DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER CLINIC

Course Number (Classroom): IRTS 7037   Call Number: 000042
Course Number (Field Placement): IRTS 7038   Call Number: 000041

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

Semester: Spring 2015
Professor: Mickels
Credits: 4 classroom –and– 2 non-classroom
Primary Basis for Grade: Professor’s evaluation of clinic work; letter grade for classroom work and following scale for field placement: High Pass/ Pass/ Low Pass/ Fail
Prerequisites: Evidence recommended. Civil trial practice recommended but not required.
Enrollment: Students must submit an application and be interviewed. Selected students will be enrolled in the classes by the Registrar. Open to 3L’s only
Meets Seminar Requirement: No
Meets Writing Requirement: No
Meets Client Counseling Requirement: No
Meeting Time for Classroom Component: W 3:05 to 5:50 pm
Location: 308

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Third-year law students, with a legal intern license, advocate for survivors in a variety of settings. Students must be eligible for the intern license.

As part of collaboration with the Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati, students represent clients from the initial interview through trial. Students also represent clients in post-trial matters when necessary to accomplish an equitable result. For example, students have filed objections to decisions and drafted, filed, and argued contempt and other post-trial motions. Students also draft briefs when cases are appealed to the First Appellate District Court and, when an argument is scheduled during the academic year, a student argues the case.

Students might participate as domestic violence advocates in other ways as well. For example, students conducted research and assisted in writing an amicus brief filed with the United States Supreme Court in Abbott v. Abbott, involving custody rights. In addition, when the YWCA shelter was threatened with loss of funding, two clinic students testified before the Cincinnati City Council, which voted to restore funding.

Significant preparatory classwork is required at times and places to be announced.

Updated: 11-2-14 no