

LAW410: Legal Clinic Practicum

School of Law

Course Duration: Fall 2022 - Winter 2023 (Full Year)

Course Description:

LAW410 provides hands-on legal experience through a legal clinic where students offer pro bono services under the supervision of licensed attorneys. Students will engage in case research, document drafting, and client representation, gaining practical skills and insight into legal practice.

Learning Outcomes:

1. **Client Interaction:** Develop professional skills in client communication and representation.
2. **Legal Research:** Conduct thorough legal research and analysis relevant to cases handled.
3. **Document Drafting:** Draft legal documents including briefs, motions, and client correspondence.
4. **Case Management:** Manage cases effectively from initial intake through resolution.
5. **Ethical Practice:** Understand and apply ethical considerations in legal practice.

Course Structure & Key Deliverables:

| Phase | Weeks | Focus | Activities | Deliverables | Due Date |
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| 1. Orientation & Training | 1-2 | Introduction to Legal Clinic | Orientation sessions, training on clinic procedures | Orientation Attendance & Training Report (10%) | September 8, 2022 |
| 2. Case Assignment & Initial Work | 3-6 | Case Assignment & Initial Tasks | Assigning cases, initial client meetings, case research | Case Assignment Report (15%) Initial Research Summary (10%) | October 15, 2022 October 31, 2022 |
| 3. Case Development & Document Drafting | 7-14 | Developing Cases & Drafting Documents | Preparing legal documents, client meetings, case development | Drafted Legal Documents (20%) Progress Report (15%) | December 15, 2022 January 15, 2023 |
| 4. Case Management & Advocacy | 15-22 | Case Management & Court Representation | Managing case files, court appearances, client advocacy | Case Management Report (15%) Court Appearance Reflection (10%) | February 15, 2023 March 1, 2023 |

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| 5. Final Evaluation & Reflection | 23-24 | Final Review & Reflection | Reflecting on the practicum experience, final evaluations | Final Reflection Paper (15%) Supervisor Evaluation (5%) |
| | | | | April 1, 2023 April 5, 2023 |

Grading Breakdown:

- **Orientation Attendance & Training Report: 10%**
- **Case Assignment Report: 15%**
- **Initial Research Summary: 10%**
- **Drafted Legal Documents: 20%**
- **Progress Report: 15%**
- **Case Management Report: 15%**
- **Court Appearance Reflection: 10%**
- **Final Reflection Paper: 15%**
- **Supervisor Evaluation: 5%**

Total: 100%

Detailed Deliverables:

- 1. Orientation Attendance & Training Report (10%)**
 - **Description:** Report detailing attendance and understanding of the training sessions during orientation.
 - **Due Date:** September 8, 2022
- 2. Case Assignment Report (15%)**
 - **Description:** Report on the assignment of cases, including case details and initial action plans.
 - **Due Date:** October 15, 2022
- 3. Initial Research Summary (10%)**
 - **Description:** Summary of initial legal research conducted for the assigned cases.
 - **Due Date:** October 31, 2022
- 4. Drafted Legal Documents (20%)**
 - **Description:** Set of legal documents drafted during the practicum, including briefs, motions, and client correspondence.
 - **Due Date:** December 15, 2022
- 5. Progress Report (15%)**
 - **Description:** Report on the progress of case development, including challenges and solutions.
 - **Due Date:** January 15, 2023
- 6. Case Management Report (15%)**
 - **Description:** Detailed report on case management, including file organization, client interactions, and case outcomes.
 - **Due Date:** February 15, 2023

7. **Court Appearance Reflection (10%)**

- **Description:** Reflective analysis on experiences during court appearances, including learning outcomes and personal growth.
- **Due Date:** March 1, 2023

8. **Final Reflection Paper (15%)**

- **Description:** Comprehensive reflection on the overall practicum experience, including skills gained and insights into legal practice.
- **Due Date:** April 1, 2023

9. **Supervisor Evaluation (5%)**

- **Description:** Evaluation by the supervising attorney, assessing performance and professional development.
- **Due Date:** April 5, 2023

This syllabus for LAW410 outlines a structured approach to the legal clinic practicum, combining orientation, case work, document drafting, case management, and reflection to provide a comprehensive learning experience in legal practice.