DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC
FALL 2019 SCHEDULE

Domestic Violence Clinic students are required to attend all classes. If you must miss a class, notify your supervising attorney before the scheduled class. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., from August 21, 2019 through November 20, 2019.

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 competently 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 at least 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 October 25, 2019.

Class schedule:

Wednesday, August 21, 2019
Introduction to the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
Tour of a Local Shelter - The Women’s Center

Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Introduction to Domestic Violence: Why Doesn’t She Just Leave?
   Assignment: Read the Student Handbook for the Domestic Violence Clinic.

Wednesday, September 11, 2019
The IDVA and Orders of Protection, Part I
   Assignment: Read the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, 750 ILCS 60/ et. seq.
   Review Order of Protection forms (Petition, Emergency Order of Protection, Plenary Order of Protection)

Wednesday, September 18, 2019
The IDVA and Orders of Protection, Part II

Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Civil No Contact Orders, Stalking No Contact Orders, Bond Conditions
   When are Other Protective Orders appropriate?

Wednesday, October 2, 2019
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)

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Presenter: Cass Vandermeer, Founder and Director of Possibilities Program
Presentation: Court Ordered Domestic Battery Treatment

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Tour of Jackson County Jail
   The Impact of Growing Up With Family Violence
Wednesday, October 23, 2019
Presentation: DCFS Policies and Procedures Regarding Children in Domestic Violence Situations

Wednesday, October 30, 2019
Domestic Abuse of the Elderly

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Presentation: Police Perspective, Policies and Procedures Regarding Domestic Violence
    Presenter: Officer Randy Mathis, Carbondale Police Dept.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Services for Victims and Rights of Victims:

Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Prosecution of Domestic Battery Cases
Domestic Violence and Criminal Law, Victim and Witness Statements

*This syllabus is subject to change.*