

MSU LAW CLINIC INFO SESSION

Wednesday, September 23rd

12:30 -1:30

Room 473

Applications are due Friday, October 2nd



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. The application deadline is Friday, October 2nd.

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.



The clinic will make diligent efforts to accommodate applicants' ranked preferences and to ensure all qualified applicants have a chance to participate in a clinic. Unfortunately, due to space and resource limitations, the clinic cannot always grant all applicants' requests. Applicants who are not extended an offer to participate in a clinic are strongly encouraged to reapply in future semesters.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY LAW CLINIC

READY TO REPRESENT



MCR 8.120

Eligible Students. A student in a law school approved by the American Bar Association who has received a passing grade in law school courses and has completed the first year is eligible to participate in a clinic or program listed in subrules (A) and (B) if the student meets the academic and moral standards established by the dean of that school. For the purpose of this rule, a "recent law graduate" is a person who has graduated from law school within the last year. The student or graduate must certify in writing that he or she has read and is familiar with the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and the Michigan Court Rules, and shall take an oath which is reasonably equivalent to the Michigan Lawyer's Oath in requiring at a minimum the promise to: (a) support the Constitution of the United States; (b) support the Constitution of the State of Michigan; (c) maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers; (d) never seek to mislead a judge or jury by any artifice or false statement of fact or law; (e) maintain the confidence and preserve inviolate the secrets of the client; (f) abstain from all offensive personality; (g) advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause; and (h) in all other respects conduct himself or herself personally and professionally in conformity with the high standards of conduct imposed upon members of the state bar of Michigan.

CLINICS

ALVIN L. STORRS LOW-INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC

Fall, Spring
Clinic I - 6 Credits
Clinic II - 4 Credits

FIRST AMENDMENT

Fall, Spring
Clinic I - 4 Credits

IMMIGRATION LAW

Fall, Spring
Clinic I - 6 Credits
Clinic II - Variable Credits

CHANCE AT CHILDHOOD

Fall, Spring
Clinic I - 4 Credits
Clinic II - Variable Credits

HOUSING JUSTICE

Fall, Spring
Clinic I - 6 Credits
Clinic II - Variable Credits

INDIAN LAW

Fall, Spring
Clinic I - 4 Credits
Clinic II - Variable Credits

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Fall, Spring
Clinic I - 6 Credits
Clinic II - Variable Credits