LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY CLINIC

Goal of Clinic
The Legislative and Public Policy Clinic provides a practical skills experience in researching, drafting, and pursuing adoption of California state legislative and regulatory changes. Students will interact with elected and appointed officials in state government, their staff, lobbyists, and public affairs professionals. Students will develop coalitions, interact with the media, and advocate for change in State Capitol proceedings.

Structure of Clinic
Students participate in weekly meetings to discuss their team collaboration and to receive feedback.

Prerequisites for Enrollment
A written application is required. Introduction to Capital Lawyering, Lawmaking in California, and California Lobbying and Politics is highly recommended prior to, or concurrent with, the Clinic.

Instructor
Professor Rex Frazier has extensive experience in California legislative and regulatory advocacy, for both government and private clients, and has overseen significant campaign/election programs. Capitol Weekly regularly names Professor Frazier in its Top 50 list of the most influential individuals in California politics. Contact Professor Frazier @ 916-442-6646 or rfrazier@pifc.org.

Unit Credit and Limit on Enrollment
Two (2) units per semester (graded). Enrollment in the Clinic is limited to twelve (12) students.

Why This Clinic is Valuable
This Clinic provides an opportunity for students to develop original legislation with experienced professionals, and to develop a network of Capitol area contacts. Previous Clinic bills include:

2013-2014
AB 2643 (Wieckowski) – Revenge Porn (signed by Governor Brown)
AB 2623 (Pan) - Peace Officer Training – Elder Law (signed by Governor Brown)
AB 2632 (Maienschein) – State Dependent Care Facilities (signed by Governor Brown)
SB 1058 (Leno) – Discredited Expert Witness Testimony (signed by Governor Brown)

2014-2015
AB 1200 (Gordon) – Procurement Lobbying (passed by Legislature, vetoed by Governor Brown)

2015-2016
AB 1554 (Irwin) – Powdered Alcohol (Signed by Governor Brown)
AB 1825 (Gordon) – Animal Euthanasia (Signed by Governor Brown)
AB 2505 (Quirk) – CO2 Euthanasia (Signed by Governor Brown)
SB 1064 (Hancock) – Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (Signed by Governor Brown)
SB 1339 (Monning) – Inter-county Medi-Cal transfers (Signed by Governor Brown)

2016-2017
AB 90 (Weber) – CalGang shared gang database program. (Referred to Assm. Public Safety Cmte, hearing pending)
AB 413 (Eggman) – Confidential Communications, domestic violence (Passed Assm. Public Safety Cmte, to Assembly Floor)
SB 350 (Galgiani) – Incarcerated Persons, health records (Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee)
SB 791 (Glazer) – Higher education, student loan repayments (Amendment and Rules Committee referral pending)