HOUSING MEDIATION CLINIC

Goal of Clinic

The Housing Mediation Clinic provides students with the opportunity to mediate landlord/tenant cases working closely with an experienced mediator. This Clinic is part of an innovative Housing Court project funded by the Shriver Civil Counsel Act. Students will gain a working knowledge of landlord/tenant law and will learn effective mediation techniques for landlord/tenant matters.

Structure of Clinic

Students in the Clinic have the opportunity to not only delve deeply into the theory of mediation and landlord/tenant law, but will gain hands-on experience mediating landlord/tenant disputes. Students will attend a weekly seminar and schedule additional clinic hours to observe and co-mediate landlord/tenant cases under the supervision of Pauline Nguyen, an experienced mediator hired under the Shriver grant. The mediations will take place at an off-campus Pacific McGeorge Housing Mediation Center, with a flexible schedule. Students will also present at community outreach events and participate in developing various communication skills trainings and workshop materials.

Prerequisites for Enrollment

A written application is required for this Clinic.

Prerequisite: Mediation, or Negotiation & Settlements, or Alternative Dispute Resolution, or a non-credit basic 40-hour Mediation Workshop with the consent of the professor.

NOTE: Meeting the prerequisite requires careful planning because ADR courses during both the Fall and Spring semesters fill up quickly. There is a special process to enroll in an ADR course for prospective mediation clinic students, requiring a separate form.

Instructor

The Clinic is taught by Mediator and Professor Pauline Nguyen. Contact information: pnguyen@pacific.edu.

Unit Credit and Limit on Enrollment

- The Housing Mediation Clinic is a semester course for three (3) units (honors/pass/fail).
- Enrollment in the Clinic is limited to ten (10) students.

Why This Clinic is Valuable

This Clinic provides an outstanding opportunity for students to learn both the theory and practice of mediation and to develop the skills necessary to serve as mediators, an essential skill for successful lawyers. Students will also have the added benefit of observing court proceedings at the Carol Miller Justice Center, have access to various workshops and guest speakers, and learn from each other in a collaborative academic setting.