

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER CLINIC 3L EXPERIENCE**

**3L Course Number Classroom: 24 IRTS 737      Call Number: 000018**

**3L Course Number Field Placement: 24 IRTS 738      Call Number: 000017**

**You must sign up for both classes.**

**Semester:** Fall 2011

**Professor:** Kenyatta Mickels

**Credits:** 4 classroom credits and 2 nonclassroom credits

**Primary Basis for Grade:** Professor's evaluation of clinic work; Letter grade for classroom work and following scale for field placement: High Pass/ Pass/ Low Pass/ Fail

**Prerequisites:** Evidence (may be taken concurrently). Civil trial practice recommended but not required.

**Enrollment:** Students must submit an application and be interviewed. Selected students will be enrolled in the classes by the Registrar.

**Meets Seminar Requirement:** No

**Meets Writing Requirement:** No

**Meets Client Counseling Requirement:** No

**Meeting Time for Classroom Component:** W 3:05 – 5:50; Intensive training also required as scheduled by the instructor.

**Location:** 308

### **Course Description:**

Third-year law students, with a legal intern license, advocate for survivors in a variety of settings.

As part of collaboration with the Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati, students represent clients from the initial interview through trial. Students also represent clients in post-trial matters when necessary to accomplish an equitable result. For example, students have filed objections to decisions and drafted, filed, and argued contempt and other post-trial motions. Students also draft briefs when cases are appealed to the First Appellate District Court and, when an argument is scheduled during the academic year, a student argues the case.

Students participate as domestic violence advocates in other ways as well. For example, students conducted research and assisted in writing an amicus brief filed with the United States Supreme Court in *Abbott v. Abbott*, involving custody rights. In addition, when the YWCA shelter was threatened with loss of funding, two clinic students testified before the Cincinnati City Council, which voted to restore funding.

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