Michigan Law School Clinics Summary

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There are currently 50 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 (10 clinics)

1. Alvin L. Storrs Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
610 Abbott Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823-3369
(517) 336-8088, option 4
Fax: (517) 336-8089

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

Comments
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
610 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 336-8088
Fax: (517) 336-8089
www.law.msu.edu/clinics/childhood.html

Services
Family (Divorce/Custody), Law School Clinic

Comments
The Child and Family Advocacy Certificate Program is a joint program at Michigan State University offered by Michigan State University College of Law and the MSU Graduate School of Social Work. The certificate program is open only to students already admitted to the J.D. program at MSU College of Law or MSW at MSU School of Social Work. The certificate program can be completed concurrently with the social work and law degree requirements. It is designed to strengthen the knowledge base, practice and advocacy skills of masters-level social work students and law students interested in working with abused, neglected and at-risk children and families. It is one component of the Chance at Childhood Program. All students interested in pursuing the certificate program must meet for advisement with the Director of the Chance at Childhood Program.
3. Civil Rights Clinic
610 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48223
(517) 336-8088
Fax: (517) 336-8089
www.law.msu.edu/clinics/civil/index.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. Conflict Resolution Clinic
610 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 336-8088
Fax: (517) 336-8089
law.msu.edu/clinics/mediation/index.html

Services
Alternative Dispute Resolution / Mediation, Law School Clinic

Comments
This clinic will focus on teaching you to be a problem solver which is a fundamental skill that lawyers need regardless of the work they do or the setting in which they do their work.

5. First Amendment Clinic
610 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 336-8088
Fax: (517) 336-8089
www.law.msu.edu/clinics/first/index.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.
6. Food Law Clinic
610 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 336-8088
Fax: (517) 336-8089
www.law.msu.edu/clinics/food/index.html

Services
Law School Clinic

Comments
The Food Law Clinic provides services to nonprofits and low-income individuals working with urban agriculture in Detroit, Michigan and other urban settings. The Clinic was initiated in January 2012 with a seed money grant from the DeWitt Holbrook Memorial Fund. Our offices are located in East Lansing and Detroit.

We provide complimentary legal services to nonprofits and businesses that work with urban agriculture in Detroit, Michigan and other urban settings. We have clients throughout mid-Michigan.

7. Housing Clinic
610 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823-3369
(517) 336-8088, option 2
Fax: (517) 336-8089
www.law.msu.edu/clinics/rhc/index.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 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Clinic hours may vary, please call (517) 336-8088, option 2, to schedule an appointment.

8. Immigration Clinic
610 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 336-8088
Fax: (517) 336-8089
www.law.msu.edu/clinics/immigration/index.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.

9. Investor Advocacy Clinic
610 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 336-8088, option 6
Fax: (517) 336-8089
www.law.msu.edu/clinics/investor/index.html

Services
Law School Clinic

Comments
The Investor Advocacy Clinic represents and educates investors while providing a quality educational experience to Michigan State University College of Law students. The clinic is made possible through Law College support and a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

The clinic provides legal representation and advice to eligible investors who suffered losses resulting from misconduct, but who cannot secure private legal representation due to the relatively small size of their claims. Some misconduct claims include misrepresentation, unsuitability, unauthorized trading, excessive trading (“churning”), and failure to supervise.

10. Plea and Sentencing Clinic
610 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 336-8088
Fax: (517) 336-8089
www.law.msu.edu/clinics/plea/index.html

Services
Criminal, Law School Clinic

Comments
The Michigan State University College of Law Plea and Sentencing Clinic is dedicated to educating students in the fundamentals of legal practice. This Clinic is a collaboration with the State Appellate Defender Office (“SADO”). SADO is appointed to represent indigent criminal defendants on appeal. One division deals with convictions and sentences resulting from trials, and one division, the plea unit, deals with convictions and sentences resulting from guilty or no contest pleas. This Clinic will address plea cases.

Plea cases comprise the vast majority of convictions and sentences in the criminal system. Integrity in this process is critical to a criminal justice system that operates fairly. Understanding the system is fundamental to serving indigent defendants who are accused of crimes, both large and small. Clientele is comprised of inmates within county jails or the Michigan Department of Corrections.
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (6 clinics)

1. **Intellectual Property Law Clinic**
   651 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226
   (313) 596-0200
   www.law.udmercy.edu/index.php/academics1/clinics/ip-clinic-3

   **Services**
   Intellectual Property, Law School Clinic

2. **Criminal Trial Clinic**
   George J. Asher Law Clinic, 651 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226
   (313) 596-0262
   Fax: (313) 596-9825
   www.law.udmercy.edu/udm/index.php/academics1/clinics

   **Services**
   Criminal, 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.

3. **Immigration Clinic**
   George J. Asher Law Clinic, 651 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226
   (313) 596-0262
   Fax: (313) 596-9825
   www.law.udmercy.edu/udm/index.php/academics1/clinics

   **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. The classroom component has substantive instruction in interviewing, litigation, and appellate advocacy skills, as well as attorney-client relations, ethics, and case strategy. The clinic is designed for students with an interest in practicing Immigration Law. In addition to the two hour class each week the students do 12 office hours that can include work done outside of the clinic.
4. Juvenile Appellate Clinic
George J. Asher Law Clinic, 651 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 596-0262
Fax: (313) 596-9825
www.law.udmercy.edu/udm/index.php/academics1/clinics

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. Students write appellate briefs for the juvenile clients and argue the case to a panel of expert attorneys before the case goes before the Court, with some potential for the students to argue to the Court of Appeals.

5. SADO Appellate Advocacy Clinic
George J. Asher Law Clinic, 651 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 596-0262
Fax: (313) 596-9825
www.law.udmercy.edu/udm/index.php/academics1/clinics

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. The students prepare motions and briefs and also deliver a mock appellate argument before a panel of attorneys who specialize in criminal appellate work. These mock arguments are done for cases before the Michigan Supreme Court. For cases before the Appellate Division, students are able to do the oral argument in line with recent revisions to MCR 8.120, the student practice rule. The classroom component for the course consists of writing, modeling, and simulated exercises aimed at developing persuasive oral and written appellate advocacy skills.

6. Veterans Law Clinic
George J. Asher Law Clinic, 651 E Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226-4349
(313) 596-0235
Fax: (313) 596-9825
Toll Free: (888) 836-5294
www.law.udmercy.edu/udm/index.php/academics1/clinics

Services
Veterans/Military, Law School Clinic

Comments
Students participating in the Veterans Clinic have the opportunity to represent veterans and their families in disability cases. Students practice before the Department of Veterans Affairs to obtain veterans benefits for service-connected disabilities.
University of Michigan Law School (18 clinics)

1. Child Advocacy Clinic
701 S. State St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091
(734) 763-5000
Fax: (734) 647-4042
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 that may be located 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. Law students work together with practicing professionals, faculty, and students in the fields of social work, psychology, pediatrics and psychiatry. Over the past 37 years, CALC students have been responsible for securing permanent homes for thousands of children.

2. Child Welfare Appellate Clinic
363 Legal Research Building 801 Monroe St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-4319
Fax: (734) 764-4702
www.law.umich.edu/clinical/Pages/childwelfareappellate.aspx

Services
Family (Divorce/Custody), Law School Clinic

Comments
Students in the Child Welfare Appellate Clinic will get an opportunity to improve their writing, research, and oral advocacy skills by representing parents in direct appeals to the Michigan Court of Appeals of orders terminating their parental rights. Students, working in teams of two, will handle all aspects of the appellate case including reviewing the record, researching the legal issues, preparing the brief, and handling the oral argument. Students may also have an opportunity to work on drafting amicus briefs and applications to the Michigan Supreme Court. The four-credit graded clinic will be co-taught by clinical professors Vivek Sankaran and Josh Kay, along with legal practice professor Tim Pinto. There are no prerequisites for the course.

3. Civil-Criminal Litigation Clinic
363 Legal Research Building 801 Monroe St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-4319
Fax: (734) 764-4702
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. Civil Mediation Clinic
363 Legal Research Building 801 Monroe St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-4319
Fax: (734) 764-4702
www.law.umich.edu/clinical/mediation/Pages/default.aspx

Services
Alternative Dispute Resolution / Mediation, Law School Clinic

Comments
Although mediators have no authoritative decision-making power, as neutral third parties they facilitate communication between the parties, assist in identifying issues, and help explore solutions to promote a mutually acceptable settlement.

Michigan Law graduates may choose to qualify and serve as mediators in the course of their professional practice. But whether they are mediators or not, lawyers need to be comfortable with the process so they can advise clients when to use mediation and represent clients through mediation.

The clinic combines training and community service. Students have the personal satisfaction of helping resolve actual conflicts between real people, which adds immeasurably to the experience.

By the end of the Civil Mediation Clinic semester, students may be eligible to be placed on the court-approved list of general civil mediators in Michigan.

5. Community and Economic Development Clinic
701 S. State St, Ste 2020, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 615-8735
Fax: (734) 647-7658
http://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/cedc/Pages/default.aspx

Services
Non-Profit Issues, Law School Clinic

Comments
The Community and Economic Development 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.

6. Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic
363 Legal Research Building 801 Monroe St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-4309
Fax: (734) 764-4702
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.

CAP seeks to improve students' understanding of and skill in all phases of appellate advocacy through the various activities of the clinic. Students will review trial transcripts and lower court records, interview the client in prison, develop a theory for the case, and help draft the client's brief on appeal. By determining relevant facts, navigating competing interests, conducting legal research, and developing oral and written presentations, students will gain real-world practice in criminal appellate law.

7. Entrepreneurship Clinic
701 S. State St., Ste. 2020, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-1981
Fax: (734) 647-7658
www.law.umich.edu/clinical/entrepreneurshipclinic/Pages/default.aspx

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 clinic provides law students with unique, real-world experience in representing early-stage ventures while offering valuable legal services to the University entrepreneurial ecosystem.

8. Environmental Law Clinic
625 S. State St., 745 Legal Research, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 647-7087
www.law.umich.edu/clinical/environmental/Pages/default.aspx

Services
Law School Clinic

Comments
The Environmental Law Clinic offers hands-on lawyering experience in cases drawn from the judicial, administrative, and legislative dockets of the National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Regional Center in Ann Arbor.
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. Students may, among other things, visit officials, draft testimony on proposed legislation, prepare pleadings, write an appellate brief, participate in rule-making, or help negotiate a settlement.

9. Federal Appellate Litigation Clinic
743 Legal Research Building, 801 Monroe St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-5000
Fax: (734) 647-4042
www.law.umich.edu/clinical/federalappellateclinic/Pages/default.aspx

Services
Criminal, Law School Clinic

Comments
In the Federal Appellate Litigation Clinic, second- and third-year law students will gain hands-on experience in various stages of federal appellate litigation. 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. Each student will manage an appeal from its inception, and will gain hands-on experience by reviewing the district court record and identifying issues for appeal, developing a theory of the case, researching substantive law, and preparing the client's merits brief. When appropriate in view of timing and subject matter considerations, students will have an opportunity to write reply briefs and conduct oral arguments in Cincinnati before a panel of judges on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

10. Human Trafficking Clinical Program
363 Legal Research Building, 801 Monroe St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-4319
Fax: (734) 764-4702
www.law.umich.edu/clinical/humantraffickingclinicalprogram/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. It offers students at the University of Michigan Law School the opportunity to gain practical skills in the legal fields related to helping victims of human trafficking. The students in the clinic also run community outreach and education initiatives and conduct research about the state of laws relating to human trafficking. Not only do the students gain valuable advocacy skills, they have been and will continue to be instrumental in protecting victims' rights, in shaping the policy conversation, and in drafting the 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.
11. International Transactions Clinic
701 South State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-9377
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.

Like other clinics, the ITC provides real-world experience for students working on real matters for real clients. Unlike other clinics now found in U.S. law schools, however, the ITC combines transactional work with an international focus.

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.

12. Juvenile Justice Clinic
701 South State St., 2023 South Hall, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-5000
Fax: (734) 647-4042

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. Students have first-chair responsibility for the JJC clients and their cases. This responsibility means that students directly engage in, and reflect on, the practice of law while in law school, under the supervision of experienced professors. While primarily a litigation clinic, students may, from time to time, handle appellate matters and may be involved in public policy issues.

13. Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
2078 South Hall, 701 South State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091
(734) 936-3535
Fax: (734) 647-2881
www.law.umich.edu/clinical/litm/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.

14. Michigan Innocence Clinic
701 South State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-9353
Fax: (734) 764-8242
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 actually 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.

15. Pediatric Advocacy Initiative
701 South State St., Room 2076, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091
(734) 763-1942
Fax: (734)
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. It provides students with on-site legal advocacy assistance and training by engaging in a variety of activities, including direct casework, consumer/professional education and training, and public policy advocacy. 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.

16. Transactional Lab & Clinic (TLC)
701 South State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-9377
www.law.umich.edu/clinical/internationaltransactionclinic/Pages/default.aspx

Services
Law School Clinic
Comments
Transactional Lab & Clinic (TLC), which will continue to provide an innovative opportunity for law students and clients alike. For Michigan Law students, TLC provides students with an opportunity to work on transactional matters for large organizations around the country and, beginning in Fall 2015, small organizations in the local community around the Law School. For clients, TLC provides an opportunity to work with bright and motivated law students, directly supervised by faculty, on transactional and related business-law matters of value to the client.

17. Unemployment Insurance Clinic
363 Legal Research Building 801 Monroe St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-4319
Fax: (734) 764-4702
www.law.umich.edu/clinical/unemploymentinsurance/Pages/default.aspx

Services
Unemployment Benefits, Law School Clinic

Comments
Each student team will have multiple cases throughout the term depending on case complexity and procedural status. It is the Clinic’s goal that each student will participate in at least one live administrative trial during the semester. These proceedings allow students to perform direct and cross examination, make objections, and deliver closing statements, all in front of an administrative law judge. Because worker claims for UI are typically contested by the former employer through counsel, hearings provide a relatively low-key, classic adversarial environment introduction to real-world lawyering.

18. Veterans Legal Clinic
801 Monroe St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 763-5000
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.
Wayne State University Law (8 clinics)

1. Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic
471 W Palmer St., Detroit, MI 48202-3986
(313) 577-8859
law.wayne.edu/clinics/immigration.php

Services
Immigration, Law School Clinic

Comments
The Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic provides students with the opportunity to 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
471 W. Palmer St., Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 577-8859
law.wayne.edu/clinics/business.php

Services
Law School Clinic, Non-Profit Issues

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 doesn't 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 located in metropolitan Detroit.
- You cannot afford legal services from a private lawyer.
- You have a business plan.

Note: The clinic isn't currently accepting new nonprofit clients.

3. Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Clinic
471 W. Palmer St., Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 577-8859
law.wayne.edu/clinics/civil-rights.php
Services
Civil Rights/Prisoner Issues, Law School Clinic

Comments
All students are exposed to the full range of issues on the docket of the ACLU of Michigan, including:
  Freedom of speech and expression
  - Immigrant rights
  - Juvenile justice
  - LGBT rights
  - Police misconduct
  - Poverty and civil liberties
  - Prisoner rights
  - Privacy
  - Racial justice
  - Religious freedom
  - Reproductive freedom
  - Right to counsel
  - Voting rights
  - Women’s rights

4. Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic
471 W. Palmer St., Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 577-8859
law.wayne.edu/clinics/criminal.php

Services
Criminal, Law School Clinic

Comments
In this clinical course, taught by assistant defenders from the State Appellate Defender Office, each student prepares a criminal appellate brief on behalf of a real client incarcerated in a Michigan prison who has been convicted of a felony after a jury trial.

The students review the trial transcript and exhibits, identify appealable issues, interview and counsel their clients, and present mock oral arguments to a panel of experienced criminal appellate practitioners. Ultimately, the students have their briefs submitted to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

5. Disability Law Clinic
42 W. Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48201-1347
(313) 577-8859
law.wayne.edu/clinics/disability-law-clinic.php

Services
Disability Rights, Public Benefits, Public Benefits (Food Stamps), Social Security Benefits, Medicare/Medicaid,
Health Insurance, Law School Clinic

Comments
Students assist low-income individuals with disabilities on a range of issues, including social security/SSI, health
insurance and special education. Students help clients obtain the services and support they need to live in their own homes, rather than in institutional settings. The clinic gives students intensive exposure to administrative advocacy, while helping one of Detroit’s most underrepresented populations.

Students in this clinic have helped homeless individuals with mental illness obtain the public benefits they need to secure safe, permanent housing. They have helped children with intellectual disabilities obtain private health insurance coverage for computerized speech-generating devices, children with autism obtain Medicaid funding for physical, occupational and speech therapy services, and children with emotional and behavioral disabilities obtain the support they need to stay in regular classes at their neighborhood schools.

6. Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic
471 W. Palmer St., Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 577-8859
law.wayne.edu/clinics/cancer-clinic.php

Services

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 provides assistance 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/other employee benefits)
- L--Long-term planning (advance directives, wills, powers of attorney)
- P--Public benefits (Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability, State Disability Assistance)

7. Patent Procurement Clinic
471 W. Palmer St., Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 577-8859
law.wayne.edu/clinics/patent.php

Services
Law School Clinic, Intellectual Property

Comments
As part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office’s Clinic Certification Pilot Program, Wayne Law’s Patent Procurement Clinic continues the Law School’s traditional leadership in intellectual property law. The clinic is one of less than two dozen participating clinics in the country – and the only such clinic in Michigan.

The clinic offers important patent services, including:
- Patentability searches
- Patent application drafting
- Responses to patent office rejections
The clinic’s legal services are provided free of charge; however, clients are responsible for any and all filing fees.

Criteria for selection:
- Matching the invention with the backgrounds of clinic law students and supervising professors
- Potential of the technology
- Ability of the startup to create jobs in southeast Michigan
- Financial need of the startup

8. Transnational Environmental Law Clinic
471 W. Palmer St., Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 577-8859
law.wayne.edu/clinics/environmental.php

Services
Law School Clinic

Comments
The Transnational Environmental Law Clinic teaches students the skills and strategies needed to affect environmental policy in all three branches of state and federal government. During classroom sessions, students learn about current environmental law and policy challenges and opportunities. In the clinical component, students participate in the lawmaking process by preparing policy papers and formal legislative testimony, commenting on rulemaking and permit decisions, and engaging in judicial review and enforcement litigation.

In all clinical matters, students work with the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center, a separate 501(c)(3) organization, and on some selected matters may be involved in formally representing other community organizations and public interest groups.

WMU Thomas M. Cooley Law School (7 clinics)

1. Lakeshore Legal Aid--Family Law Assistance Project
2630 Featherstone Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2814
(248) 335-0125 ext. 7723
Fax: (248) 751-7875
www.lakeshorelegalaid.org/

Services
Domestic Violence, Family (Divorce/Custody), Guardian/Conservator, Pensions/QDROs, Law School Clinic

Comments
Assist clients with matters before Oakland County Family Court and Oakland County Probate Court for minor guardianships.

Must qualify financially for services. Income at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines and less than $5,000 in assets, excluding primary home, car, pension benefits, etc.

2. Sixty Plus Elder Law Clinic
300 S Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933-2002
(517) 334-5760
www.cooley.edu/sixtyplus/
Sixty Plus, Inc., Elderlaw Clinic is Cooley's live client elder law clinic. The Sixty Plus, Inc. clinical experience enables students ("legal interns") to interview, counsel, represent and advocate for live clients, all of whom are over sixty years old and reside in Ingham, Eaton, or Clinton counties. Interns, 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.

3. Access To Justice Clinic
111 Commerce Ave., SW Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 301-6800
www.cooley.edu/clinics/clinics.html

Services
Legal Clinic/General Issues, Law School Clinic

Comments
A 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.

4. Estate Planning Clinic
300 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933-2002
(517) 371-5140
www.cooley.edu/clinics/estate_planning.html

Services
Wills & Powers of Attorney, Law School Clinic

Comments
Estate Planning Clinic: An outgrowth of the Sixty Plus Elderlaw Clinic, the Estate Planning Clinic provides evening and weekend students opportunities to assist area senior citizens with estate planning issues.

5. Innocence Project Clinic
300 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933-2002
(517) 371-5140
www.cooley.edu/clinics/innocence_project.html

Services
Criminal, Civil Rights/Prisoner Issues, Law School Clinic

Comments
The Cooley Innocence Project is part of the Innocence Network, which has been credited with the release of over 100 wrongfully accused prisoners mainly through the use of DNA testing. In its short life, the Cooley Innocence Project has already assisted one innocent man, Kenneth Wyniemko, prove his innocence, which led to his release.
after spending nine years in prison after being wrongfully convicted. 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.

6. Public Defender Clinic--Kent County
111 Commerce Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 301-6800
www.cooley.edu/clinics/public_defender.html

Services
Criminal, Juvenile, Law School Clinic

Comments
The Public Defender Clinic is Cooley's blended clinic. While working for the Kent County Public Defender's office students are allowed to 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.

7. Public Defender Clinic--Washtenaw County
3475 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105
(734) 372-4900
www.cooley.edu/clinics/public_defender.html

Services
Criminal, Juvenile, Law School Clinic

Comments
The Public Defender Clinic is Cooley's blended clinic. While working for the Washtenaw County Public Defender's office students are allowed to 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.