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Hofstra Law Clinic Registration Meeting & Information Session



Monday, October 5, 2020

12:10-1:30 | Via Zoom

law.hofstra.edu/Clinics

What our students and alums have to say about their experience:

“Overall, the clinic prepared me for the legal profession and exceeded all of my law school expectations.”

— Matthew De La Torre '16

“The Asylum Clinic was one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences I had in law school.

— Laura Robbins '14

ASYLUM CLINIC

“I am extremely thankful that I was given the opportunity to be a Student Attorney with the Asylum Clinic. I truly believe that the skills that I have learned will not only make me a better attorney, but a better advocate for my clients.”

— Brian Vasquez 3L

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

“Participating in the Community & Economic Development Clinic under the supervision of Professor Haber has by far been the most rewarding experience in law school. I have gained real-world experience by having client interactions and being able to solve their issues. The clinic has helped me build my confidence in representing a client. I would recommend the CED clinic to anyone that is uncertain about becoming a transactional attorney.”

— Ingrid J. Cardona, Fall 2019

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLINIC

"The Criminal Justice Clinic was instrumental in my development as a law student and now as a lawyer. The hands-on practical experience you receive from being a part of this clinic is unmatched. You will have the opportunity to handle your own cases from start to finish. You will have the opportunity to handle your own court conferences. I negotiated a plea agreement with the District Attorney which gave our client a second chance at life. This Clinic reminds you why you went to law school and wanted to be a lawyer. As a student in this clinic, I was able to make a difference not only on Hofstra's campus but in the Nassau County's Community. Being a part of this clinic will allow you to not only gain experience but the knowledge needed to be a skillful lawyer."

— *Madjeen Garcon, Fall 2018*

YOUTH ADVOCACY CLINIC

"Through the Youth Advocacy Clinic, I have gained incredible experience in what it means to be a true advocate for your client. I have gained first-hand knowledge during this internship, more than any class could have ever taught me. From drafting motions, to representing juveniles in immigration proceedings, I have learned so much while also giving back to our community."

— *Tamara Louis-Jacques 3L*

ROBERT W. ENTENMANN VETERANS LAW CLINIC

"Participating in the Veterans Legal Clinic at Hofstra Law has been an extremely rewarding experience. As a student, and as a veteran, having served in the Israel Defense Forces before beginning my studies, it has been particularly special to be able to help and connect with veteran clients. ... I am extremely proud of the work being done at Hofstra Law's Veteran's Legal Clinic and it is an honor to serve the veteran community."

— *Gabrielle D. Kohlhagen 3L*

ASYLUM CLINIC

Professor Lauris Wren

Maximum Enrollment: 8 Students

In the Asylum Clinic, students represent asylum applicants in immigration proceedings before Asylum Officers, Immigration Judges, and the Board of Immigration Appeals. Our clients fled their countries because of torture or other persecution, based on race, religion, nationality, opinion, or membership in a particular social group. If they are granted asylum, our clients will be able to remain in the United States, to bring their immediate family here, and one year after winning asylum, to apply for permanent residence. Our clients' lives literally depend on the outcome of the asylum case. Students have represented clients from such countries as Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Trinidad, Albania, Chad, Venezuela, Chile, Peru, Jamaica, Tibet, India and Nepal.

For applicants to the Asylum Clinic, please write a one to two page statement of interest explaining why you are applying to the Clinic. In particular, I am interested in hearing of any prior experiences or demonstrations of interest in the following areas: immigration, international issues, political asylum, human rights, and public interest.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

Professor Michael Haber

Maximum Enrollment: 8 Students

Students in the Community & Economic Development Clinic provide transactional (non-litigation) assistance to nonprofits and small businesses in low-income communities in and around Nassau County, with a preference for clients that contribute to social and economic justice. Clients include newly-forming businesses and nonprofits requiring start-up assistance and established entities that need help in connection with more complex issues. The Clinic's start-up work includes: counseling concerning choice-of-entity decisions; incorporation, drafting corporate bylaws, operating agreements, shareholder agreements, and founders' agreements; applications for tax exemption; and drafting, review, and negotiation of contracts. Our work for more established clients commonly involves corporate finance and securities law, commercial leases and real estate transactions, and employment law matters. In addition, we work with some of our nonprofit clients as project counsel in support of their community-driven activities on the legal topics of greatest concern to low-income communities on Long Island: housing, jobs, environmental issues, and more.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLINIC

Professor Elizabeth Nevins-Saunders

Maximum Enrollment: 8 Students

Students in the Criminal Justice Clinic represent indigent clients charged with misdemeanors in Nassau County District Court. Clinic interns provide the entire range of legal representation, from initial interview to sentencing. Courtroom advocacy includes arraignments, bail arguments, bench conferences, evidentiary hearings, oral arguments on motions, bench and jury trials, plea dispositions and sentencings. Lawyering skills practiced outside the courtroom include interviewing, counseling, fact and crime scene investigation, negotiation with assistant district attorneys, and researching and drafting motions and other memoranda. Students may also represent clients in related proceedings including parole revocation, school suspension, and Department of Motor Vehicle hearings where these hearings arise from the facts of the criminal case. In order to perform their court responsibilities, students must keep Tuesday and Thursday mornings (9 a.m. -1 p.m.) free from all other obligations. Students will meet for seminars, rounds, and individual & team meetings during the term, in addition to court appearances. Criminal Procedure I and Evidence are pre- requisites or co-requisites for admission to the Clinic. Trial practice experience (mock trial, NITA classes, etc.) strongly recommended.

DEPORTATION DEFENSE CLINIC

Professor Alexander T. Holtzman

Maximum Enrollment: 20 Students

The Deportation Defense Clinic at Hofstra Law provides:

1. Client representation. We provide full deportation defense services, including screening for relief, rapid response to ICE raids, visiting detained clients in immigrant and criminal detention centers, litigation in immigration and family court (including hearings in immigration court such as master calendar, bond, and individual hearings, as well as family court trials), administrative advocacy with USCIS and at asylum interviews, and appellate work before the Board of Immigration Appeals, Second Department Appellate Division, and Second Circuit Court of Appeals.
2. Impact litigation. We challenge policies and practices that harm the immigrant community on Long Island and in New York.
3. Community advocacy. We advocate for human, civil, and constitutional rights for immigrant communities on Long Island and in New York through legislative and administrative advocacy, community organizing, legal trainings and networking among nonprofits and private attorneys, and provide professional development.

FEDERAL TAX CLINIC PRACTICUM

Professors Linda Galler and Robert Caserta

Maximum Enrollment: 8 students

Students in the Federal Tax Clinic represent taxpayers in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service concerning the determination, collection or refund of any tax, additions to tax, penalties or interest under the Internal Revenue Code. They also may represent taxpayers in disputes concerning New York State income tax issues. Representation may take place at any stage of a tax controversy including, but not limited to, examination (audit), collections, IRS Appeals, and litigation in the United States Tax Court. Students will engage in client interviewing and counseling, intensive fact investigation, legal research, drafting of court and administrative documents and briefs, and negotiation. We attend a Tax Court trial session and participate in an evening open house with IRS Counsel.

YOUTH ADVOCACY CLINIC

Professor Theo Liebmann

Maximum Enrollment: 8 Students

Youth Advocacy Clinic students learn the facets of client advocacy through the challenging experience of representing immigrant children and youth in Family Court and Immigration Court. YAC clients typically come to the United States to escape abusive home environments, extreme poverty, or violence in their communities. YAC students are expected to advocate vigorously for their clients to ensure that courts provide them with safe and stable placements, to defend them from deportation, and to obtain lawful immigration status on their behalf. Students engage in all aspects of the practice, including client counseling, fact investigation, legal research, motion practice, written applications, and full trials and hearings.

ROBERT W. ENTENMANN VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC

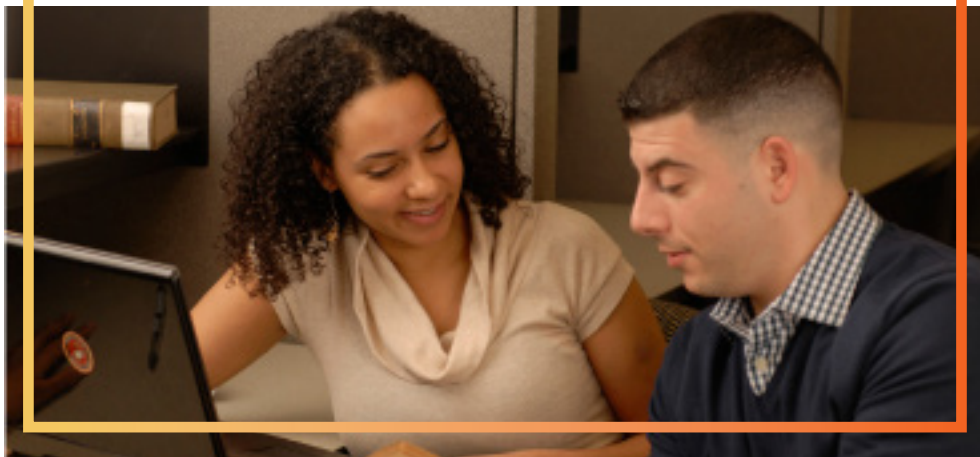
Professor Blair Thompson

Maximum Enrollment: 8 Students

Students in the Clinic will help veterans obtain disability (and thus, often, health care) benefits and apply for discharge upgrades. More particularly, students may help veterans submit disability claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs, work on appeals of denied claims, and help veterans obtain increases in disability ratings, for cases in which increases are justified by a veteran's service record and health status. Students may also help veterans upgrade other-than-honorable discharges from the military so that these veterans become eligible for disability and health care benefits. Working alongside physicians, other clinicians and experienced attorneys, students will help veterans with service-connected disabilities establish that their disabling conditions are service-connected.

Don't Graduate from Law School without Clinical Experience

- Represent clients under the supervision of experienced trial attorneys.
- Get "hands-on" legal experience, which translates into good job offers.
- Argue in court, negotiate with adversaries, conduct depositions and try cases, including jury trials.
- Learn effective methods for interviewing and counseling clients, negotiating, litigation drafting and developing winning case strategies.



How To Register:

1. **Apply.** Complete an on-line application here:
<https://hofstralaw.wufoo.com/forms/clinic-application-spring-2021>
ENROLLMENT IN ALL CLINICS IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THREE FULL-TIME SEMESTERS OF LAW SCHOOL.
2. **Deadline.** Please submit all materials by **October 19, 2020 at 5 p.m.**
3. **Interview.** After you submit your on-line application, you will be contacted by your first choice Clinic to set up a zoom or phone interview with the professor that directs that Clinic. (You will only be interviewed for your first choice clinic.)
4. **Watch your e-mail.** When the clinics have made their choices, they will notify you by e-mail at the addresses you indicate on your application. If you are not accepted into a clinic, you will automatically be placed on a wait list in case a space opens up at a later date. You need not do anything further.
5. **If you are accepted:** Register as usual. The clinic will supply the Academic Records with a list of accepted students for each one of the clinics. These students will then be permitted to register.



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