

Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic & Center for Social Justice

Application for Clinical Legal Education Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Before completing the following Clinical application you must have the following mandatory requirements to be admitted under Supreme Court Rule XX:

- Successfully completed Legal Ethics prior to clinic enrollment*
- Successfully completed 58 credit hours at the end of your 2L year ;*
- Have a minimum 2.0 GPA;*
- Be of good moral character.*

**** Have you applied for an Externship? Yes or No (circle one)**

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Time

Received:

Date Received:

Name (Last, First, MI):

Local Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Date of Birth:

E-mail Address:

Loyola Student I.D. Number:

Please indicate your *main* area of interest in order of preference up to **three only**:
(Please write 1, 2, or 3 by your area of interest)

_____ Criminal Prosecution (*One or Two Semester Clinic*)

_____ Criminal Defense (*Two Semester Clinic*)

_____ Employment Law & Litigation / Workplace Justice (*Two Semester Clinic*)

_____ Family Law (*One or Two Semester*)

_____ Immigration Law (*Two Semester Clinic*)

_____ Community Justice (*One or Two Semester Clinic*)

_____ Children's Rights Clinic (*One or Two Semester Clinic*)

_____ Misdemeanor Clinic (*Fall Semester*)

_____ Litigation Technology (*Spring Semester*)

Please email your updated résumé and law clinic application to

loynolawclinic@gmail.com

****Mandatory Orientation: Friday, August 16, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

CLINIC SECTION DESCRIPTION

CRIMINAL PROSECUTION CLINIC

The Prosecution Clinic is a one or two semester clinic where students practice under the supervision of assistant district attorneys in Orleans or Jefferson Parish. Students can, after proper preparation, expect to conduct factual and legal research, prepare witnesses, and draft motions and writs. Students who prove themselves competent will be asked to call the docket, examine witnesses, make opening and closing statements, and conduct trials.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

The Criminal Defense section is designed to teach law students substantive, procedural, and practical trial and appellate advocacy skills in the context of actual criminal cases. At the end of the year, students in this course are expected to be effective trial litigators, having acquired the necessary experience to handle every aspect of a criminal case. Students have multiple experiences in the criminal defense section including interviewing clients and witnesses, formal and informal fact investigation, research and cite the appropriate statutory and case law, drafting pleadings and writing memoranda and briefs. The practice of criminal law also affords the students the opportunity to file writs and appeals. In the past, students have argued before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal and Louisiana Supreme Court.

EMPLOYMENT LAW AND LITIGATION CLINIC

Employment Law and Litigation is part of the “Workplace Justice Project” which represents low wage employees, and independent contractors, with workplace claims in state and federal court. Students are assigned cases as lead attorneys under the supervision of Prof. Molina, where they interview clients and witnesses; draft wage demand letters, and legal correspondence; draft complaints, motions and discovery; conduct depositions; appear in court on motions, trials and appellate argument; and if appropriate, conduct negotiations and settlements. There are also opportunities for worker education and advocacy. Students perform this work while learning fundamental law practice management, including determining case value, caseload and time management, and file documentation and billing.

FAMILY LAW CLINIC

Student Practitioners in the family law section represent clients by court appointment (children, absent defendants, and interdicts in interdiction cases). The students also represent indigent persons (mothers, fathers, grandparents) in custody, divorce, child support, and paternity cases. The family law section also accepts Continuing Tutorship (for Special Needs children) cases. Students interview clients, conduct fact investigation, discovery, and legal research; prepare and file pleadings in court; develop a theory of their case; and prepare memorandums. Students make court appearances and participate in settlement conferences with opposing attorneys and the clients. Most students make several court appearances to argue their cases at hearings and trials in Orleans and Jefferson Parish Courts.

IMMIGRATION CLINIC

Student Attorneys represent non-citizens seeking various forms of immigration relief such as Political Asylum, Withholding of Removal, relief under the UN Convention Against Torture, Cancellation of Removal, Adjustment of Status, Waivers, U visas, relief under the Violence Against Women Act, T visas and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Student Attorneys represent clients before the US Department of Justice Immigration Court and the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Department of Homeland Security. Student Attorneys also represent their clients before the Federal District Courts and the Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals. Through their course work, students will learn how to solve their clients' real-life legal problems and counsel clients in the ethical and professional manner.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE CLINIC

This section teaches law students substantive, procedural and practical advocacy skills in order to assist clinic clients with civil rights issues including housing and education. Particular emphasis will be placed on social justice issues in the context of community lawyering. Students will investigate and analyze law and facts in individual and group contexts, research substantive law, draft pleadings, participate in community education and outreach, and advocate informally, administratively, and through carefully targeted state and federal litigation. Students are expected to master advanced lawyering skills in this clinical section.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CLINIC

Students represent the rights of children in cases such as adoptions, attorney for the child, and highly contested custody cases. The students also represent unaccompanied minors from countries such as Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador in Special Immigrant Juvenile proceedings. Cases often handled in Orleans Parish Civil District Court, Jefferson Parish District Court and Juvenile Court in both Orleans and Jefferson Parish.

MISDEMEANOR CLINIC

The Criminal Misdemeanor Clinic is a one-semester clinic offered in the Fall which focuses heavily on litigation in routine criminal legal matters. Students will handle a variety of misdemeanor cases in District, Municipal, and Traffic courts, along with occasional lower-grade felony cases. Students can expect to spend a significant amount of time in court from the beginning of the semester. Class time will focus on the practical aspects of criminal procedure as well as professional guidance in this area of law.

TECHNOLOGY AND LEGAL INNOVATION CLINIC

The Technology and Legal Innovation Section of the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice explores the use of technology in the practice of law. Students in this clinic design and implement technology projects aimed at assisting legal practitioners and increasing access to justice. Students learn to write software code and work with data and then put these skills into practice to solve real-world legal problems.