Fall 2014 SIXTH CIRCUIT CLINIC

Course Number Classroom: LITG 7043  Call Number: 000092
Course Number Field Placement: LITG 7057  Call Number: 000093
You must sign up for both classes.

Professor: Paulson and Patterson
Credits: 2 Classroom and 1 Non-classroom credits
Primary Basis for the Grade: Class participation and satisfactory completion of client work, which may include writing briefs and motions in client cases.
Prerequisites: Evidence, may be taken concurrently.

Enrollment: Open to 2L and 3L students. Students must enroll in both course numbers above. This includes a weekly class and a field placement component. Enrollment is limited to 10-12 students.
Meets Seminar Requirement? No
Meets Writing Requirement? No
Meets Client Counseling Requirement? No

Meeting Times: Wednesdays, 3:40pm – 5:30pm
Location: 307

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
In this clinic, students will work on cases for indigent clients whose cases are on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, a federal appellate court located in Cincinnati. Under the supervision of experienced attorneys, students will analyze trial records, identify arguments to be used in the appeals process, and write motions and briefs for their clients.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about federal courts, criminal law, appellate procedure, and improve writing skills. Students will also have the chance to learn from experienced lawyers, meet members of the federal bar, and meet federal judges. Students will be expected to attend oral arguments at the Sixth Circuit as well as present their own oral arguments in class.

SPECIAL NOTES:
Depending on the needs of the cases and interest of the class members, the clinic may be extended into the next semester. Students should be aware that the field placement component of the class will require them to spend approximately 4 hours each week on client work. Interested students should email Dean Oliver by Monday, September 8, 2014.

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