



Legal Clinics Quiz

Q Did you know you can:
Represent real clients?
Mediate a civil rights claim?
Work on legislation and help get it passed?
All this as a law student and earn credits, too?



A Yes, as soon as
your second year.



Here's what students say about our clinics:

“ The best hands on learning experience available to law students, with the most autonomy that you can get.

The legal clinics are most likely the reason you came to law school. The clinics are a learning environment that actually teaches students how to become a lawyer, and you will feel like one.

Every student should take the clinics. The law I learned in clinic is the only law I know I am comfortable with. I believe that an inherent flaw in lecture is that it promotes memorization. The clinics, in contrast, promote applicability and practice.

I would describe the clinic as a place to receive excellent training on how to become an attorney. The clinic will put on you all of the responsibilities an actual attorney has. The clinic permits you to handle cases that impact actual people, where the decisions you make can have consequences.

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2018 Clinic Recruitment & Information Fair

Tuesday, April 3 | 12:00 -1:00 p.m. and 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Student Center

Join a clinic. Get the tee shirt!

LEGAL CLINICS 2018-2019

Bankruptcy Clinic | Offered both Fall & Spring Semesters: You will gain practical skills experience in insolvency issues & proceedings. You will interview & counsel clients. You will also have the opportunity to engage in all aspects of case assessment & representation of debtors in bankruptcy proceedings in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California. Concurrent or prior enrollment in the Bankruptcy course is required. Contact Professor Warren A. Jones @ wjones@pacific.edu.

Elder and Health Law Clinic | Offered both Fall & Spring Semesters : You will assist people aged 60 and over with issues unique to the aging population. In addition, you will work with persons experiencing homelessness as part of a Medical Legal Partnership with local primary care clinics. You will provide legal advice and representation in a wide variety of issues including elder abuse, health care access (Medicare & MediCal), access to income benefits (Supplemental Security Income, Social Security & VA benefits), simple estate planning, and the civil legal needs of those experiencing homelessness such as criminal record expungement, reductions of fines & fees, and child support modifications. You will develop marketable skills and become acquainted with a wide range of legal practitioners. Concurrent or prior enrollment in Elder Law and Social Policy course or equivalent education/experience required. Contact Professor Melissa Brown @ mbrown1@pacific.edu.

Federal Defender Clinic | Year-long Clinic: You will represent indigent defendants charged with misdemeanors before federal magistrate judges under the supervision of a Federal Defender. Students will hone their skills in client counseling, plea negotiation, case analysis, oral & written advocacy & trial techniques. Students will conduct evidentiary hearings & many will conduct full jury trials. Completion of Criminal Law and Evidence required. Concurrent or prior enrollment in Trial Advocacy and Criminal Procedure is required. The Clinic is limited to third and fourth year students. Contact Professor Cary Bricker @ cbricker@pacific.edu.

Immigration Law Clinic | Offered both Fall & Spring Semesters: You will provide legal assistance to low-income clients on immigration matters including non-immigrant and immigrant visa applications such as U and T visas and VAWA, adjustment of status, and naturalization. Clinic students represent clients before the USCIS and the Immigration Court. Concurrent or prior enrollment in Immigration Law & Policy course is required. Contact Professor Blake Nordahl @ bnordahl@pacific.edu.

Legislative and Public Policy Clinic | Year-long Clinic: You will gain practical skills in researching, drafting, and pursuing adoption of California state legislative and regulatory changes. Students participate in weekly meetings to present the results of their team collaborations and receive feedback from the professor and fellow students. Concurrent or prior enrollment in Lawmaking in California and California Lobbying and Politics courses are required. Students participating in the Capital Lawyering Concentration receive preferred enrollment. Contact Professor Melissa Brown @ mbrown1@pacific.edu.

Prisoner Civil Rights Mediation Clinic | Offered both Fall & Spring Semesters: You will co-mediate section 1983 prisoner civil rights cases with a federal magistrate judge. You will learn both the theory and practice of mediation and will develop the skills necessary to serve as mediators, including participation in mediation simulations. You will also learn section 1983 prisoner case law. Concurrent or prior enrollment in Mediation, Negotiation, or Alternative Dispute Resolution, or a non-credit 40-hour Mediation Workshop with consent of instructors is required. Contact Professor Professor Ederlina Co @ eco@pacific.edu.

Small Business Clinic | Offered in Spring Semester: You will work in a major downtown law firm setting to gain practical experience in client interviewing, researching, case management, document preparation, and other skills necessary to represent the legal needs of small businesses and nonprofits in transactional matters. Students must have completed Global Lawyering Skills I and Business Associations, must be enrolled in or have successfully completed Evidence and Civil Procedure. Federal Income Tax is recommended. Contact: ejackson@pacific.edu and ksaberin@pacific.edu.

For more information, see go.mcgeorge.edu/legal-clinics
or contact Clinic Director Melissa C. Brown at (916) 739-7378 or mbrown1@pacific.edu.

Watch for our Recruitment Fair on April 3 in the Student Center.