

CLINIC INFORMATION RE: ENROLLMENT AND COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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 (45 cr. hrs.) of the academic requisite for their J.D., be in good standing and have taken or be enrolled in Legal Profession (Law 220).

Enrollment in an externship and 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 are strongly discouraged from taking the early bar while enrolled in Clinic. 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 remaining applications for possible future openings.

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

725-A	State Judicial Externship	734-A	Public Welfare Externship
726-A	Federal Judge Externship	735-A	Legal Services of Indiana (Gary) Ext.
727-A	U.S. Attorney Externship	742-A	IRS Externship
728-A	Porter Co. Prosecutor Externship	751-A	Indiana Attorney General Externship
729-A	LaPorte County Prosecutor Externship	780-A	Starke County Prosecutor Externship
731-A	Lake Co. Prosecutor's Office Ext.		All Indiana Prosecutorial Externships
732-A	Porter County Attorney Externship		

662-A CIVIL CLINIC - 4 cr.

Professor Marcia Gienapp

Students work on civil matters such as landlord-tenant, small claims, consumer, and debt collection defense. In addition, students represent clients in areas of family law including adoption, guardianship, divorce, and child support. For effective representation of clients, students who are away from campus two days per week should not enroll.

Pre-req or co-req: Law 220 Legal Profession.

Recommended: 652, 653 Trial Practice I and II.

662-B JUVENILE CLINIC - 4 cr.

Professor Ana Patricia Osan

Training and practice in child related cases and representing children. Students will regularly represent children as a Guardian Ad Litem in disputed custody cases, and may also represent parties involved in paternity, adoption, and guardianship cases. The GAL (best interest representation) requires the student to gather information about the child, the child's family, and the child's circumstances in order to prepare written findings and recommendations, and also to provide testimony to the court, concerning the relevant issues. Students will practice in the Porter Superior Courts. Students must be available for regular court appearances on Tuesday mornings and/or afternoons, as well as for other coordinated hearing dates. Students must interview with the instructor prior to enrollment. **Pre-req or co-req:** Law 220 Legal Profession.

662-C CIVIL MEDIATION CLINIC - 4 cr.

Professor Barbara Schmidt

Students engage in mediation training for six weeks prior to mediating cases in small claims courts in Porter County. Students gain practical skills in conflict resolution and in drafting comprehensive agreements in the presence of the parties. Students submit the agreements to the Court for approval, at which time they become enforceable court orders. Class meets for two hours each week to review cases. Students mediate cases one or two half days each week and submit written summaries of each mediation. Students must meet with the instructor prior to enrolling.

Pre-req or co-req: Law 220 Legal Profession.

662-D CRIMINAL CLINIC - 5 cr.

Professor Dave Welter

Students represent individuals involved in the criminal justice system. The nature of the caseload consists of various misdemeanor and felony offenses and can include trial level cases. Students generally have pretrial hearings several times per month, typically on Tuesday afternoons. There is a classroom component which is generally held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. 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-F IMMIGRATION CLINIC – 6 cr.

Professor Geoffrey Heeren

Student representatives in the Immigration Clinic will learn lawyering skills and immigration law by representing asylum seekers; immigrant victims of torture, domestic abuse, and human trafficking; or longtime lawful permanent residents of the United States facing removal as a result of immigration infractions. Students, working in teams, will represent immigrants in trial-type hearings before the Chicago Immigration Court or in interviews before Asylum Officers. They may also handle other matters, including visa petitions; appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals; state or federal immigrant rights cases; or advocacy projects in tandem with non-profit partners. There will be three components to the clinic: (1) a weekly seminar designed to teach lawyering skills and substantive immigration law through an interactive, collaborative approach; (2) a weekly case team meeting, during which the professor will act as a consultant and advisor without superseding student representatives' authority as primary case handlers; and (3) weekly project work, including client interviewing, fact development, correspondence, legal research and drafting, witness preparation, and preparing for oral advocacy. Students should be willing and able to travel to Chicago for client meetings and court. Students must interview prior to enrolling and enrollment is limited to eight students who must enroll for both the fall and spring semesters. **Pre-Co-requisite:** Law 220 Legal Profession; 480, Immigration Law.

662-G TAX CLINIC - 4 cr.

Professor Paul Kohlhoff

The Tax Clinic represents low-income taxpayers involved in controversies with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Indiana Department of Revenue (IDOR). 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 and IDOR. Cases that are not resolved with these agencies may be litigated before the United States Tax Court or Indiana Tax Court. The Tax Clinic also assists local non-profit organizations with incorporating and establishing 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. 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 (known as "case rounds"). Students are required to devote approximately 7.5 hours per week working on their clinic cases. Students must interview with the instructor prior to enrolling. Enrollment is limited to ten students. Preference will be given to students who enroll for both Fall and Spring semesters. **Pre-Co-requisites:** Law 421 Federal Income Taxation of Individuals; Law 220 Legal Profession. **Recommended:** Law 432-A, Federal Tax Research; Law 520-A, Federal Tax Procedure.

662-H DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC – 4 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 POST-CONVICTION CLINIC – 4 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. 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.

662-E SPORTS LAW CLINIC - 4 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. The demands of some cases may require students to work over vacation periods. 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.