

Rutgers Clinical Programs Registration Information - Fall Semester 2009

Clinical courses offer law students in their third year of full-time study (or the equivalent) the opportunity to practice law under the supervision of a licensed attorney who is a member of the faculty. The law school will offer four clinics in the Fall Semester 2009, as follows: Civil Practice Clinic, Child and Family Advocacy Clinic, Children's Justice Clinic, and Domestic Violence Clinic. Each clinic is offered for six credits, and, correspondingly, requires a substantial commitment from enrolled students. More information about clinical programs can be found at: <http://www-camlaw.rutgers.edu/site/clinics/clinics.shtml>

Registration and Prerequisites

Registration for all clinics is handled directly by the clinical faculty. The first step in this process is to submit **the attached registration form** indicating your preferences amongst the four clinics. The form also asks you to provide us with information concerning your eligibility to take clinic. Our eligibility criteria are derived from New Jersey Court Rule 1:21-3(b) (concerning student practice) and other considerations regarding which courses will help prepare students for the challenges of practice. In order to be eligible to take a clinic, you must meet the following criteria:

1. You must have completed two-thirds of your law school education or roughly **56 credits**.
2. You must have completed courses in **Evidence** and **Professional Responsibility** and other prerequisites designated by the particular clinic you wish to take, if any. (This requirement may be modified with the consent of the supervising attorney if space permits.)
3. You must have **successfully passed all required first year courses** (Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, LAWR I and II, Property, and Torts) and otherwise be in **good academic standing**.

If you are taking a clinic, you may be restricted from a limited number of other academic or professional opportunities. For instance, students may not simultaneously enroll in two clinics or in a clinic and an externship placement. In addition, students may be restricted from current employment with certain outside employers that present regular conflicts of interest with the work of the clinics, such as employment with the Camden County Prosecutor's Office.

Class Rosters

Clinical faculty members determine class rosters using a lottery system. Faculty will also take into account, and may give priority to, students graduating at the end of the upcoming semester (December 2009) and/or who have not taken a clinic before. If students do not receive their "first choice" clinic, they may be enrolled in another clinic in which they have expressed interest. The form also requests that you elect whether you wish to be placed on a priority list for Spring 2010 in the event that you do not receive a seat in a clinic in the Fall 2009. The priority would apply to your first choice clinic, and also would not affect your other limited enrollment options for the Fall semester. The clinical faculty recommends that you select this option to preserve your opportunity to take a clinic prior to graduation.

Special Note Regarding the Child and Family Advocacy Clinic

For those students wishing to take the Child and Family Advocacy Clinic, you must also complete a short application that is considered in determining the roster for that clinic. These forms may be obtained at the clinic information session or from MaryAnn Purvenas or Gwenn Jones in the clinic office.

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Please note that by filling out this form, you are seeking to register for a limited enrollment course, and that your priority for other limited enrollment courses may be affected. After enrollment is completed, students will be asked to sign an Acknowledgment of Responsibility, indicating their understanding of the demands of working with live clients in the clinical setting and intent to fulfill course requirements. **Please return these forms to either MaryAnn Purvenas or Gwendolyn Jones in the clinic office (E215) by 4 PM Friday, April 10, 2009.**

Please provide the following information:

Name: _____ ID# _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Please rank your clinic preferences (1 being the most preferred). You may be enrolled in any of the clinics for which you express an interest.

_____ Child & Family Advocacy Clinic	_____ Civil Practice Clinic
_____ Children's Justice Clinic	_____ Civil Practice Clinic: Immigration Project
	_____ Domestic Violence Clinic

If you do not receive a seat in any of the clinics for which you have expressed an interest for Fall 2009, do you want to be placed on a priority list for your first choice the Spring 2009 semester? [If you select no, you will still have an opportunity to try to enroll in a clinic in spring 2009 but you will not be "carried over" on a priority list for your first choice.]

_____ Yes _____ No

Will you have completed the following prerequisites by the end of the Spring 2009 semester?

- 56 credits
- Courses in Professional Responsibility and Evidence.
- Passing grades in all required first-year courses and good academic standing.

_____ Yes _____ No

If you responded no, please indicate what you are missing:

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Taken clinic before? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, which clinic? _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true and correct, and that, by completing this form, I am attempting to enroll in a limited enrollment course for the Fall 2009. I understand that my priority for other limited enrollment courses may be affected.

Signature

Date