

FALL 2017 APPLICATION



LEGAL CLINIC APPLICATION FOR FALL 2017 SEMESTER

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Numbers: (Cell) _____ (Home) _____

Law School Credits as of August 2017: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Enrolled in US-Canada Dual J.D. Program? Yes No

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE CLINIC
BY 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017.**

To be considered complete, your application must include:

1. This completed application form,
2. Your typed statement (see page 5),
3. Copy of your current resume, and
4. Copy of your most recent student law school transcript (unofficial copies accepted)

Submit applications via email to Jesse Alvarez at jesse.alvarez@law.msu.edu.

**Timely and complete applications will be given priority
over late and/or incomplete applications.**

1. Please indicate the clinic(s) in which you wish to enroll (maximum of 3 preferences). If you are interested in more than one clinic, please rank your preferences as 1, 2, and 3.

RANK

_____ **Animal Welfare Clinic**** (6 credits)

_____ **Chance at Childhood** (4 credits) (*Applications will be accepted in Spring 2017 for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 clinics. For information on the Child & Advocacy certificate please visit <http://chanceatchildhood.msu.edu/curriculum.html>*)

_____ **Civil Rights** (4-6 credits per semester, *two-semester commitment required*)

_____ **First Amendment** (4 credits)

_____ **Housing Law** (6 credits)

_____ **Immigration Law** (6 credits)(*Preference given to students who have taken Immigration Law.*)

_____ **Indian Law** (4 credits)

_____ **Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic** (6 credits) (*Preference given to students who participated in Alternative Spring Break*)

****Pending approval**

Important note regarding placement in the Legal Clinic:

The Clinic will make diligent efforts to accommodate applicants' ranked preferences and to ensure all qualified applicants have a chance to participate in a Clinic. Unfortunately, due to space and resource limitations, the Clinic cannot grant all applicants' requests.

Applicants who are not extended an offer to participate in any Clinic for the Fall 2017 semester are strongly encouraged to reapply in future semesters. Preference is given to applicants who are applying to participate in their third or final year of law school and to applicants who applied to the Clinic in a previous semester but were not selected.

2. Will you be employed during the Fall 2017 semester?

_____ No, I do not plan to be employed.

_____ Yes, in a law office.

_____ Yes, other than a law office.

Employer Name and Location: _____

Supervisor's Name and Phone Number: _____

Hours/Week: _____ Specific Days or Times: _____

3. Are you or have you been employed by any branch of the state, municipal, or federal government, including service in the armed forces?

____ Yes ____ No

If yes, state the employer's name and location, your title/position, and the dates of employment.

4. List the elective courses you will have taken in law school through August 2017.

5. Are you currently or have you ever been enrolled in a clinic at the Law College?

____ Yes ____ No If yes, which clinic(s) and when? _____

6. Have you previously submitted a complete application to participate in the clinic and not been given an opportunity to participate?

____ Yes ____ No If yes, which clinic(s) and when? _____

7. Are you fluent or literate in any language other than English?

_____Yes _____No If yes, what language(s)? _____

8. Are you now, or have you ever been, placed on academic probation at the MSU College of Law?

_____Yes _____No

9. Please provide the names of two (2) law school professors who have agreed to serve as references for you.

APPLICANT’S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF LEGAL CLINIC WEBSITE

The Clinic experience can be rigorous in terms of casework and required time commitment. To ensure interested applicants understand the expectations and responsibilities, you are required to review the information contained on the Legal Clinic’s website with regard to the particular clinic(s) to which you are applying.

Additionally, in the required written statement (explained on page 5 of this Application, under “Additional Documentation”), the applicant must refer to specific information that is available on the website regarding the respective clinic. The Legal Clinic’s website is located at: www.law.msu.edu/clinics.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the website(s) of the clinic(s) to which I am applying and that I understand the expectations and responsibilities as outlined on the website for each clinic I ranked on this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and correct. I understand that if subsequent evidence demonstrates that the information is not complete and correct, I may receive disciplinary sanctions and be removed from the Legal Clinic. I understand that I am responsible for reviewing and adhering to the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and all university and Law College academic regulations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

1. Please attach a **typed statement of up to two (2) pages, double-spaced, explaining the reasons you want to participate in the Legal Clinic.** Be specific about your clinic preferences, career and educational goals, and your suitability for clinic under the clinic selection criteria. You must refer to information listed on the respective clinic's website in preparing your statement.

If you are applying for the First Amendment Clinic, please include the following information in your statement:

- Experience in media law, First Amendment Law, copyright law or related subjects
 - Experience in media/journalism
 - Teaching experience
 - Why you want to take the First Amendment Clinic
2. Please attach a copy of your **current resume.**
 3. Please attach a **copy of your most recent student law school transcript.** (Note: An unofficial copy of your transcript is acceptable.)

Note: Some clinics may require in-person interviews, which will be scheduled by appointment.

The completed application is due in the clinic by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.** Please submit applications via email to Jesse Alvarez at jesse.alvarez@law.msu.edu.