Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic

Semester: Fall 2015

Course Number (Classroom): BCL 7038  
Call Number: 000045

Course Number (Field Placement): BCL 7039  
Call Number: 000044

PLEASE NOTE: You must register for both the class and the field placement.

Professor: Goldfarb

Credits: 2 classroom –and– 2 non-classroom credits

Primary Basis for the Grade: Letter grade for class portion based upon attendance, class preparedness, class participation, and timely submission of materials requested by the Clinic Director. High Pass/Pass/Low Pass/Fail for field placement. Students also will participate in weekly individual supervision.

Prerequisites: Corporations I

Enrollment: Open to 3L's only. Enrollment is limited to students selected by the Clinic Director. No later than the first day of class, students must have a “legal intern certificate” from the Office of Bar Admissions of the Supreme Court of Ohio. To obtain the certificate, follow the application procedures set forth at: http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/admissions/interns/default.asp.

Meets Seminar Requirement: No

Meets Writing Requirement: No

Meets Client Counseling Requirement: No

Meeting Times for Classroom: Tuesdays, 1:30pm – 2:55pm (In addition to the weekly class component, students will be expected to attend a 3.5-hour Representing Entrepreneurs Workshop on Saturday morning, August 22nd, from 8:30am-12:00pm.)

Location: 100A

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In this course, students will staff the Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic (ECDC), obtaining “hands on” experience representing local businesses and entrepreneurs on transactional legal issues critical to their success, including assistance and counseling on entity selection and formation; regulatory compliance and licensing; trademark/copyright protection; lease review and negotiation; contract preparation/review/negotiation; tax-exempt applications; and other legal issues confronting small businesses, both for-profit and nonprofit. Students also will learn how a small law office operates, including procedures for client intake, file maintenance, project tracking, timekeeping, and scheduling. In addition to attending the weekly class, students will be expected to spend approximately 10-12 hours per week on their clinic work, with a minimum of 4 of those hours spent working in the clinic offices, located at the law school and the HCDC Business Center. The ECDC will represent primarily clients of limited financial means who cannot afford the services of the private bar and will not represent clients in litigation.

SPECIAL NOTES:

In addition to the weekly class component, students will be expected to attend a 3.5 hour Representing Entrepreneurs Workshop on Saturday morning, August 22nd, from 8:30am-12:00pm. Interested students should look for email announcements from Professor Goldfarb regarding information sessions about the Clinic and how to apply.

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