

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY LAW CLINIC

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## CLINICS

**ALVIN L. STORRS LOW-INCOME  
TAXPAYER CLINIC**

**CHANCE AT CHILDHOOD**

**FIRST AMENDMENT**

**HOUSING JUSTICE**

**IMMIGRATION LAW**

**INDIAN LAW**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

## CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS 2025

**\*Handled ~300 cases**

**\*112 students participated in the clinic**

**\*Students provided ~25,000 hours of service to the community**

**\*Reduced a tax client's liability from ~\$18,000 to \$1**

**\*Tax outreach events reached more than 450 people**

**\*The Indian Law Clinic worked on over 17 cases and other related projects involving eleven tribes**

**\* The Immigration Clinic appeared in 20 immigration and state court proceedings, and in over 10 USCIS client interviews that culminated in lawful permanent residence and naturalization grants**

**\* Know Your Rights presentations on immigration issues reached more than 600 people in 13 different languages**

**\*The Public Defender Clinic had two dismissals of charges, three favorable evidentiary rulings, and one postconviction sentencing relief case**

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## DOES THE CLINIC WORK WITH REAL CLIENTS?

Yes. Students work with real clients on real cases. Clinic services are open to the general public. Students take responsibility for performing all the legal work on the case. Students will develop skills such as negotiating, client interview, case management, as well as research and writing. To ensure compliance with our ethical obligations, students cannot work for judicial chambers or other legal offices, whether private practices, government legal offices, or in-house counsel while enrolled in the clinic.

## HOW MUCH TIME WILL I SPEND IN THE CLINIC?

The number of hours required per semester depends on the number of credits. For a four credit clinic you need to work 14 hours per week. For a six credit clinic you need to work 21 hours per week. Completing the hours is a requirement.

## HOW DO I ENROLL IN A CLINIC?

Clinics are available to students after their first year. Students apply for a clinic by completing and submitting the clinic application, and the required documents. The documents include a statement of interest, resume, and current law school transcripts.

## WHAT IS A CLINIC?

- A clinic is a law school course in which law students represent clients in their cases.
- In a clinic, YOU are the lawyer/mediator/investigator.
- Throughout the clinic, an experienced faculty member is your guide and supervisor.
- Each law clinic provides a different experience, and we have a wide range of clinic courses.

## WHAT ARE SOME REASONS TO TAKE A CLINIC?

- Seize an opportunity to engage in active, experiential learning.
- Learn transferable skills.
- Synthesize areas of the law.
- Obtain an education in a personalized setting.
- Learn a new area of the law.
- Promote social justice and provide much needed service to the community.
- Enhance your resumé and gain work experience.

