

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON | LAW CENTER

Clinical Legal Education Program



The UH Law Center Clinical Legal Education Program offers law students an exciting opportunity to gain hands-on practical experience in the legal profession while still in law school. Learn the practice of law by practicing law (as a student attorney) with practicing attorneys.

DISCOVER THE CLINICS

CIVIL PRACTICE CLINIC

Fall, Spring
Clinic I - 4 Cr. Hr. | Clinic II - Cr. Hr. Vary
Good Academic Standing & Completion 30 Credits
jheppard@central.uh.edu

CONSUMER LAW CLINIC

Fall, Spring & Summer
3 or 4 Cr. Hr.
Good Academic Standing & Completion 30 Credits
rmmarqu2@central.uh.edu

IMMIGRATION CLINIC

Fall, Spring
Clinic I - 4 Cr. Hr. | Clinic II - Cr. Hr. Vary
Good Academic Standing
ghoffman@central.uh.edu

MEDIATION CLINIC

Fall, Spring & Summer
2 Cr. Hr., graded pass/fail
Plus a 1 Cr. Hr. Class Component, graded
Good Academic Standing & 40 Hour Mediation Training
tlwillis@central.uh.edu

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

Fall, Spring & Summer
Clinic I - 3 or 4 Cr. Hr. | Clinic II - Cr. Hr. Vary
Good Academic Standing
cdheard@central.uh.edu

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

Fall & Spring
3 Cr. Hr.
Good Academic Standing, completion of 30 credits
emlocasc@Central.UH.EDU

MILITARY JUSTICE CLINIC

Fall & Spring
3 or 4 Cr. Hr.
Good Academic Standing
jrmarque@Central.UH.EDU

OTHER EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENT MEDIATION TRAININGS

Basic 40 hour Student Mediation Training & 30 Hour Advanced Family Mediation Training
1L year completed, Good Academic Standing.
See Professor Tasha Willis, tlwillis@central.uh.edu OR
Professor Janet Heppard, jheppard@central.uh.edu

INNOCENCE NETWORK & JCAP PROGRAM

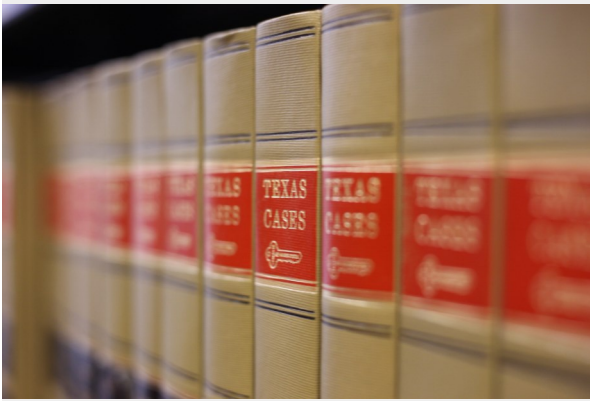
DEATH PENALTY CLINIC INNOCENCE PROJECT, JUVENILE SEALING, AND JUVENILE REPRESENTATION

Fall, Spring, & Summer
2 Cr. Hr.
Prerequisites vary by course
See Professor David Dow, ddow@central.uh.edu



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.

Apply today www.law.uh.edu/clinic



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



WHICH CLINICS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS?

It depends: You must be available for the class portion of the clinic; which is usually held late in the afternoon. In addition, depending on the particular clinic, you may need to be available occasionally during the day although much of your work may be done at a time that works for your schedule. If you are interested in a particular clinic, email that clinic



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

No, there is no credit limit on clinic hours earned. However, you may only take one clinic per 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.