The Prosecution Law Clinic Experience
The Prosecution Law Clinic provides real life lawyering experience in the criminal prosecution system at the state trial level. Students’ primary experience will be to serve as Rule 13 certified attorneys with Circuit Attorney’s Office in the City of St. Louis. Students in the clinic have the opportunity to handle, or assist experienced prosecutors in handling, the prosecution of state-level crimes in the City of St. Louis while also gaining exposure to the legal and ethical problems that litigators, and prosecutors specifically, face in practice.

The Clinic is based in the Circuit Attorney’s Office (in the Carnahan Courthouse in downtown St. Louis) and is co-directed by Rachel Smith, Chief Prosecutor of the Community Affairs Bureau, and Chris Hinckley, Chief Warrant Officer. Students in the Prosecution Clinic will work on cases with other prosecutors in the Circuit Attorney’s Office, as assigned by the Clinic’s co-directors.

Typical Activities
Students in the clinic will use and develop the following lawyering skills: problem solving; legal analysis and reasoning; legal research; factual investigation; witness interviewing and preparation; oral and written communication; litigation; organization and management of legal work; and recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas and the prosecutor’s special responsibilities. Clinic students will be a part of case reviews and meetings with victims, lay and professional witnesses. Some of these meetings may involve sensitive or emotionally difficult subject matter.

Students who are in the Courthouse at the beginning of the work week will have the greatest opportunity for courtroom and jury trial experiences.

Pre-/Co-Requisites
This Clinic is only open to 3Ls and second-semester 2Ls.

No pre-requisite. Students who have taken evidence, pretrial, trial, ethics, and criminal procedure may get preference.

Requirements
Students must spend at least 21 hours per week for 6 credits; 24.5 hours/week for 7 credits credits; and 28 hours/week for 8 credits. They can expect to spend this time at the courthouse. Office hours are 8 to 5 pm.

Students must attend a weekly seminar 4:00 - 6:00 pm on Thursdays at the Circuit Attorney’s Office.

The Bottom Line
• The course is graded on a modified pass/fail basis.
• This course can be taken for 6 or, with the permission of instructor, for 8 credits.

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