

CLINICAL COURSE SNAPSHOT

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27

American Indian Law Clinic

Faculty: Professor Christina Stanton

The nutshell: Navigate complex issues impacting Indigenous Peoples in a variety of jurisdictions including federal, state, Tribal, and international legal systems. You may represent a Native Nation, Indigenous-led organization, or an individual. There may be optional travel throughout the year in Indian Country and to the UN in New York. This work centers Indigenous and Native sovereignty and elevates respect for Indigenous rights in a variety of sectors. You will have a chance to ask for projects in a specific area of law.

The logistics: Year-long; 4 credits per semester; no prerequisites, but students are encouraged to have taken or concurrently take American Indian Law I. Students are also required to attend a multi-day orientation the week before the start of the fall semester.

This is for you if: You have an interest in working with Indigenous Peoples and working in Indian Country on a range of issues from community economic development, federal Indian law, climate justice and natural resources, policy work and code development, civil and administrative issues, and tribal-state relations. You have an interest in high-level implementation of human rights law to Indigenous Peoples both domestically and internationally. You want to develop lawyering skills that can be applied across a variety of disciplines.

Civil Practice Clinic

- **AY 26-27 Employment AND Housing Law**

Faculty: Professor Zachary Mountin

The nutshell: Learn civil litigation and negotiation skills while fighting for economic justice for low-income and underrepresented clients in judicial and administrative courts. Students will represent low-income workers fighting for their justly earned wages or tenants in disputes with their landlords. You will get to engage in active civil litigation and negotiate on behalf of your clients.

The logistics: Year-long; 4 credits per semester; no pre-requisites, but students are encouraged to concurrently take or have taken Ethics, Evidence, Trial Advocacy, and either Employment Law or Poverty Law. Students are also required to attend a multi-day orientation the week before the start of the fall semester.

This is for you if: You want a variety of litigation and conflict resolution experience on the civil side of the legal system and are interested in fighting for the economic justice rights of workers and tenants.

- **FALL 2026 Employment Law**

Faculty: Professor Scott Moss

The nutshell: Same as Professor Mountin's section (above), except one semester (not full-year), and only employment law (not housing law as well), with a focus on wage-and-hour law and related labor/employment law.

The logistics: Semester-long, Fall 2026 only; 4 credits; no pre-requisites, but students are encouraged to have taken or concurrently take Employment Law and Evidence. Students are also required to attend a multi-day orientation at the start of the semester.

This is for you if: You want a variety of litigation and conflict resolution experience on the civil side of the legal system and are interested in fighting for the economic justice rights of workers.

Community Collaboration Law Lab

Faculty: Professor Deborah Cantrell

The nutshell: Collaborate with community groups and clients, and other small, social justice organizations to solve challenges that have prevented a community from flourishing. Student attorneys harness the law in creative ways to launch new entities, help build community governance, and support community health and well-being.

The logistics: Year-long; 4 credits per semester; no prerequisites.

This is for you if: You want to explore how lawyers work in transactional and policy arenas to build community power, launch social justice organizations, and support local creativity and well-being.

Criminal Defense Clinic

- **FALL 2026**

Faculty: Ilan Friedmann-Grunstein

The nutshell: Defend clients who are charged with misdemeanor crimes in Boulder County and/or municipal court. You will represent clients and conduct pretrial litigation including bond arguments, motions drafting and argument, and even jury trials. You will also work on client interviewing skills and engage in negotiations. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in criminal litigation, but anyone is welcome.

The logistics: Semester-long; 4 credits. Students are required to attend a multi-day orientation before the start of the fall semester. This will be an intensive bootcamp to ensure that you have the baseline skills and knowledge necessary.

This is for you if: You have a passion or interest in criminal law or trial work or public interest law. You will get to stand up in court, argue to a judge, negotiate with prosecutors, and possibly handle a jury trial.

- **SPRING 2027**

Faculty: Christopher McKee

The nutshell: Forensic Defense Clinic. Forensic evidence is critical in serious criminal cases. Clinic students will assist in the representation of indigent accused or convicted persons through a specific focus on issues related to forensic evidence. Fieldwork will involve transcript reviews, substantial legal and scientific research, strategy development, and advanced legal writing. The seminar component will serve as an intensive survey of the use of forensic evidence like DNA, firearm toolmarks, surveillance methods, technology, and experts in criminal cases.

The logistics: Semester-long; 4 credits.

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

Faculty: Professor Paige Wilson

The nutshell: Help start-up companies get organized, develop an early intellectual property strategy, and draft early stage company contracts and licenses.

The logistics: Semester-long, **Fall 2026 only**, 4 credits; six students are “regular” 3Ls and two students are 2Ls or 3Ls who focus on intellectual property and patent work. Patent students are encouraged to enroll in future semesters to provide continuity to the ELC’s patent prosecution matters. Applications are required. To be eligible, “regular” students must have taken three courses within the areas of corporate law, agency, tax, securities, intellectual property, transactional drafting, or transactional law. Patent students must have a science or technical background that qualifies them to sit for the patent bar. Patent students are selected by committee.

This is for you if: You have passion for transactional law and business. You will learn a great deal about entrepreneurs and how businesses get started. A core focus is learning how to help companies prioritize their legal work and then sync legal work to a business’ most urgent needs.

Immigration Defense Clinic

Faculty: Professor Violeta Chapin

The nutshell: Immigration law and policy in the United States is undergoing radical change in a politically tense environment. The need for competent legal counsel in the immigration sphere is acute. Students in the Immigration clinic will work directly with non-citizen clients who are navigating a variety of different legal matters, including immigration cases in federal court and misdemeanor criminal cases in state court. We also handle asylum cases, special immigrant juvenile cases and work closely with undocumented students with DACA protections.

The logistics: Year-long clinic. 4 credits per semester; helpful to take evidence and/or immigration law prior or concurrently.

Juvenile and Family Law Clinic

Faculty: Professor Colene Robinson

The nutshell: Handle a full range of both civil and criminal legal matters related to youth and families, including representing low-income clients in public interest actions, like child welfare and juvenile justice cases, or private actions, like divorce, child custody, or special immigrant juvenile status matters.

The logistics: Year-long; 4 credits per semester; no prerequisites. Students are also required to attend a 2-day orientation the week before the start of the fall semester.

This is for you if: You are interested in working with youth and families across several intersecting areas of law, are interested in exploring various ways in which a lawyer stands in relationship to a client and are interested in exploring advocacy both in and out of court.

Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic

Faculty: Professor Sarah Matsumoto

The nutshell: Learn transferable legal skills while representing individuals and groups on matters involving public health, environmental protection, and climate change. Our docket is varied and includes both litigation and non-litigation matters. Currently, we are working with clients on matters involving public lands, air quality, oil and gas extraction, water rights, pollution enforcement, and environmental justice at local, state, and federal levels.

The logistics: Semester-long, 4 credits; no prerequisites, but students are encouraged to have taken or concurrently take Administrative Law or an environmental course.

This is for you if: You are interested in environmental law and justice, and want to hone your skills as an advocate and counselor. In the clinic, you will strengthen your writing skills, client advising skills, and gain additional practice experience that will translate to many other employment settings. The clinic also offers an opportunity to interact and collaborate with other advocates in the field.

Technology Law & Policy Clinic

Faculty: Professor Vivek Krishnamurthy

The nutshell: Advocate for technology laws and policies that serves the public interest at the local, state, national and international levels, on issues ranging from civil and human rights to intellectual property law.

The logistics: Year-long, 4 credits per semester. You do NOT need a technical background, but students are strongly encouraged to have taken (or concurrently take) a technology law and policy course, such as Intro to IP, Copyright Law, Information Privacy Law, Telecommunications Law, or the First Amendment. A background in international law or international human rights law would also be helpful.

This is for you if: You are interested in technology issues and in the many ways of shaping law and public policy from the local to the global levels. You will learn a lot about public interest advocacy and the range of legal and non-legal tools that you can use to make change.