship
728-A	Porter Co. Prosecutor Externship
729-A	LaPorte County Prosecutor Externship
731-A	Lake Co. Prosecutor's Office Ext.
732-A	Porter County Attorney Externship
734-A	Public Welfare Externship
735-A	Legal Services of Indiana (Gary) Ext.
742-A	IRS Externship
761-A	Bankruptcy Externship

662-A CIVIL LAW CLINIC - 2 cr.

Professor Marcia Gienapp

Students work on general civil matters such as landlord-tenant, small claims, consumer and debt collection cases. In addition, students represent clients in all areas of family law including adoption, guardianship, divorce, child support and visitation. **Pre-req or co-req:** Law 220 Legal Profession. **Recommended:** 652, 653 Trial Practice I and II.

662-B JUVENILE LAW CLINIC - 2 cr.

Professor Elizabeth G. Tegarden

Training and practice in representing children as Guardians ad Litem in paternity, adoption, guardianship, and child in need of services cases. Will also represent children as public defenders in delinquency cases. Students will practice in Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division. Students must interview with the instructor prior to enrollment. **Pre-req or co-req:** Law 220 Legal Profession.

662-C CIVIL MEDIATION CLINIC - 2 cr.

Professor Barbara Schmidt

Students engage in mediation training for six weeks prior to mediating cases in small claims courts. In addition, students assist *pro se* clients in domestic relations cases in Lake County Circuit Court. Students must have a flexible schedule. Students must interview with the instructor prior to enrolling. **Pre-req or co-req:** Law 220 Legal Profession.

662-D CRIMINAL CLINIC - 3 cr.

Professor Dave Welter

Students represent individuals involved in the criminal justice system. The nature of the caseload varies but may include trial level cases, appeals, and post-conviction proceedings. Students must interview with the instructor prior to enrolling. **Pre-req or co-req:** Law 210 Evidence, Law 220 Legal Profession. **Recommended:** Law 652 Trial Practice I, Law 467 Criminal Procedure: Investigation and Law 468 Criminal Procedure: Adjudication.

662-E SPORTS LAW CLINIC - 2 cr.

Professor Mike Straubel

Students will provide representation to athletes who are unable to afford legal assistance in cases/matters involving eligibility to compete, doping, or such other issues as may arise. Students will also collect and analyze decisions made by various dispute resolution tribunals or entities and make this information available to others. Students must interview with instructor prior to enrolling. Enrollment limited to ten students who have completed at least one-half of their law school education. **Pre-req. or co-req.:** Law 418 Sports Law, Law 220 Legal Profession and Law 245 Pretrial Skills.

662-G TAX CLINIC - 3 cr.

Professor Paul Kohlhoff

The Tax Clinic represents low-income taxpayers involved in controversies with the Internal Revenue Service. Students enrolled in the Tax Clinic have the opportunity to represent clients before the Examination, Collection, Appeals, and/or District Counsel levels of the IRS. Cases that are not resolved with the IRS may be litigated before the United States Tax Court. Students are responsible for interviewing clients and witnesses, researching substantive and procedural tax law issues, assembling documents, preparing memoranda, correspondence, forms and pleadings, and negotiating settlements. Class time is split between discussing substantive and procedural areas of tax law and reviewing the status of active cases being handled by students. Students must interview with the instructor prior to enrolling. Enrollment limited to ten students. Preference will be given to students who have completed Federal Tax Practice & Procedure, Law 520, and who enroll for Fall and Spring semesters. **Pre-requisite:** Law 421 Federal Income Taxation of Individuals. **Pre-Co-requisite:** Law 220 Legal Profession.

662-H DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC – 2 cr.

Professor Geneva Brown

The Domestic Violence Clinic will be a year long program that combines seminar and clinic components. Students will have a classroom component of domestic violence law and practice that will explore several types of domestic violence such as homicide and stalking. The class will discuss the domestic violence victims in multidimensional aspects that include ethnicity, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status. An examination of practice will prepare the students for the practicum component of the course. The Student Attorneys will assist victims of domestic violence who are seeking temporary or permanent restraining orders. Student Attorneys will provide advice and represent the victims in court. Students will also provide legal assistance to residents of domestic violence shelters. Students must interview with the instructor prior to enrolling. **Pre-reqs:** Law 220 Legal Profession.

662-I WRONGFUL CONVICTION CLINIC – 3 cr.

Professor Brown / Professor Vandercoy

Students will investigate and litigate claims of wrongful conviction and unjust sentences. The clinic will represent clients asserting miscarriages of justice and innocence claims. Students will assist clients with post-conviction litigation which will include investigating new evidence claims, filing and litigating post-conviction petitions, habeas petitions, and motions for sentence modification. Students will spend the majority of time doing research, writing and investigation. Open to second and third year students. Students must interview prior to enrolling. **Pre-req or co-req:** Law 210 Evidence, Law 220 Legal Profession. **Recommended:** Law 652 Trial Practice I, Law 467 Criminal Procedure: Investigation, and Law 468 Criminal Procedure: Adjudication.