The Clinical Program
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Clinical Program helps students develop the lawyering skills and professional judgment they need to bridge the gap between law school and practicing law. In the clinics, students engage in challenging and rewarding legal work for real clients and many students find their clinical experience to be the highlight of their law school education.
ELIGIBILITY

- Students who have completed 3 semesters of law school are eligible under Supreme Court Rule 38 to participate in a clinic.
- Students must be in good academic standing to participate in a clinic; a student on academic probation (74 or below cumulative GPA) is not considered to be in "good standing."
- The Mediation Clinic is the only clinic that accepts students who have completed 2 semesters of law school.
- Students who have received a failing grade in any externship placement during law school may not participate in a clinic.
10 CLINICS

- Civil Justice
- Criminal Practice
- Healthcare Entrepreneurship
- Indian Legal
- Immigration Law and Policy
- Lisa Foundation Patent Law
- Lodestar Mediation
- Post Conviction
- Public Defender
- Technology Ventures Services Group
LODESTAR MEDIATION CLINIC

The Mediation Clinic provides a unique opportunity for students to learn about alternatives to litigation while gaining practical experience in the mediation process. The objectives of the Mediation Clinic include helping students develop a broad perspective of the role of law and lawyers in our society, a better understanding of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes, and enhanced skills in communication, negotiation and problem-solving.

9TH CIR. 2005 ADR EDUCATION AWARD
LODESTAR MEDIATION CLINIC

- High Honors, Honors, Pass/Fail Grading Option
- 4-5 Hours per week on out-of-class assignments
- 6 credit hours
- 2 four-hour blocks of time (morning or afternoon)
- 3 mandatory training sessions – dates on August 17, 18 and 21.
- Students must pass a background check before being allowed to mediate in the Justice Court Mediation Program

Students interested in taking the course must submit a one page statement of intent and meet with Professor Hinshaw prior to being permitted to enroll.

The statement of intent is due to Suzanne Lynn in Room 265 by 5:00 p.m. on March 24th and should explain why the student is interested in enrolling in the Mediation Clinic.

Interviews will be held the week on March 26, 29 and 30.

For more information contact:
Prof. Art Hinshaw, Director
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480-965-3109
Technology Ventures Services Group

Eric Menkhus
Director, Technology Ventures Services Group
Associate Clinical Professor
Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law
Technology Ventures Services Group

Requirements

- Each participant will be asked to spend 15-20 hours per week on their TVSG project(s) = 6 credit hours earned
  - You will work on four, eight week projects
  - Work in teams
  - One hour each week will be spent in a TVSG team meeting
  - Each participant will be asked to hold three ‘office hours’ each week
    - The student sets their own ‘office hours’ at SkySong
    - Must be during regular business hours (8am to 5pm)
  - Remaining time is flexible

- Transactional Projects
  - IP issues, contract drafting, business entities, employment law
  - YOU DO NOT NEED A TECHNICAL BACKGROUND!!
Technology Ventures Services Group

Application

- Go to the website for a TVSG Application Form: www.asu.edu/techventures
- Fill out and send to Eric Menkhus, TVSG Director
  - eric.menkhus@asu.edu
- Interview with Eric
- If chosen, work with Zelda Graham to sign up for the 6 credit hour course
- Attend the full day orientation session, which will be scheduled for the Friday before the semester officially begins
The Lisa Foundation Patent Law Clinic teaches skills needed to recognize and obtain valuable and enforceable patents. Students assist real inventors with drafting and prosecuting patent applications in the USPTO under the supervision of practicing patent attorneys.

From a practical perspective, students learn how to effectively draft and obtain patents and conduct validity and infringement reviews while gaining valuable skills useful in practice areas including:

- Traditional patent prosecution
- Patent due diligence, valuation, and transactions
- Patent licensing
- Patent enforcement and litigation
- Patent defense
LISA FOUNDATION
PATENT LAW CLINIC

- 3 credit hours
- Pass/Fail
- 10 hours required in the clinic per week
- Patent Licensing & Enforcement (new name for Contingent Fee Patent Licensing and Litigation) is a required pre or co-requisite; Patent Law, or Patent Prosecution are pre- or co-requisites.

- A scientific or engineering background may be helpful but is not required.

- For further information, please contact Michelle Gross at michellegross@asu.edu or (480) 242-0011.
Students in the Public Defender Clinic represent indigent defendants in criminal cases under the close supervision of an experienced public defender. Most cases involve drug charges, providing an opportunity to address challenging issues relating to search & seizure and the admissibility of scientific evidence. Casework includes interviewing and counseling clients, obtaining discovery from prosecution, preparing legal motions and presenting them in court, interviewing witnesses, engaging in plea negotiations and representing clients at trial.
PUBLIC DEFENDER CLINIC

- 6 credit hours
- Evidence a pre-requisite
- 2 full days (Mon-Thurs) and ½ day on Friday required
- 300 hours required (20 hours per week in Fall; 30 hours per week in summer)
- Pass/Fail
- 3 mandatory training days in Fall on August 16, 17 and 18 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact: Prof. Dan Lowrance, Director
lowrance@mail.maricopa.gov
480-965-6968
Students in the Criminal Practice Clinic prosecute misdemeanor cases in courts in the Phoenix area. Students are responsible for a full range of trial-related tasks, including witness interviews, pre-trial motions and courtroom advocacy. The Criminal Practice Clinic provides frequent opportunities for trial work as well as experience in client interviewing, counseling and discovery. Students first work on simple cases against defendants who are representing themselves then move to cases where an attorney is representing the defendant and eventually conduct a jury trial with attorney supervision.
CRIMINAL PRACTICE CLINIC

- 6 credit hours
- Pass/Fail
- Evidence is a pre-requisite
- 300 hours required (20 hours per week in fall; 30 hours per week in summer)
- 4-hour blocks of time
- Attendance Mandatory
- Full days on Tuesdays and Thursdays if interested in City of Phoenix
- Students may not take Trial Advocacy or Evidence in Trial Advocacy at the same time

For more information contact:
Prof. Hugo Zettler, Director
Hugo_zettler@tempe.gov
480-965-3109
The Immigration Law & Policy Clinic

What students do:

- Represent immigrant children in juveniles and immigration court.
- Learn administrative court trial techniques and procedures.
- Provide immigration law advice at community outreach events.
- Draft motions, briefs, legal correspondence, closing statements, and direct examination questions.
Time Commitments:

- Students meet 3x a week (Mon & Wed PM and Fri AM) for two hours during the first half of the semester for practical training.
- Each student covers the detained juvenile calendar court at least once.
- Each student provides consultations at two Saturday community events.
- Students spend about 10-12 hrs a week on case related work.
The Immigration Law & Policy Clinic

Admission:

- Logistics:
  - Enrollment is limited to six students
  - Second Semester 2Ls and 3Ls are eligible to apply
  - The immigration seminar is not required, but students in the clinic are exempt from the limited enrollment provision for that course.
  - Spanish is not required
  - Students receive six units of graded credit

To Apply complete the form on the Immigration clinic website and send to evelyn.cruz@asu.edu or drop off at Rm 229.
INDIAN LEGAL CLINIC

❖ Serves both Indian Country and the nation’s urban Indian populations.

❖ Provides high quality legal services with attention to the special legal and cultural needs of Native peoples.

❖ Students may participate in various stages in the trial process in tribal, federal, state or administrative law tribunals. Some examples are:
  - Criminal Prosecution – Gila River Indian Community
  - Criminal Defense – Ak-Chin Indian Community
  - Civil Matters

❖ Students also may have the opportunity to work on tribal projects involving cutting edge Indian and tribal law issues, such as federal recognition, voting rights and policy matters.
INDIAN LEGAL CLINIC

- 6-credit hours
- Graded course
- Federal Indian Law is a co-requisite
- Evidence is encouraged
- 20 office hours per week
- 2010 Fall application can be found on our website. Applications are due to Jen Williams by May 28, 2010

For more information contact:
Jen Williams, Legal Assistant
jenniferw@asu.edu
480-727-0420
CIVIL JUSTICE CLINIC

Clinic students have the opportunity to:

- represent clients in a range of civil litigation and administrative cases, including “foreclosure rescue scams,” landlord/tenant disputes, unemployment insurance appeals, and employment law matters.
- participate in intensive pre-trial discovery, including taking depositions, drafting motions, and negotiating with opposing counsel.
- appear before Superior Court and Admin Law Judges.
- represent non-profit clients on work-life policy issues, including supporting the needs of employees, employers, and the community in achieving greater access to flexible work arrangements, time off, and career maintenance. Students may draft white papers, issue comments, testify, and analyze pending legislation.
CIVIL JUSTICE CLINIC

- Evidence is a pre or co-requisite
- 6 credit hours
- Graded Course
- 300 hours required (30 hours per week in summer/20 hours per week in fall)

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POST-CONVICTION CLINIC

Students in the Post Conviction Clinic work to exonerate those wrongfully convicted and correct other manifest injustices in the Arizona criminal justice system. The clinic is affiliated with the Arizona Justice Project. Students work on such issues as actual innocence, overly harsh sentencing and ineffective assistance of counsel. The clinic may also review cases once actual innocence has been proven in an effort to understand how the wrongful convictions were reached, and suggest ways to avoid the risk of such convictions in the future. Students research and investigate cases and may write briefs, prepare cases for Arizona courts and the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency and participate in weekly seminar meetings.
POST-CONVICTION CLINIC

- 6-Credit hours
- Graded or Pass/Fail
- 300 hours per semester (30 hours per week in summer; 20 hours per week in fall)
- 1-Day mandatory training session the week prior to the first day of class
- Students must submit a Letter of Intent, résumé and transcript to Prof. Sigmund Popko.

For more information contact:
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Healthcare Entrepreneurship Clinic

The Healthcare Entrepreneurship is the newest clinic to the Clinical Program. This clinic offers law and business students the opportunity to work as a team assisting emerging health care companies. Students will act as external consultant on early stage issues like formation, corporate structure, financing, business plan and presentation creation, strategy and other pressing issues as determined by the entrepreneur and faculty.
Healthcare Entrepreneurship Clinic

- 6 credit hours
- Pass/Fail
- 300 hours required (20 hours per week)
- Students participate in the Technology Ventures Services Group seminar

For more information contact:
John Shufeldt
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Registration Information

- Registration for all clinics is by application.
- Course Registration for Summer is in progress.
- Course Registration for Fall begins March 31st for rising 3Ls and April 1 for rising 2Ls.
- Detailed application information for each clinic is available online at [www.law.asu.edu/clinics](http://www.law.asu.edu/clinics) or by contacting the director of that clinic.
Special Withdrawal

The last day to withdraw from any clinic, without special permission from the Director of the Clinical Program, is one month prior to the first seminar class.
For more information visit the Clinical Program website:

www.law.asu.edu/clinics
Questions?

Contact the clinic director or Zelda Graham at
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