

## LEGAL CLINICS 2019-2020

### **Bankruptcy Clinic – Offered both Fall & Spring Semesters**

You will gain practical skills experience in insolvency issues & proceedings. You will interview & counsel clients. You will also have the opportunity to engage in all aspects of case assessment & representation of debtors in bankruptcy proceedings in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California. Concurrent or prior enrollment in the Bankruptcy course is required. Contact Professor Warren A. Jones @ [wjones@pacific.edu](mailto:wjones@pacific.edu).

### **Elder and Health Law Clinic – Including the Homeless Advocacy Project - Offered both Fall & Spring Semesters**

You will assist people aged 60 and over with issues unique to the aging population. You will provide legal advice and representation in a wide variety of issues including health care access, conservatorship alternatives, Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, simple estate planning, and elder abuse litigation. The Homeless Advocacy Project addresses the civil legal needs of those experiencing homelessness. These needs include expungement of criminal records, access to public benefits and forgiveness of fines and fees through alternative courts and other means. . You will develop marketable skills and become acquainted with a wide range of legal practitioners. Concurrent or prior enrollment in Elder Law and Social Policy course or equivalent education/experience required. Contact Professor Melissa Brown @ [mbrown1@pacific.edu](mailto:mbrown1@pacific.edu).

### **Federal Defender Clinic – Year-long Clinic**

You will represent indigent defendants charged with misdemeanors before federal magistrate judges under the supervision of a Federal Defender. Students will hone their skills in client counseling, plea negotiation, case analysis, oral & written advocacy & trial techniques. Students will conduct evidentiary hearings & many will conduct full jury trials. Completion of Criminal Law and Evidence required. Concurrent or prior enrollment in Trial Advocacy and Criminal Procedure is required. The Clinic is limited to third and fourth year students. Contact Professor Rachelle Barbour @ [Rachelle\\_Barbour@fd.org](mailto:Rachelle_Barbour@fd.org).

### **Immigration Law Clinic – Offered both Fall & Spring Semesters**

You will provide legal assistance to low-income clients on immigration matters including non-immigrant and immigrant visa applications such as U and T visas and VAWA, adjustment of status, and naturalization. Clinic students represent clients before the USCIS and the Immigration Court. Concurrent or prior enrollment in Immigration Law & Policy course is required. Contact Professor Blake Nordahl @ [bnordahl@pacific.edu](mailto:bnordahl@pacific.edu).

### **Legislative and Public Policy Clinic – Year-long Clinic**

You will gain practical skills in researching, drafting, and pursuing adoption of California state legislative and regulatory changes. Students participate in weekly meetings to present the results of their team collaborations and receive feedback from the professor and fellow students. Concurrent or prior enrollment in Lawmaking in California and California Lobbying and Politics courses are required. Students participating in the Capital Lawyering Concentration receive preferred enrollment. Contact Professors Cathy Christian @ [CChristian@nmgovlaw.com](mailto:CChristian@nmgovlaw.com) or Elizabeth Fenton @ [Elizabeth.Fenton@deweysquare.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Fenton@deweysquare.com).

### **Prisoner Civil Rights Mediation Clinic – Offered both Fall & Spring Semesters**

You will co-mediate section 1983 prisoner civil rights cases with a federal magistrate judge. You will learn both the theory and practice of mediation and will develop the skills necessary to serve as mediators, including participation in mediation simulations. You will also learn section 1983 prisoner case law. Concurrent or prior enrollment in Mediation, Negotiation, or Alternative Dispute Resolution, or a non-credit 40-hour Mediation Workshop with consent of instructors is required. Contact Professors Kristin Capritto @ [kcapritto@downeybrand.com](mailto:kcapritto@downeybrand.com) or Preston Schaub @ [psschaub@outlook.com](mailto:psschaub@outlook.com).

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