The Immigration Clinic

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The Immigration Clinic provides real life lawyering experience representing clients in immigration proceedings. Students will assist clients in immigration matters such as naturalization, adjustment of status, family-reunification, obtaining employment benefits, deportation defense, and petitions for asylum. Students will represent non-citizen clients in matters at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and at the Executive Office of Immigration Review, including possible appearances before the Immigration Court.

The objective of this clinic course is to help students learn from their lawyering experiences how to handle immigration matters affecting low-and moderate-income persons. The lawyering skills students will use and develop include: problem solving; legal analysis and reasoning; legal research; factual investigation; client interviewing and counseling; oral and written communication; negotiation; organization and management of legal work; cross-cultural lawyering; trauma-informed lawyering; and recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas.

Typical Student Activities
- Client interviewing and counseling
- Case planning and implementation
- Legal research and drafting of briefs, motions, and other legal writing.
- Advocacy before administrative and judicial bodies.
- Serve as lead or co-counsel for clients.
- Serve as primary contact for clients, court, agencies, and others involved in clinic matters.
- Community-based engagement as dictated by local need, such as know-your-rights presentations and outreach.

Pre-/Co-Requisites
- Immigration Law or Refugee and Asylum Law is a pre-/co-requisite for this clinic.

Requirements
- Students attend a weekly seminar Monday 10:00 AM – 12 Noon, weekly supervision meetings, and other matters as required by case assignment.
- There may also be a clinic boot camp on the weekend prior to the start of classes (to be announced).

The Bottom Line
- This course can be taken for 6 credits (requiring 21 hours of clinic work per week), or, with permission of instructor, a student may enroll for 8 credits
- The course is graded on a modified pass/ fail basis.
- There is no final exam.

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