

CLINICAL COURSE SNAPSHOT ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

American Indian Law Clinic

Faculty: TBA.

The nutshell: Represent Indian tribes, American Indians, and indigenous peoples on matters arising under federal Indian law, tribal law, and international human rights law before tribal, state, federal, and international forums. There will be optional travel throughout the year in Indian Country and to international forums depending on the project and funding.

The logistics: Year-long; 8 credits; no prerequisites, although students are strongly encouraged to take American Indian Law I or International Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples before or during the Clinic.

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. This work centers Indigenous and Native sovereignty and elevates respect for American Indian and Indigenous rights in a variety of sectors. 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: Employment and Housing Law

Faculty: Professor Zachary Mountin

The nutshell: Learn civil litigation and negotiation skills while representing low-income and underrepresented clients in judicial and administrative courts. Students may represent low-income workers fighting for their justly-earned wages and 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; 8 credits; no prerequisites, although students are encouraged to take Trial Advocacy and one of Employment Law, Employment Discrimination Law, or Poverty Law before or during the Clinic.

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 rights of workers and tenants.

Criminal Defense Clinic

Faculty: Professor Ann England

The nutshell: In conjunction with the Korey Wise Innocence Project, work to investigate and litigate claims of factual innocence by individuals in Colorado prisons. Learn about the criminal process by reading transcripts of trials, investigating facts, meeting with clients, understanding DNA evidence, and other forensic disciplines. Do initial investigation on applications, work with teams of experienced lawyers litigating claims of innocence, be involved with policy and legislative work on behalf of KWIP.

The logistics: Year-long; 8 credits; mandatory pre or co-requisite of Wrongful Convictions.

This is for you if: You have a passion for criminal law, criminal justice reform or public interest law.

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

Faculty: TBA (Professor Bernthal will be on sabbatical.)

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; 6 credits.

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—Semester-Long in 2022-23

Faculty: Professor Violeta Chapin

The nutshell: Students work directly with noncitizens in our community who are navigating criminal and immigration legal systems at the same time, learning how to advise clients in a specialized way in order to avoid unnecessary immigration consequences. Students also will work directly with clients who have received Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and qualify for renewals, as well as clients who may qualify for other immigration benefits. It is *not* necessary for students to speak Spanish to participate in this clinic; bilingual students will, however, likely get the chance to practice their Spanish.

The logistics: Semester-long, 4 credits; no prerequisites.

This is for you if: You are interested in criminal defense and/or immigration law, if you want some courtroom experience, and a lot of client interaction.

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; 8 credits; no prerequisites.

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—Semester-Long in 2022-23

Faculty: TBA

The nutshell: Opportunity to work on important and challenging matters involving public health, the environment, and natural resources. Students work with community groups and environmental NGOs around the country on environmental projects, which may include opportunities for litigation and environmental justice issues.

The logistics: Semester-long, 4 credits; no prerequisites, although students are encouraged to take an environmental course before or during Clinic.

This is for you if: You want to hone your skills as an advocate and counselor. The Clinic is useful for anyone interested in administrative practice—environmental or not. For those interested in working as environmental lawyers, the Clinic provides an opportunity to interact and collaborate with attorneys and other advocates in the field.

Sustainable Community Development Clinic

Faculty: Professor Deborah Cantrell

The nutshell: Engage in economic development and sustainability 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; 8 credits; no prerequisites.

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, including for people with disabilities, before agencies, courts, legislatures, and other policymakers.

The logistics: Year-long, 8 credits; you do NOT need a technical background, but students are strongly encouraged to take before or during Clinic: Telecom Law, Intro to IP, Copyright Law, Information Privacy, Disability Law, 1st Amendment, or another course involving technology law and policy or civil rights.

This is for you if: You are interested in technology issues, want a hands-on regulatory experience, or want to pursue public interest and civil rights work in a novel context. You will learn a great deal about navigating the administrative process and the dynamics of public interest policy advocacy.