

Entrepreneurship and Intellectual Property Clinic

Students in this clinic provide advice and legal assistance to individuals and entities in the areas of entrepreneurship and intellectual property.

The clinic handles a wide variety of matters for start-up and small businesses and non-profit organizations, with half of the students focusing on business/transactional matters and the other half focusing on intellectual property matters. Although some of the clinic's matters relate to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), most of the clinic's matters are not related to STEM. Students can indicate on their application whether they wish to work on business/transactional or IP matters.

Students in this clinic provide legal assistance to clients in the following types of matters, among others:

- Forming business entities and assisting with tax structure
- Drafting documents governing the operations of an organization
- Drafting and negotiating commercial agreements
- Counseling and drafting documents protecting copyright, trademark, patent, and trade secret rights
- Drafting contracts for business transactions involving intellectual property

The clinic participates in the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Through this program, eligible students are able to obtain limited recognition with the USPTO to file patent applications, respond to office actions, and communicate with USPTO examiners.

Pre-/Co-Requisites

There are no prerequisites. Students focusing on business/transactional matters are encouraged to have taken or be concurrently taking classes relating to business organizations. Students focusing on intellectual property matters are encouraged to have taken or be concurrently taking classes relating to intellectual property.

To work on patent matters as part of the USPTO's Law School Clinic Certification Program, students must be eligible to sit for the patent bar exam and have taken, or be concurrently taking, Patent Law or Patent Drafting.

Requirements

Students must spend on average at least 21 hours per week on clinic-related matters for 6 credits, or, with permission of the instructor, may enroll for 7 credits (24.5 hours/week) or 8 credits (28 hours/ week).

Students must attend a weekly seminar on Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00 PM.

The Bottom Line

- The clinic is a 6-8 credit course.
- The clinic is graded on a modified pass/fail basis.
- There is no exam.

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