

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC FALL 2022 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 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., from August 24, 2022 through November 16, 2022.

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.

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 19, 2022.**

Class schedule:

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Introduction to the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Introduction to Domestic Violence: Why Doesn't She Just Leave?

Assignment: Read the Student Handbook for the Domestic Violence Clinic.

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

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, and Interim/Plenary Order of Protection)

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

The IDVA and Orders of Protection, Part II

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Characteristics of a Domestic Violence Victim
Common traits of an Abuser

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Civil No Contact Orders, Stalking No Contact Orders, Bond Conditions
When are Protective Orders appropriate?

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

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.
Patti Cark, Jackson County State's Attorney's Office

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

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

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

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Presentation: DCFS Policies and Procedures Regarding Children in Domestic Violence Situations

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Tour of a Local Shelter-The Survivor and Empowerment Center (formerly The Women's Center)

610 S. Thompson St., Carbondale, IL

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Domestic Abuse of the Elderly

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Services for Victims and Rights of Victims:

Automated Victim Notification (AVN), Compensation for Crime Victims, Rights of Crime Victims in Illinois, Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA), Safe Homes Act

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Police Policies and Procedures Regarding Domestic Violence

Prosecution of Domestic Battery Cases

Victim and Witness Statements

This syllabus is subject to change.