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Michigan Law School Clinics Summary

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There are currently 46 clinics operating in Michigan's five law schools. More information about each clinic can be found by clicking on the name in the index.

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Michigan State University (8 clinics)

1. Alvin L. Storrs Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

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648 North Shaw Lane

Law College Building, Room 215

East Lansing, MI 48824-1300

taxclinic@law.msu.edu

<https://www.law.msu.edu/clinics/tax.html>

Services

Tax (Income Related), Tax (Property Related), Law School Clinic

Comments

We provide important tax-related legal services to low-income Michigan taxpayers. The Tax Clinic handles all aspects of controversy with the IRS. It assists clients with tax collection problems; liens and levies; offers in compromise; innocent spouse claims; claims relating to deductions, exemptions, and credits; collection due process hearings; and appeals conferences. In addition, we represent taxpayers in cases before the United States Tax Court, the United States District Court, and federal appeals courts.

How to Get Tax Help - Contact the Tax Clinic for help if you are a taxpayer residing in Michigan and you meet the following requirements:

1.) You have a federal or State of Michigan tax controversy.

The Tax Clinic handles all aspects of controversy with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Michigan Department of Treasury, including assisting clients with tax collection problems, liens and levies, offers in compromise, innocent spouse claims, collection due process hearings, appeals conferences, and filing of past years' tax returns. In addition, the Clinic represents taxpayers in cases before the United States Tax Court, the United States District Court, and federal appellate courts.

2.) You satisfy the Tax Clinic's income guidelines.

The income guidelines dictate that in the current year your income cannot exceed 250% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2. Chance at Childhood Clinic

Phone: (517) 432-6880

648 North Shaw Lane

Law College Building, Room 215

East Lansing, MI 48824-1300

chanceat@law.msu.edu

www.law.msu.edu/clinics/childhood.html

Services

Family (Divorce/Custody), Law School Clinic

Comments

We advocate for children involved in the court system in many different cases. Students gain experience in child custody, supervised visitation, child protection, guardianships, child support issues, and adoption matters.

3. Civil Rights Clinic

Phone: (517) 432-6880

648 North Shaw Lane

Law College Building, Room 215

East Lansing, MI 48824-1300

civilrights@law.msu.edu

<https://www.law.msu.edu/clinics/civil-rights.html>

Services

Civil Rights/Prisoner Issues, Law School Clinic

Comments

Students in this clinic will represent civil rights litigants in federal court, with a focus on assisting prisoners incarcerated in Michigan prisons.

4. First Amendment Clinic

Phone: (517) 432-6880

648 North Shaw Lane

Law College Building, Room 215

East Lansing, MI 48824-1300

firstamendment@law.msu.edu

<https://www.law.msu.edu/clinics/first-amendment.html>

Services

Civil Rights/Prisoner Issues, Law School Clinic

Comments

In 2011, the Clinic expanded its role to become the MSU First Amendment Law Clinic dedicated to providing pro bono legal representation on First Amendment issues to news media companies in the state of Michigan, while continuing its education work and legal advice and representation to Michigan high school and college journalists. Law and journalism faculty supervise second- and third-year law students in their work with the Clinic. Law students also visit high school journalism staffs to review current legal precedents and laws and their impact on the student press and provide legal advice and assistance when required.

5. Housing Law Clinic

Phone: (517) 432-6880

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Law College Building, Room 215

East Lansing, MI 48824-1300

clinic@law.msu.edu

<https://www.law.msu.edu/clinics/housing.html>

Services

Housing Discrimination, Landlord/Tenant, Mobile Home, Mortgage Foreclosure, Subsidized Housing, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Housing Law Clinic at the Michigan State University College of Law provides low to moderate income residents of Michigan with legal advocacy on housing and related consumer problems. The types of cases they handle include landlord-tenant, housing discrimination, public housing, subsidized housing, land contracts, land use, foreclosures, affordable housing, and homeownership. MSU College of Law students work under the supervision of experienced legal professionals and educators.

During the law school academic year (September through May), the Clinic is open, but hours may vary, please call (517) 336-6880 to schedule an appointment.

6. Immigration Clinic

Phone: (517) 432-6880

648 North Shaw Lane

Law College Building, Room 215

East Lansing, MI 48824-1300

immig@law.msu.edu

www.law.msu.edu/clinics/immigration.html

Services

Immigration, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Immigration Law Clinic engages students with immigrant communities through direct client representation and systemic advocacy for vulnerable populations that are otherwise unable to obtain legal representation. The Immigration Clinic provides opportunities for students to experience the practice of law in a well-supervised and academically rigorous program that both prepares them for the practice of law and enables them to critically assess social justice issues. Students learn while being actively engaged as important community resources.

7. Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

Phone: 517-432-6880

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Law College Building, Room 215

East Lansing, MI 48824-1300

ipclinic@law.msu.edu

<https://www.law.msu.edu/clinics/ip.html>

Services

Law School Clinic

Comments

The Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurial Law Clinic helps business owners to navigate the complex legal processes associated with starting a company and protecting their intellectual property. Our goal is to provide comprehensive, forward-looking analysis and recommendations to help position entrepreneurs for long-term growth and business success.

8. Indian Law Clinic

Phone: (517) 432-6880

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Law College Building, Room 215

East Lansing, MI 48824-1300

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<https://www.law.msu.edu/clinics/indian.html>

Services

Law School Clinic

Comments

The Indian Law Clinic represents the interests of tribes and tribal organizations. The Clinic has two areas of focus—the Tribal Governance Project and the ICWA Appellate Project. Both projects are committed to working with tribes to support tribal self-governance and nation building. Supporting and promoting tribal self-governance requires a thorough understanding of the tribal court systems and the relationship between tribes, states, and the federal government.

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (11 clinics)

1. Criminal Trial Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262

George J. Asher Law Clinic,

651 East Jefferson Ave.,

Detroit, MI 48226

<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Criminal Defense, Criminal Law, Law School Clinic

Comments

In the Criminal Trial Clinic students represent misdemeanor defendants in district courts. The course prepares students for all practical aspects of criminal defense, including bonds, arraignments, discovery, preliminary examinations, pre-trial motions, plea negotiations, sentencing guidelines and probation issues. Students interview clients, review discovery, prepare motions, conduct plea negotiations, and appear on the record when they are in court. Students learn substantive criminal law and local criminal procedure.

2. Immigration Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262

George J. Asher Law Clinic,

651 East Jefferson Ave.,

Detroit, MI 48226

<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Immigration, Law School Clinic

Comments

Students in the clinic represent immigrants seeking a variety of relief and benefits, including family sponsorship, Violence against Women Act Petitions, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Students represent clients in trials before the U.S. Immigration Court for clients seeking protection from persecution in their home country (asylum). The clinic also participates in hearings before the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the students write briefs to the Board of Immigration Appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

3. Housing Law Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262

George J. Asher Law Clinic,

651 East Jefferson Ave.,

Detroit, MI 48226

<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Housing Discrimination, Landlord/Tenant, Mobile Home, Mortgage Foreclosure, Subsidized Housing, Law School Clinic

Comments

In this Clinic students will represent tenants and homeowners facing eviction proceedings in the 36th District Court of Detroit. The law clinic is run through the United Community Housing Coalition at the 36th District Court operating Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

4. Juvenile Appellate Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262

George J. Asher Law Clinic,

651 East Jefferson Ave.,

Detroit, MI 48226

<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Juvenile, Law School Clinic

Comments

Students in the Juvenile Appellate Clinic represent juveniles in the Michigan Court of Appeals. The appeals primarily involve child protective proceedings from Wayne County Juvenile Court (abuse and neglect); however, there may be some appeals of delinquency cases.

5. SADO Appellate Advocacy Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262

George J. Asher Law Clinic,

651 East Jefferson Ave.,

Detroit, MI 48226

<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Criminal, Law School Clinic

Comments

In the clinic students prepare a criminal appellate brief to be submitted to the Michigan Court of Appeals or the Michigan Supreme Court under the supervision of attorneys from the State Appellate Defender Office. For cases before the Appellate Division, students can do the oral argument in line with recent revisions to MCR 8.120, the student practice rule.

6. Veterans Law Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262

George J. Asher Law Clinic,

651 East Jefferson Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48226
<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Veterans/Military, Law School Clinic

Comments

Students participating in the Veterans Clinic represent veterans and their families in disability cases. Students practice before the Department of Veterans Affairs to obtain veterans benefits for service-connected disabilities.

7. Appellate Veterans Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262
George J. Asher Law Clinic,
651 East Jefferson Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48226
<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Veteran Appeals, Law School Clinic

Comments

This Clinic represents disabled veterans and/or their dependents before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) under supervision of an experienced clinical professor. Students write and file briefs, motions, and other documents on behalf of the appellant veteran

8. Family Law Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262
George J. Asher Law Clinic,
651 East Jefferson Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48226
<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Family, Law School Clinic

Comments

Under the supervision of experienced family law practitioners, students will represent individuals in family law matters before the Wayne County Circuit Court.

9. Patent Law Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262
George J. Asher Law Clinic,

651 East Jefferson Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48226
<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Patent, Intellectual Property, Law School Clinic

Comments

Under the supervision of patent attorneys registered to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), students will write patent applications for needy inventors. Students will interview an inventor, prepare drawings and a description for a patentability search, evaluate the patentability search results, prepare drawing layouts for a patent application for the inventor, and write all parts of the specifications including claims for the invention. Applications will be filed with the PTO.

10. Trademark and Entrepreneur Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262
George J. Asher Law Clinic,
651 East Jefferson Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48226
<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Intellectual Property, Law School Clinic

Comments

Operating as a USPTO certified trademark clinic (application pending), under the supervision of licensed attorneys, including licensed trademark attorneys registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), students assist local entrepreneurs in filing trademark applications with the USPTO and will be able to correspond directly with that office as well as prepare and file responses. Students will also assist business entrepreneurs in navigating the legal issues involved in business startup.

11. Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Clinic

Phone: (313) 596-0262
George J. Asher Law Clinic,
651 East Jefferson Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48226
<http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics.php>

Services

Legal Assistance, Law School Clinic

Comments

This new clinic is designed to assist *pro se* (self-represented) litigants who have filed or will file a case in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division. The Federal pro se Clinic will provide limited scope legal assistance to indigent and low-income non-prisoner pro se litigants at no cost.

Available client services will include prescreening of cases for federal court jurisdiction, assistance clarifying claims and amending the complaint, education of litigants as to the court process and available forms, assistance completing forms, assistance with discovery and motions, advice on substantive and procedural matters, legal research, limited drafting of pleadings, and assistance at other stages of the proceedings.

University of Michigan Law School (17 clinics)

1. Child Advocacy Clinic

Phone: (734) 763-5000

Fax: (734) 647-4042

701 S. State St,

Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/calc/Pages/default.aspx

Services

Family (Divorce/Custody), Law School Clinic

Comments

In the Child Advocacy Law Clinic (CALC), students represent children, parents, or local county offices of the Department of Human Services in court cases in Washtenaw, Genesee, Wayne, Jackson, Livingston, or Monroe counties. With close support and supervision of an interdisciplinary faculty, law students address the complex legal, social, emotional, ethical, and public policy questions of state intervention in family life on behalf of children.

2. Child Welfare Appellate Clinic

Phone: (734) 763-4319

Fax: (734) 764-4702

363 Legal Research Building

801 Monroe St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

<https://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/cwac/Pages/default.aspx>

Services

Family (Divorce/Custody), Law School Clinic

Comments

Students in the Child Welfare Appellate Clinic represent parents in appeals to the Michigan Court of Appeals of orders terminating their parental rights.

3. Civil-Criminal Litigation Clinic

Phone: (734) 763-4319

Fax: (734) 764-4702

363 Legal Research Building

801 Monroe St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/generalclinic/Pages/default.aspx

Services

Immigration, Mortgage Foreclosure, Unemployment Benefits, Medicare/Medicaid, Public Benefits, Public Benefits (Food Stamps), Social Security Benefits, Criminal, Landlord/Tenant, Consumer Issues, Civil Rights/Prisoner Issues, Employment/Wrongful Term, Law School Clinic

Comments

On the civil side, CCLC students represent clients in many areas of the law, including landlord-tenant, consumer fraud, contract disputes, prisoners' civil rights, discrimination, sexual harassment, political asylum and refugee, mortgage foreclosure, and social security or other public benefits claims.

On the criminal side, students represent clients charged with misdemeanors from arraignment through trial. Students also handle some post-judgment issues in serious felony cases. The clinic's docket frequently includes class actions, issues of first impression, and other impact litigation.

4. Community Enterprise Clinic

Phone: (734) 615-8735

Fax: (734) 647-7658

701 S. State St, Ste 2020,

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

<https://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/cec/Pages/default.aspx>

Services

Non-Profit Issues, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Community Enterprise Clinic is dedicated to promoting vibrant, diverse, and sustainable communities by providing transactional legal services to non-profit and community-based organizations. The Clinic provides legal research, technical and policy assistance to organizations and groups engaged in a variety of community and economic development efforts in Detroit and the metro area.

The Clinic operates as general counsel and informal advocate in a variety of settings and offers community organizations a range of legal resources including advice and representation in these areas: organization of non-profit corporations; drafting, negotiating and reviewing contracts and other agreements; tax issues; employment issues; real estate purchase, sale and finance; zoning and other land use questions; intellectual property including copyright and trademark; and policy analysis and development.

5. Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic

Phone: (734) 763-4309

Fax: (734) 764-4702

363 Legal Research Building

801 Monroe St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/criminal/Pages/default.aspx

Services

Criminal, Law School Clinic

Comments

Students in the Criminal Appellate Practice (CAP) clinic have the opportunity to represent convicted felons on appeal. Under the supervision of attorneys from Michigan's State Appellate Defender Office, students

prepare and file briefs in the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court, and the United States District Court.

6. Entrepreneurship Clinic

Phone: (734) 763-1981

Fax: (734) 647-7658

701 S. State St., Ste. 2020

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

<https://entrepreneurship.law.umich.edu/>

Services

Law School Clinic

Comments

The Entrepreneurship Clinic, part of the Zell Entrepreneurship and Law (ZEAL) Program, is a clinical law program focusing on advising U-M student entrepreneurial ventures. The students represent early-stage ventures while offering valuable legal services to the University entrepreneurial ecosystem.

7. Environmental Law Clinic

Phone: (734) 647-7087

625 S. State St.,

745 Legal Research

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/environmental/Pages/default.aspx

Services

Law School Clinic

Comments

The Environmental Law Clinic offers legal assistance to cases drawn from the judicial, administrative, and legislative dockets of the National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Regional Center in Ann Arbor. The Center's resident attorney supervises students. Students work on a wide range of natural resources and conservation issues and participate in some of the most significant environmental legal work in the United States.

8. Federal Appellate Litigation Clinic

Phone: (734) 763-5000

Fax: (734) 647-4042

743 Legal Research Building,

801 Monroe St,

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/federalappellateclinic/Pages/default.aspx

Services

Criminal, Law School Clinic

Comments

Under the supervision of Professors Melissa Salinas and Kevin Carlson, students will prepare and file briefs on behalf of criminal defendants and/or habeas petitioners in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

9. Human Trafficking Clinical Program

Phone: (734) 763-4319

Fax: (734) 764-4702

363 Legal Research Building,

801 Monroe St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

<https://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/humantraffickingclinic/Pages/default.aspx>

Services

Immigration, Law School Clinic

Comments

The HTC is the first legal clinic solely dedicated to human trafficking in the United States. The students in the clinic run community outreach and education initiatives and conduct research about the state of laws relating to human trafficking. Students represent victims and protect their rights, help shape the policy conversation, and in draft language used in amendments to trafficking laws.

The HTLP is in the process of creating, and will maintain, a database of all recent human trafficking lawsuits and prosecutions in the United States, as well as providing best practices guidance.

10. International Transactions Clinic

Phone: (734) 763-9377

701 South State St.,

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/internationaltransactionclinic/Pages/default.aspx

Services

Law School Clinic

Comments

The International Transactions Clinic (ITC) is the first of its kind. It is a training ground for highly qualified lawyers who graduate already experienced at representing their clients' interests in an increasingly globalized and complex world. The ITC has a diverse range of clients. What the ITC clients all hold in common, however, is an international focus and a willingness to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges—like poverty, adequate housing, environmental degradation, and climate change.

11. Juvenile Justice Clinic

Phone: 734.763.1193

Fax: 734.647.4042

701 South State St.,
2023 South Hall,
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

<https://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/juvenilejustice/Pages/default.aspx>

Services

Juvenile, Law School Clinic

Comments

In the Juvenile Justice Clinic (JJC), students represent minors charged with violations of the criminal law and status offenses in Michigan's family courts. While primarily a litigation clinic, students may, from time to time, handle appellate matters and may be involved in public policy issues.

12. Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

Phone: (734) 936-3535

Fax: (734) 647-2881

2078 South Hall,
701 South State St.,
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/litc/Pages/default.aspx

Services

Tax (Property Related), Tax (Income Related), Law School Clinic

Comments

The Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) provides free representation for low-income individuals with IRS controversies. We strive to provide quality legal service to low-income taxpayers with the following issues: IRS Notices, Petitions to the United States Tax Court, IRS liens and levies, offers in compromise, installment agreements, innocent or injured spouse relief, tax audits, Earned Income Tax Credit Eligibility and Denials, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number issues, and more. The LITC also works with community organizations to provide information about tax issues and taxpayer rights and responsibilities to individuals who speak English as a second language.

13. Michigan Innocence Clinic

Phone: (734) 763-9353

Fax: (734) 764-8242

701 South State St.,
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/innocenceclinic/Pages/default.aspx

Services

Criminal, Law School Clinic

Comments

At the Michigan Innocence Clinic at Michigan Law, clinic students investigate and litigate cases on behalf of prisoners who have new evidence that may establish that they are innocent of the crimes for which they

have been convicted. Unlike many other innocence clinics, which specialize in DNA exonerations, the Michigan Innocence Clinic focuses on innocence cases where there is no biological evidence to be tested. Under the supervision of its founder, Professor David Moran, Innocence Clinic students work on all aspects of the cases, including investigating new evidence, preparing state post-conviction motions, conducting hearings and arguing motions in conjunction with these motions, and filing appeals to the state and federal courts. The Michigan Innocence Clinic has already exonerated seven of its clients since its inception in 2009.

14. Pediatric Advocacy Initiative

Phone: (734) 763-1942

Fax: 734.764-8242

701 South State St., Room 2076,

Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/pediatricadvocacyclinic/Pages/default.aspx

Services

Health Insurance, Public Benefits, Law School Clinic, Education, Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security Benefits, Subsidized Housing, Public Benefits (Food Stamps), Family (Divorce/Custody), Landlord/Tenant, Public Utilities

Comments

The Pediatric Advocacy Clinic is a medical-legal collaborative for law students and pediatric providers to improve the health of low-income children and their families. Working with healthcare providers, students identify and prioritize legal practice areas, design, and conduct trainings for medical providers, structure and prioritize future clinic services, and represent the clients through the program.

15. Workers' Rights Clinic

Phone: 734.936.2000

Fax: 734.707.4881

P.O. Box 4369

Ann Arbor, MI 48106-4369

Email: law-uic-info@umich.edu

<https://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/workersrights/Pages/default.aspx>

Services

Unemployment Claims, Law School Clinic

Comments

We are a free clinic, staffed by Michigan Law students, that is focused on workers' rights, primarily by addressing their issues with Unemployment Insurance claims. We provide advocacy, advice, and assistance to Michigan workers.

GETTING HELP

Contact our office by phone: 734.936.2000 or email: law-uic-info@umich.edu.

From time to time we reach maximum case capacity and are not able to provide full representation. If intake is closed, check here for our referral list of other lawyers that provide representation to UI claimants.

Please be careful not to miss any appeal deadlines. You have 30 days from the date of mailing of any Unemployment Insurance determination or decision to appeal. If you disagree with a determination or decision, you must appeal within 30 days to protect your rights. You can find information about how to appeal a decision in our Know Your Rights brochure.

If you need to apply for Unemployment Insurance benefits you can do so online or by phone. Find out how to apply for benefits on the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency website.

16. Veterans Legal Clinic

Phone: 734.763.2798

801 Monroe St.,

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

www.law.umich.edu/clinical/veterans/Pages/default.aspx

Services

Family (Divorce/Custody), Landlord/Tenant, Law School Clinic, Consumer Issues, Employment/Wrongful Term, Mortgage Foreclosure, Veterans/Military

Comments

The Veterans Legal Clinic at Michigan Law School is a new clinical offering in which veterans and, in some cases, their immediate families will receive legal help in civil matters such as family law (divorce, custody, support and visitation), eviction, consumer problems, foreclosure, and employment cases. The clinic also will assist veterans with service-related matters such as disability benefits and discharge status challenges. Most veterans cannot afford to hire a lawyer and, as a population, have a disproportionately high need for attorneys in these legal areas. Second- and third-year law students, under the supervision of faculty, will represent veterans who primarily live and work in southeast Michigan. Students will collaborate with other units on the University of Michigan campus, including psychology, social work, and medicine, as well as veterans' services organizations and the local Veterans Administration medical complex in Ann Arbor, to holistically address the needs of their clients.

17. Transactional Lab & Clinic

Phone: (734) 763-5000

801 Monroe St.,

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

<https://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/Pages/TLCP.aspx>

Services

Transactional, Business, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Transactional Lab & Clinic (TLC) presents clients with an opportunity to work with bright and motivated law students, working directly under faculty supervision, on transactional and related business-law matters of value to the client. Students in TLC work for large, complex organizations based around the world, as well as small, local organizations based around the Law School; this diversity provides students with an opportunity to learn how businesspeople and lawyers, occupying a variety of positions in the global and local economy, think about and do deals.

Wayne State University Law (5 clinics)

1. Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic

(313) 577-4015

471 W Palmer St.,

Detroit, MI 48202-3986

<https://law.wayne.edu/clinics/immigration>

Services

Immigration, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic students represent individual clients seeking immigration benefits including, but not limited to, asylum, withholding of removal, relief under the Convention Against Torture, U and T visas for victims of trafficking and other crimes, relief under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Special Immigrant Juvenile visas, and Temporary Protected Status, as well as help clients who obtain such relief with family reunification, adjustment of status and, eventually, naturalization.

2. Business and Community Law Clinic

(313) 577-4015

471 W Palmer St.,

Detroit, MI 48202-3986

<https://law.wayne.edu/clinics/business>

Services

Non-Profit Issues, Law School Clinic

Comments

Wayne State University Law School's Business and Community Law Clinic provides free legal services to small businesses, start-ups, and nonprofit organizations. The clinic can assist you with virtually any transactional matter, including:

- Business entity selection and formation contract review and preparation
- Preparation of tax-exempt applications for 501(c)(3) status
- Preparation of trademark and copyright applications
- Review and drafting of commercial real estate documents

The clinic represents clients only on business transactions and does not work on litigation matters. Also, while all legal services are free, clients are responsible for paying any filing fees.

Eligibility:

- Your business is/will be in metropolitan Detroit.
- You cannot afford legal services from a private lawyer.
- You have a business plan

3. Disability Law Clinic

(313) 577-3970

471 W. Palmer St.,

Detroit, MI 48202

<https://law.wayne.edu/academics/clinics/disability>

Services

Disability Right's, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Disability Law Clinic addresses the unique legal needs of Detroit-area residents with disabilities, helping them obtain the support, services, and accommodations they need to live independent and productive lives in the community. It provides free legal aid to people with disabilities in civil and administrative matters related to their disabilities (e.g. disability civil rights, special education, health insurance coverage, guardianship/conservatorship, Social Security Disability Insurance/SSI).

4. Appeal and Post – Conviction Advocacy Clinic

(313) 577-4015

471 W. Palmer St.,

Detroit, MI 48202

<https://law.wayne.edu/academics/clinics/appeal>

Services

Criminal, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Appeal and Post-Conviction Advocacy Clinic (APAC) is a partnership with Michigan's State Appellate Defenders Office (SADO) that offers students training in practical lawyering skills and is taught by part-time faculty who are experienced SADO attorneys.

Students will work with indigent clients who are challenging their felony convictions or sentences in state or federal court, in cooperation with SADO. Students will meet with the instructor in individual sessions and class sessions to discuss writing, investigation, client communication, research, and the appellate and correctional processes. Students have client contact and may participate in an actual circuit court argument. Regardless of the court filing in each case, every student must prepare an appellate document (motion and brief, application for leave to appeal, or a memorandum of law) on behalf of their client.

5. Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic

(313) 577-4015

471 W. Palmer St.,

Detroit, MI 48202

<https://law.wayne.edu/clinics/cancer-clinic>

Services

Health Insurance, Landlord/Tenant, Mortgage Foreclosure, Public Utilities, Employment/Wrongful Term, Wills & Powers of Attorney, Public Benefits, Social Security Benefits, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic is a medical-legal partnership that offers students training in practical lawyering skills while providing an invaluable service to low-income cancer patients living in the metro- Detroit area.

The areas of law in which the clinic helps can be summarized by the acronym I-HELP:

- I** Insurance (health insurance eligibility and coverage)
- H** Housing (foreclosure, eviction, poor housing conditions, utility problems)
- E** Employment (Americans with Disabilities Act issues / family and medical leave / employee benefits)
- L** Long-term planning (advance directives, wills, powers of attorney)
- P** Public benefits (Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability, and State Disability Assistance)

WMU Thomas M. Cooley Law School (5 clinics)

1. Access to Justice Clinic

(517) 371-5140

300 S. Capitol Ave.,
Lansing, MI 48933-2002

<https://www.cooley.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics>

Services

Legal Clinic/General Issues, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Access to Justice Clinic provides legal representation to those seeking to expunge their criminal convictions or remove their names from DHHS' Central Registry. The clinic also seeks to educate the public generally about issues facing ex-offenders as they seek successful reentry into society, through volunteering at community outreach events, and giving presentations on the topics of expungement and Central Registry name removal. Two-term clinic in which students provide general, civil legal services to clients referred by the Legal Assistance Center at the Kent County Courthouse. Most of the clients have family law issues, however, clients may also have property issues, consumer law issues, or a variety of other civil legal issues.

2. Estate Planning Clinic

(517) 371-5140

300 S. Capitol Ave.,
Lansing, MI 48933-2002

<https://www.cooley.edu/academics/experiential-learning/estate-planning-clinic>

Services

Wills & Powers of Attorney, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Estate Planning Clinic provides evening and weekend hours to assist area senior citizens with estate planning issues. Students interview and counsel clients and draft wills, powers of attorney, and medical directives.

3. Innocence Project Clinic

(517) 371-5140

300 S. Capitol Ave.,
Lansing, MI 48933-2002

<https://www.cooley.edu/academics/experiential-learning/innocence-project>

Services

Criminal, Civil Rights/Prisoner Issues, Law School Clinic

Comments

The Cooley Innocence Project is part of the Innocence Network. In its short life, the Cooley Innocence Project has already led to the exoneration of four innocent people with DNA testing.

As Innocence Project Interns, students review case files, screen applications, investigate facts, conduct interviews, and analyze cases. Students also assist assigned attorneys with research and pleadings for post-conviction proceedings.

4. Public Defender Clinics

(517) 334-5760

300 S. Capitol Ave.,

Lansing, MI 48933-2002

<https://www.cooley.edu/academics/experiential-learning/public-defender>

Services

Criminal, Juvenile, Law School Clinic

Comments

This program is a blended clinic. While working for the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office, students can practice law under Michigan Court Rule 8.120. This court rule enables students to appear in court under the supervision of a state bar member and with the approval of the judge. Students handle a wide variety of defense work, including misdemeanors and felonies.

5. Sixty Plus Elder Law Clinic

(517) 334-5760

300 S. Capitol Ave.,

Lansing, MI 48933-2002

<https://www.cooley.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics>

Services

Elder (60+), Bankruptcy/Debt Collection, Consumer Issues, Guardian/Conservator, Landlord/Tenant, Wills & Powers of Attorney, Public Benefits, Social Security Benefits, Medicare/Medicaid, Family (Divorce/Custody), Mortgage Foreclosure, Law School Clinic

Comments

Sixty Plus, Inc. students interview, counsel, represent, and advocate for clients, all of whom are over sixty years old and reside in Ingham, Eaton, or Clinton counties. Students, who are closely supervised by the clinical faculty, proceed on behalf of clients in a wide variety of legal matters and activities, including drafting pleadings, arguing motions, negotiating with opposing counsel and conducting trials Under Michigan's Student Practice Rule 8.120.