Thomas M. Cooley Law School
In-House Clinic Information

Lansing

Sixty Plus Clinic
The Sixty Plus, Inc., Elderlaw Clinic provides general civil legal services to persons 60 years of age or older primarily in Ingham, Eaton or Clinton county. There are no income guidelines, although priority is given to people in the greatest social and economic need and those with public benefit problems. Students represent clients under Michigan Court Rule 8.120. For further information, go to http://www.cooley.edu/60plus/index.html or contact Professor Kimberly O'Leary at olearyk@cooley.edu

Innocence Project
Operating under the DNA Statutory criteria, the Innocence Project's dual mission is to identify, provide legal assistance to, and secure the release of persons who are wrongfully imprisoned for crimes they did not commit and to provide its students with an excellent learning experience. Students work directly with faculty. For further information, go to http://www.cooley.edu/clinics/innocence.htm or contact Professor Marla Mitchell-Cichon at mitchelm@cooley.edu

Washtenaw County Public Defender Clinic
The Washtenaw County Public Defender Clinic is a partnership between Cooley and the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office. Students work with indigent clients who are accused of committing a crime and are allowed to practice law under Michigan Court Rule 8.120. For further information, go to http://www.cooley.edu/clinics/washtenawpublicdefender.htm or contact Professor Terry Cavanaugh at cavanaut@cooley.edu

Estate Planning Clinic
The Estate Planning Clinic provides estate planning services for small estates of persons 60 years of age or older primarily in Ingham, Eaton or Clinton county. There are no income guidelines. Students represent clients under Michigan Court Rule 8.120. For further information, go to http://www.cooley.edu/clinics/estateplanning.htm or contact Professor Gary Bauer at bauerg@cooley.edu

Grand Rapids

Access to Justice Clinic
Students provide general, civil legal services to clients referred by the Legal Assistance Center at the Kent County Courthouse. Most clients have family law issues; however, clients may also have property issues, consumer law issues, or a variety of other civil legal issues. Students perform legal representation pursuant to Michigan Court Rule 8.120. For further information, contact Professor Cindy Faulkner at faulknec@cooley.edu

Public Sector Law Project
The clinic is currently partnered with Kent County, Michigan. Students provide civil legal services of a transactional, advisory, legislative or systemic nature to government clients in management or elected office. For further information, contact Professor Sherry Batzer at batzers@cooley.edu

Kent County Public Defender Clinic
The Kent County Public Defender Clinic is a partnership between Cooley and the Kent County Public Defender's Office. The students work with indigent clients who are accused of committing a crime. Students who participate in the clinic are allowed to practice law under the Michigan Court Rule 8.120. For further information, contact Professor Tracey Brame at bramet@cooley.edu

Auburn Hills

Family Law Assistance Project
The Family Law Assistance Project (FLAP) is a partnership between Cooley, the Oakland County Bar Association, and Lakeshore Legal Aid. Students in the clinic work with FLAPs staff attorneys representing low-income people in family law and domestic violence matters in Oakland County Circuit Court under Michigan Court Rule 8.120. For further information, go to http://www.cooley.edu/clinics/flap.html or contact Professor Ashley Lowe at lowea@cooley.edu

Estate Planning Clinic
The Estate Planning Clinic (EPC) is a partnership between Cooley and Lakeshore Legal Aid. Students in the clinic work with staff attorneys representing clients from Oakland County age 60 and over. There are no income guidelines. For single persons, estate value must not exceed $150,000, not including a primary residence. For married persons, combined estate value must not exceed $250,000, not including a primary residence. For further information, go to http://www.cooley.edu/clinics/estateplanning.htm or contact Professor Dustin Foster at fosterd@cooley.edu

All Campuses

Externships
Externships are learning opportunities for students in a selected legal environment outside of the law school. Students work with lawyers and judges agreeing to provide a mentored learning environment. For more information, go to http://www.cooley.edu/clinics/fieldsupervisor.htm or contact Director of Externships, Marianne Flinn at flinnm@cooley.edu