DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC
SPRING 2014 SCHEDULE

Domestic Violence Clinic students are required to attend all classes. If you must miss a class or staff meeting, please discuss this with your supervising attorney before the scheduled class. All classes will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

You have been supplied a copy of “A Practical Guide to the Illinois Domestic Violence Act” which provides a helpful analysis and supplemental information regarding both the civil and criminal arenas as related to the IDVA. Please return the book at the end of the semester.

**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.

“Field trips”

Part of the time you will be expending in this class to obtain academic credit for the course will involve spending time in academic activities outside of the law school. These off-campus activities are classified by the University as “field trips.” Each student will be required to sign an acknowledgment letter from the Clinic Director and SIUC/Legal Clinic forms for Field Trip Participation and Assumption of Risk at the beginning of the semester prior to engaging in any off-campus activities. The clinic faculty will be conducting an orientation on the Field Trip Policy at the beginning of the semester.
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 no more than two 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 on April 4, 2014.

Class and Staff Meeting Schedule
The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from Tuesday, January 14, 2014, through Thursday, April 24, 2014. 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 Andrew Weaver, Staff Attorney from Land of Lincoln, and will work under his supervision while working on Land of Lincoln cases.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014
Introduction to the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic
Assignment: Read the Student Handbook for the Domestic Violence Clinic.

*Thursday, January 16, 2014
Land of Lincoln Law Student Orientation at Land of Lincoln Office, 509 S. University Ave., Carbondale
*Note that this class will be held at Land of Lincoln, not the law school
Students should plan on remaining at the office until 4:00 p.m. (absent any conflicting class schedule).
  • Familiarize students with the history of Legal Aid, and Land of Lincoln office, staff, and procedures

*Tuesday, January 21, 2014
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.

*Thursday, January 23, 2014
Instruction on Pleadings
  • Specific instruction on the necessary pleadings for the mock client.
Tuesday, January 28, 2014
Introduction to Domestic Violence: Why doesn’t she just leave?

*Thursday, January 30, 2014; Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at Land of Lincoln
Interviewing the Client
- Students will have the opportunity to interview the mock client during this time period. A sign-up sheet will be distributed during the first week of class.
- **Students will be instructed to prepare pleadings and return them to the LOL supervising attorney by February 10, 2014.**

Thursday, February 6, 2014
The IDVA and Orders of Protection

**Assignment:** Read the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, 750 ILCS 60 et. seq. (pages 1-36 in the IDVA booklet provided in your folder)

- Review Order of Protection forms (Petition, Emergency Order of Protection, Plenary Order of Protection)

Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Preparation of Plenary Orders of Protection

*Thursday, February 13, 2014
Instruction on Investigations
- Instruction on the different methods of investigating a case, including potential differences when representing clients of domestic violence.

Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Civil No Contact Orders, No Stalking Orders, Bond Conditions

Thursday, February 20, 2014
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.

**Assignment:** Read 750 ILCS 60/227 (advocate confidentiality) and 325 ILCS 5/1 through 5/4.02 (mandated reporting)

Tuesday, February 25, 2014
Presentation: Police Perspective, Policies and Procedures regarding domestic violence
**Presenter:** Former Chicago and Naperville Police Officer, David Nawrocki

Thursday, February 27, 2014
Presentation: Remedies in Orders of Protection
**Presenter:** Judge Kimberly Dahlen
*Tuesday, March 4, 2014
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, March 6, 2014
Tour of a local shelter - The Women’s Center

Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Spring break, no class

Thursday, March 13, 2014
Spring break, no class

*Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Instruction on Trial Preparation
Instruction on how to prepare for trial, including utilizing a trial notebook.

Thursday, March 20, 2014
Presentation: Prosecution of Domestic Battery Cases
Presenter:

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Tour of Jackson County jail
The Impact of Growing Up With Family Violence

Thursday, March 27, 2014
Presentation: Preparation for the bench
Presenter: Judge Carolyn Smoot

Tuesday, April 1, 2014
Presentation: Court Ordered Domestic Battery Counseling
Presenter: Cass Vandermeer, Founder and Director of Possibilities Program

Thursday, April 3, 2014
Presentation: Judicial Considerations in Determining the Propriety of an Order of Protection
Presenter: Judge Solverson

Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Presentation: DCFS Policies and Procedures Regarding Children in Domestic Violence Situations
Presenter: DCFS Child Protection Investigator, TBA
Thursday, April 10, 2014
Domestic violence and criminal law, victim and witness statements

Tuesday, April 15, 2014
Domestic elder abuse

Thursday, April 17, 2014
Presentation: Advice for new attorneys
  Presenter: Judge Schwartz

Tuesday, April 22, 2014
Presentation: Services for victims
  Presenters: Michael Bastien, Statewide AVN System Coordinator, Illinois Attorney General’s Office
  (AVN, Compensation for victims, Rights of victims in Illinois, VESSA)

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