

# **CIVIL JUSTICE CLINIC II**

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**Class To Be Arranged**

## **Course Description**

This course is a practical course involving representing actual clients with their legal issues. You will be working on cases filed in Justice, County, and District courts. Most of your cases will primarily relate to landlord and tenant law, real estate issues, deceptive trade practices, debt collection, bankruptcy, negotiation strategies, simple wills and probate matter, guardianship, real property disputes, and family and domestic relations cases. Other cases of interest will be taken occasionally as well. After completing this course, students will have the necessary legal and practical knowledge to represent consumers effectively upon starting to practice law. Either a Consumer Clinic I, Civil Clinic I, or Civil Justice Clinic I course is a prerequisite to this course. Clinic II students will take a more leadership role and help oversee any Clinic I students. Additionally, this student will have more difficult assignments.

Regular participation in the clinic is required. You must work 50 hours per course credit hour. There is a weekly staff meeting class that last approximately 1 ½ hours. In the event that our class needs to be rescheduled, I will give you advance warning by email. This will not happen often, but may happen from time to time. All postponed/cancelled classes will be rescheduled.

This is a clinical University of Houston Law Center course. Accordingly, Law Center policy requires the applicable curved scale. Work performance, attendance, and participation, including turning in all assignments, will count toward your final grade.

I am available to discuss your cases any time I am here at UHLC. My office is TBD and my phone number is (713) 743 -2169 (UHLC). If you do not find me in my office, you should feel free to call me at any time or email me regarding questions. My cell phone will be available for you to contact me at any time as well. You may call me at any time if you have a problem that cannot wait until regular school hours.

## **Attendance**

Regular course attendance is expected. The Law Center expects students to attend at least 80% of the scheduled classes

## **Assessment**

The final grade for the course is determined by assessing your work in the following areas as you represent your assigned clients and participate portion the course:

- Professionalism
- Lawyering Skills
- Classroom participation and assignments

The best equivalent to be to consider how you would be evaluated for a job.

### **Learning Outcome**

- Development of Interviewing and Counseling Skills
- Development of fact investigation, trial, and public speaking skills
- Improvement in legal research and writing skills
- Introduction to the substantive areas of the law
- Enhanced knowledge in law practice management
- Recognition of cultural competence in the field

### **Grading**

This is an ordinary University of Houston Law Center course. Accordingly, Law Center policy requires the final grade average for the course be 3.20 – 3.40 on a 4.0 scale or whatever scale in effect at the time of enrollment. Your grade will be based on a final examination and class participation will also be part of determining your grade. I will call on students each day to discuss the assigned material.

### **Contact Information/Office Hours**

My office phone is (713) 743 - 2169

My email is: [rmmarqu2@central.uh.edu](mailto:rmmarqu2@central.uh.edu)

My office is KH213 (office suite next to Krost Hall Auditorium on the Second Floor)

Feel free to stop by my office anytime, e-mail me, or to set an appointment in order to discuss the class material or anything else of interest to you.

If office hours will be remote, at the beginning of the semester, I will establish regular office hours that you may drop by online through Zoom.

### **Accommodation of Disabilities**

The University of Houston Law Center strives to assure equal access and full participation by people with disabilities. If you require services because of a disability, you may notify Academic Records Coordinator in the Office of Student Services, in person in room 44A TU II, or by phone at 713-743-2187. This voluntary self-identification allows the University to prepare any necessary and appropriate support services to facilitate your learning.

Any requests for exam accommodations should be directed to Linda Lee at LLee@central.uh.edu or 713-743-1751 and should be made as soon as possible to allow adequate time to document and process the request.

### **COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS**

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) can help students who are having difficulties managing stress, adjusting to the demands of a professional program, or feeling sad and hopeless. You can reach CAPS ([www.uh.edu/caps](http://www.uh.edu/caps)) by calling 713-743-5454 during and after business hours for routine appointments or if you or someone you know is in crisis. No appointment is necessary for the “Let’s Talk” program, a drop-in consultation service at convenient locations and hours around campus. [http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets\\_talk.html](http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets_talk.html)

### **REQUIRED TEXT**

There is no required text for the Course.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Clinic Reflection Journal
2. Final De-briefing (Last Week of Classes)
3. Others as determined throughout the semester

### **CHOSEN NAMES AND PREFERRED PRONOUNS**

I want to address each of you in a manner that corresponds to your identity. Although mistakes happen, chosen names and preferred pronouns—including non-binary ones such as they|them|their—must be respected in my classroom. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if you want to make me aware of your chosen name or preferred pronoun or if you have concerns about how your classmates or I address you.

### **DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND WELLNESS**

This is an inclusive learning space. At UHLC, we are committed to ensuring inclusive online and classroom learning spaces, where you will be treated with respect and dignity, and where everyone is provided the equitable opportunity to participate, to contribute, and to succeed. If you feel that your class performance is impacted in any way by your experiences inside or outside of class, please reach out to your professors. We want to be a resource for you. If you feel more comfortable speaking with someone besides us, Student Services is an excellent resource: 713-743-2182.

### **UNIVERSITY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY**

The University is committed to maintaining and strengthening an educational, working and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from discrimination and sexual misconduct. If you have experienced an incident of discrimination or sexual misconduct, there is a confidential reporting process available to you. For more information, please refer to the University System's Anti-Discrimination Policy SAM 01.D.07 and Sexual Misconduct Policy SAM 01.D.08, available here: <http://www.uhsystem.edu/compliance-ethics/uhs-policies/sams/01-general-information/index.php>  
[http://www.uhsystem.edu/compliance-ethics/\\_docs/sam/01/1d7.pdf](http://www.uhsystem.edu/compliance-ethics/_docs/sam/01/1d7.pdf)(antidiscrimination)  
[http://www.uhsystem.edu/compliance-ethics/\\_docs/sam/01/1d8.pdf](http://www.uhsystem.edu/compliance-ethics/_docs/sam/01/1d8.pdf)(sexual misconduct)

Please be aware that under the sexual misconduct policy, SAM 01.D.08, faculty are required to report to the University any information received regarding sexual misconduct as defined in the policy. Please note that the reporting obligations under the sexual misconduct policy reach to employees and students. Also, as a required reporting party, Law Center employees and faculty members are not a confidential resource.

### **CLASSES**

The Classroom component will be dedicated primarily to class rounds and law office management lessons.