

CIVIL PRACTICE CLINIC APPLICATION

IU School of Law – Indianapolis

Thank you for your interest in the Civil Practice Clinic (CPC)! This course is designed to give clinic students the opportunity to do several things – represent clients, hone interviewing and counseling skills, learn organizational and management skills, understand professional responsibility, confidentiality, ethics and advocacy and gain confidence in and out of the courtroom.

Currently law students in the CPC act as certified legal interns. This means that they directly represent, under faculty supervision, low-income clients in a variety of civil matters only, namely family law, consumer, child support, environmental, guardianship and other miscellaneous cases as referred to us through a partnership with Indiana Legal Services (ILS). We also have a specific domestic violence docket of civil protection order cases that we handle on behalf of The Julian Center, in partnership with the Modest Means Project. Clinic students wishing to participate in the domestic violence docket must have Thursday afternoons free from 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

Classroom and applied training will be provided in legal practice skills, including interviewing, counseling, legal drafting, fact investigation, and advocacy, as well as an introduction to the substantive law surrounding our cases, domestic violence, LGBT, and poverty issues.

Note that students will be selected for the CPC based on a lottery system of applications meeting all of the requirements, with the following qualifications: 1) priority may be given to students entering their final semester of law school; and 2) the professor reserves the right, in exceptional circumstances, to include or exclude particular applicants.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT:

You must have completed at least 45 credit hours and have completed or be enrolled in Professional Responsibility to take this course. You will not be allowed to participate in any other clinic, externship, or trial practice class during the semester you are enrolled in this course. The students in the clinic meet as a class for four (4) hours per week, but the clinical experience will probably be significantly more demanding in terms of time commitment than that time allotment or the assigned credit hours may imply.

Students are only allowed to enroll for four (4) credits with permission of the professor. Each clinic student is required to sign up for eight to ten (8 - 10) additional office hours in a set schedule to take place each week in the clinic office. In addition, students will be required to attend a full day orientation session at the beginning of the semester that you must attend or you will not be allowed to enroll. **By submitting this application, you are stating that you meet and understand these requirements.**

If you are interested in participating in the CPC, please complete this application and return it, along with a current resume, to Ginger Smallwood, administrator of the Law School Clinics, in Room 111, by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 24, 2011.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Semester you wish to take the CPC: _____

J.D. hours you will have completed as of semester you wish to take clinic: _____

Cumulative G.P.A.: _____ *Number of credits you are seeking: _____

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Have you participated in other clinical courses or externships in law school? Please list them:

Why are you interested in participating in the CPC?

Part of the growing focus of the CPC is working with, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals. We do this by direct representation and also on social issues and providing access to information. If you have any prior experience and or interest in this please note below.

SPRING SEMESTER APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

In the spring semester of the CPC, through a partnership with the School of Social Work, our clinic places Masters in Social Work (MSW) students in the clinic and class to work with CPC students and partner on cases for issue and resource assistance. You will be paired up with MSW students as part of this process should you be accepted into the spring semester.