

CLINICAL COURSE SNAPSHOT ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17

American Indian Law Clinic

Faculty: Professor Carla Fredericks

The nutshell: Represent individuals, Indian tribes and tribal entities in a variety of settings involving federal Indian law and involving the law and legal systems in Indian Country, as well as work with the United Nations. Work includes some court-based projects and some transactional projects, as well as a travel in Indian Country and to the UN in New York.

The logistics: Year-long; 4 credits per semester; open to 2Ls and 3Ls; no prerequisites, no application.

This is for you if: You have an interest in working with a variety of individuals and tribal clients and working in Indian Country on a range of issues from community economic development, Indian law and natural resources, and high-level implementation of human rights law to indigenous communities both domestically and internationally. You will develop lawyering skills that can be applied across a variety of disciplines and will have a chance to ask for projects in a specific area of law.

Civil Practice Clinic

Faculty: Professor Norm Aaronson

The nutshell: Learn civil practice skills (interviewing, drafting pleadings and memoranda, arguing motions, depositions, negotiations and courtroom/trial advocacy skills.

The logistics: Year-long; 4 credits each semester; open to 2Ls and 3Ls, no prerequisites, no application.

This is for you if: You want court-based experience in three areas of law: family law, Social Security disability appeals, and immigration asylum cases. You will work with clients in all three areas who need compassionate and hardworking student attorneys.

Criminal Defense Clinic – Semester

Faculty: Professor Ann England

The nutshell: Defend clients who are charged with misdemeanor crimes in Boulder county and municipal courts.

The logistics: Semester-long; 4 credits per semester.

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 and possibly handle a jury trial.

Criminal Defense-Immigration Clinic – Full Year

Faculty: Professor Violeta Chapin

The nutshell: Defend clients who are charged with misdemeanor criminal offenses in Boulder County, and who have civil immigration detainers issued by the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

The logistics: Year-long, 4 credits per semester; 3Ls have priority, no prerequisites, no application.

This is for you if: You are interested in criminal litigation, immigration and/or public interest law. You will represent clients in both state criminal court and federal immigration court. You will file motions and pleadings, possibly defend a case at a jury trial, and also represent clients at immigration bond hearings and final removal proceedings.

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

Faculty: Professor Brad Bernthal

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

The logistics: Year-long; 3 credits per semester; 3Ls get priority; application process for eligibility (see ELC web-site for details).

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.

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Juvenile and Family Law Clinic

Faculty: Professor Colene Robinson

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

The logistics: For AY '16-17, 4 credits, spring semester only, Juvenile Justice only cases; for AY '17-18, regular year-long, 8 credits, full case range; open to 2Ls and 3Ls; no prerequisites, no application.

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 Audrey Huang

The nutshell: Opportunity to work on important and challenging matters involving protection and enhancement of natural resources and the environment. Students represent clients in non-litigation or litigation matters. Diverse docket spanning a wide range of natural resources and environmental law covering local, regional, and national issues.

The logistics: Semester-long; 4 credits; open to 2Ls and 3Ls; no prerequisites, no application.

This is for you if: You want to hone your problem-solving, advocacy, critical thinking, analytical, writing and oral communication skills. You will have the opportunity to interact and collaborate with lawyers in the field. The Clinic provides an intellectually challenging experience with broad application for students beyond environmental and natural resources law.

Sustainable Community Development Clinic (New in 2016-17)

Faculty: Professor Deborah Cantrell

The nutshell: Engage in economic development projects, both on behalf of clients and on behalf of the public interest, with a goal of increasing social justice and social enterprise in a range of substantive areas including land use, housing, local food, and healthy communities.

The logistics: Year-long; 4 credits per semester; open to 2Ls and 3Ls; no pre-requisites, application for 2016-17.

This is for you if: You want to explore how lawyers work in transactional and policy arenas to support economic development in ways that prioritize social justice and sustainability.

Technology Law & Policy Clinic

Faculty: Professor Blake Reid

The nutshell: Advocate for sound technology, telecommunications, privacy, and intellectual property policy in the public interest before federal and state administrative agencies and other policymakers.

The logistics: Semester-long, 4 credits; open to 2Ls and 3Ls; you do NOT need a technical background; no prerequisites, but students are strongly encouraged to have taken, or concurrently take, Telecom Law, Intro to IP, Copyright Law, Information Privacy, or a another course involving technology law and policy; no application.

This is for you if: You are interested in technology issues, want a hands-on regulatory experience, or enjoy Silicon Flatirons events. You will learn a great deal about navigating the administrative process and the dynamics of public interest policy advocacy.