Discover the Clinics

The skills you learn as a student attorney in the clinics look great on your resume and will allow you to differentiate yourself among your peers.

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As a student attorney in an in-house clinic, students can learn the following skills while handling real clients and cases:

- Interviewing and Counseling
- Negotiating
- File management/ client billing
- Case management
- Research and writing
- Drafting Motions & Appellate Briefs
- Forming business entities
- Preparing needed business documents
- Practicing for and handling trials and hearings
- Learning how to be an effective mediator
- Practicing to be an advocate in mediation
- Collaborating with other local agencies and professionals
- Learning specifics about practicing in a particular area of law

**WHAT CLINIC SHOULD I TAKE?**
That depends on your interests. The most obvious difference between the clinics is the types of cases handled - criminal, civil, immigration, transactional, consumer, military law, etc. All the clinics teach a similar set of lawyering skills. If your goal is to learn a particular area of law, take the clinic handling that type of law. If your goal is to learn the lawyering skills you will need in practice, it does not matter which clinic you take.

**WHAT CLIENTS DO THE CLINICS TAKE?**
In most of the clinics, the clients are individuals and organizations who are not in the financial position to otherwise obtain legal representation.

**DO STUDENT ATTORNEYS IN THE CLINICS WORK WITH REAL CLIENTS?**
Absolutely. Students work with actual clients as the student attorney. Students take primary responsibility for developing a case strategy and performing all the legal work on the case. Federal and Texas laws permit students to provide direct representation in various courts and administrative tribunals under the supervision of a faculty supervisor.

**IS THERE A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF CREDITS EARNED**
Yes, check the student handbook as the number of credits will change beginning in the Fall 2020 semester.

**HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK WILL I SPEND**
The number of hours spent each week depends on the number of credits you are receiving and the type of clinic. For a three (3) credit clinic you will work roughly 9 hours per week, including class time. For a four (4) credit clinic you work about 14 hours per week, including class time.

**HOW DO I APPLY FOR A CLINIC?**
Students apply for the clinic by completing and submitting a clinic application through the application tab on the clinic program home page. Once the application is received by the clinic Program Director, you will be contacted by the Clinic Director of the clinic in which you have requested to participate.

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