

INDIGENT DEFENSE CLINIC

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CREDITS: Students who enroll in the clinic are committed for both semesters of the third year and earn a total of 8 credits (1 classroom and 3 non-classroom credits each semester).

PRIMARY BASIS FOR GRADE: Energetic client representation; written filings; class participation.

PREREQUISITES: Evidence, and Criminal Procedure I, ten-day intensive trial advocacy session August 10-19 required.

ENROLLMENT: Limited to 4; 3Ls only; candidates will demonstrate interest in criminal law and litigation and commitment to public interest or pro bono legal service.

TYPE OF CLASS: Clinic

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Ohio Justice and Policy Center has established an indigent criminal defense clinic in cooperation with the Hamilton County Public Defender, the Salmon P. Chase College of Law and the UC College of Law. Enrolled students are supervised by William Gallagher of the Cincinnati law firm Arenstein & Gallagher, OJPC attorneys David Singleton and Janet Moore, and additional select members of the local criminal defense bar. Through the Clinic's Honors Program, the Hamilton County Public Defender will give preferential consideration, consistent with governing law, to Clinic graduates qualified for open staff attorney positions.

This Clinic is open to no more than four third year students from UC who qualify as legal interns under the Ohio Supreme Court rules. Student candidate interviews will include interaction with prospective clients at OJPC's Second Chance Legal Clinic in Over-the-Rhine. Accepted and enrolled students commit to both semesters of the third year and earn a total of 8 credits (1 classroom and 3 non-classroom credits each semester).

Prerequisites include Criminal Procedure I, Evidence, and an intensive ten-day trial advocacy training session in August before regular classes begin in the fall semester. Thereafter, students meet every other week for 2 hour classroom sessions on such topics as building a theory of defense, jury selection, plea negotiations, pretrial detention and bail, and case management. Students commit approximately 15 hours per week to litigating cases assigned by the Hamilton County Public Defender in consultation with the OJPC staff attorneys. Under supervision, students will handle all aspects of the litigation process.