DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC
SUMMER 2015 SCHEDULE

Domestic Violence Clinic students are required to attend all classes. If you must miss a class, please discuss this with your supervising attorney before the scheduled class. All classes will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Absent an important conflict, students are also expected to attend client interviews scheduled with the DV Clinic.

Student Learning Objectives

In this course, students will:

1. serve the public and understand the importance of continuing to serve the public when in practice in order to enhance the capacity of law and legal institutions to seek justice,

2. acquire an understanding of the laws under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act,

3. be able to effectively research domestic violence issues,

4. acquire an understanding of relevant facts and information necessary to effectively represent domestic violence victims,

5. learn to communicate effectively in order to develop a rapport and mutual trust with the client, while maintaining the nature and bounds of a lawyer’s role, and

6. learn and appreciate the various characteristics of domestic violence and its impact on individuals, families, and society at large.

Court Observation

During the semester, each student must observe the civil and criminal court process at work. Attend an order of protection hearing and domestic battery trial or sentencing hearing. After attending the hearings, prepare a paper between two pages and three pages in length (double-spaced) describing what you observed. Include in your paper an assessment of what impact, if any, the hearing seemed to have on the victim and the person accused of committing the crime. In the event no domestic battery hearings are scheduled during this time, you may attend a hearing on another crime against persons case (aggravated battery, sexual assault, etc.). The paper is due July 16, 2015.

Class and Staff Meeting Schedule

The class will meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 16, 2015, through July 30, 2015. You will also be required to schedule a mock interview to take place at Land of Lincoln. The Domestic Violence Clinic is collaborating with Land of Lincoln to give students the opportunity to work on a broader range of cases. Students
will be given classroom instruction, and training, by a staff attorney from Land of Lincoln, and will work under the supervision of an attorney while working on Land of Lincoln cases. Students are required to attend all classes, including the class held at Land of Lincoln; however, committing to work on cases at Land of Lincoln is optional.

**Tuesday, June 16, 2015**
Introduction to the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic class
Assignment: Read the Student Handbook for the Domestic Violence Clinic. Begin reading 750 ILCS 60 et. seq. (Illinois Domestic Violence Act provided in your folder)

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015**
Introduction to Domestic Violence: Why doesn’t she just leave?

**Thursday, June 18, 2015**
The IDVA and Orders of Protection, Part I
Assignment: Have completed your reading of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, 750 ILCS 60 et. seq.

*Tuesday, June 23, 2015*
Land of Lincoln Law Student Orientation at Land of Lincoln Office, 509 S. University Ave., Carbondale
*Note that this session will be held at Land of Lincoln, not the law school* Students should plan on remaining at the office until 4:45 p.m. (absent any conflicting class schedule)
- Familiarize students with the history of Legal Aid, and Land of Lincoln office, staff, and procedures

*Wednesday, June 24, 2015*
Introduction to the Land of Lincoln Client and Interviewing Skills
- Students will be told about the type of client that Land of Lincoln represents and will be instructed on interviewing skills focusing on interviewing a client who is a victim of domestic violence.
- A mock case file will be distributed for the students to use throughout their training with Land of Lincoln based on a “typical” Land of Lincoln client.
- Students will be expected to use Land of Lincoln’s prepared questions to interview the mock client.

In addition, Andrew Weaver will schedule with you individually for a mock interview to be held at Land of Lincoln on July 1st or July 2nd.

**Thursday, June 25, 2015**
The IDVA and Orders of Protection, Part II
Preparation of Order of Protection documents
Assignment: Review Order of Protection forms (Petition, Emergency Order of Protection, Plenary Order of Protection)

*Tuesday, June 30, 2015
Instruction on Pleadings
- Specific instruction on the necessary pleadings for the mock client.

Wednesday, July 1, 2015
Presentation: The Role of Victim Advocates in Law Enforcement Agencies
  Presenters: Susie Toliver, Victim Advocate, Carbondale Police Department
             Teresa Bastien, Victim Advocate, Jackson County Sheriff's Dept.

Thursday, July 2, 2015
No class

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015
Instruction on Investigations
- Instruction on the different methods of investigating a case, including potential differences when representing clients of domestic violence.

*Wednesday, July 8, 2015
Instruction on Settlement of a Case
- Instruction on negotiating a domestic violence case, whether with counsel or the other party.
- Discussion about the special issues involved in mediating domestic violence issues.

Thursday, July 9, 2015
Tour of a local shelter - The Women’s Center (conducted by Abby Odior, Shelter Coordinator, The Women’s Center)

*Tuesday, July 14, 2015
Instruction on Trial Preparation
  Instruction on how to prepare for trial, including utilizing a trial notebook.

Wednesday, July 15, 2015
Tour of Jackson County Jail

Thursday, July 16, 2015
Presentation: Remedies in Orders of Protection
  Presenter: Judge Kimberly Dahlen

Tuesday, July 21, 2015
Presentation: Judicial Considerations in Determining the Propriety of an Order of Protection
Presenter: Judge Christy Solverson

Wednesday, July 22, 2015
Presentation: DCFS Policies and Procedures Regarding Children in Domestic Violence Situations
Presenter: DCFS Child Protection Investigator, Jessica Svanda

Thursday, July 23, 2015
Presentation: Services for victims
Presenters: Michael Bastien, Statewide AVN System Coordinator, Illinois Attorney General’s Office (AVN, VINE)
(Compensation for victims, Rights of victims in Illinois, VESSA)

Tuesday, July 28, 2015
Presentation: Prosecution of Domestic Battery Cases; Domestic violence and the criminal justice system
Presenter:

Wednesday, July 29, 2015
Stalking No Contact Orders, Civil No Contact Orders

Thursday, July 30, 2015
Domestic violence and criminal law, victim and witness statements

*denotes that classes are training sessions taught by Andrew Weaver, Staff Attorney, Land of Lincoln