Clinical Law Program

The Clinical Law Program’s award winning, student-focused learning environment helps students develop skills that prepare them to be lawyers, advocates and leaders for the common good. Today, 70% of students participate in the Clinical Law Program before graduating.

OVERVIEW

In the 2012-13 academic year, the eleven Clinical Law Program offerings were again extensive and well-balanced. They spanned litigation, dispute resolution, transactions, legislation, policy and community education and an even broader array of substantive law subject matters. The following clinics were offered:

- Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic
- Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
- Federal Tax Clinic
- Immigration Law Clinic
- Innocence Project Northwest Clinic
- Legislative Advocacy Clinic (CAYAC & IPNW Tracks)
- Mediation Clinic
- Street Law Clinic
- Technology Law and Public Policy Clinic
- Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic
- Workers’ Rights Clinic

With these offerings, students were provided opportunities to develop and hone a wide variety of skills. In addition, thanks to an exciting partnership with the Asian Law Center at UW Law, the Clinical Law Program benefited from the participation of LL.M. students from Afghanistan and Indonesia in several of our clinics.

ENROLLMENT

160 students participated in the eleven clinics last academic year:

- 125 were second and third year law students in their first clinic experience
- 11 were Advanced Clinic students continuing work on their clinic cases or projects
- 23 were LL.M. students
- 1 MBA student was enrolled
VOLUNTEERS

We appreciate the many volunteers who assist with the work of our clinics; in 2012-13 these included:

- 50 Federal Tax Clinic attorney volunteers
- 14 volunteer judges and attorney evaluators for the Street Law Clinic's mock trials by local high school students
- 8 attorneys assisting with Innocence Project Northwest cases
- 47 Entrepreneurial Law Clinic attorney volunteers

2013—2014 CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

**Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic**
Prof. Lisa A. Kelly, Director
Students advocate for the rights of young people by offering free civil legal assistance and education to the community, responding to issues faced by queer youth, homeless youth and youth in the foster care system.

**Entrepreneurial Law Clinic**
Prof. Jennifer Fan, Managing Director; Prof. Sean O’Connors, Faculty Director
Law and business students team with pro bono attorneys and business advisors to provide early stage legal and business counseling to technology and social entrepreneurs, small business owners and non-profits.

**Federal Tax Clinic**
Prof. John Clynch, Managing Dir.; Prof. Scott Schumacher, Faculty Dir. & CLP Director
Individual clients involved in a tax controversy with the Internal Revenue Service are represented by clinic students in proceedings before the IRS and the federal courts.

**Immigration Law Clinic**
Prof. Signe Dortch, Director
Students represent clients in cases involving affirmative and defensive asylum requests or waiver of deportation matters.

**Innocence Project Northwest Clinic**
Prof. Jacqueline McMurtrie, Director
Free legal assistance is provided to convicted prisoners whose innocence can be demonstrated through DNA testing or other evidence.

**International Human Rights Clinic**
Professors Stephen Rosenbaum and Anita Ramasastry, Co-Directors
Under the supervision of two UW Law faculty members and in partnership with select nongovernmental organizations, clinic students work in teams on projects designed to prevent corporate violations of human rights in the workplace, the environment and entire communities.

**Legislative Advocacy Clinic**
Hon. Bobbe Bridge and Prof. Casey Trupin, Co-Directors, CAYAC Track
Prof. Lara Zarowsky, Policy Director, IPNW Track
Students work to enact legislation, either in the Children & Youth Advocacy Track or in the Innocence Project Northwest Track. They are trained in legislative and public policy advocacy and learn about the legislative process, drafting, commentary, advocating, building a legislative agenda, working with coalitions and ethics.

**Mediation Clinic**
Prof. Julia Gold, Director, and Prof. Alan Kirtley
Clinic students serve as mediators to help parties resolve disputes without entering into litigation or arbitration. Areas of dispute mediated include employment, landlord-tenant, consumer, business, and community issues.

**Street Law Clinic**
Prof. Julia Gold, Director
Young people in up to eight high schools are educated about the legal system and democracy by clinic students who seek to impart an understanding of the fundamental principles of authority, fairness, justice and responsibility.

**Technology Law and Public Policy Clinic**
Prof. William Covington, Director
Students are provided with the opportunity to craft policy in those areas where public policy and high technology intersect, working in conjunction with elected officials, businesses, agencies and other stakeholders.

**Tools for Social Change: Race and Justice Clinic**
Prof. Kimberly Ambrose, Director
Students examine and practice methods used by lawyers to respond to social problems. In 2013-14 the clinic will focus on the systemic issues that have resulted in increasingly disproportionate numbers of minority youth being excluded from school and pushed into the juvenile justice system.

**Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic**
Professors Ron Whitener, Molly Cohan and Brenda Williams, Co-Directors
As part of the Native American Law Center at UW Law, the Tribal Clinic trains students who then serve as public defenders in the tribal courts of five western Washington tribes.