

JUVENILE JUSTICE LEGAL CLINIC
Fall, 2022 SYLLABUS

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Office hours: fluctuate based on court commitments, but we will meet individually once a week during the semester at a time we mutually select.

Course objectives: *See Clinic Missions and Goals for Students, Mission Statement and Program Goals and Objectives located in the Juvenile Justice Clinic Handbook.*

Clinic Student Assessment and Evaluations: *See documents contained in the Juvenile Justice Clinic Handbook.*

LEGAL CLINIC STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL CLASSES. Should you need to miss a class, discuss this with Professor Wells *before* missing the class, if possible. *Although this class provides opportunity for you to work your own cases and to experience practice-oriented learning, the class also requires you to carefully read the material assigned and to be prepared to discuss it in class.*

We will meet in Room 103.

****Read the Juvenile Justice Clinic Handbook prior to the first class.**

Class Sessions for Fall, 2022

Tuesday, Aug.23, 2022 **

We have ZOOM court this day starting at 9, going until at least noon; then in-person court in Jackson County Court, Murphysboro, starting at 2.

Therefore, because you would normally be in class at 10, I expect all of you to attend

ZOOM court beginning at 10, until at least 10:50. Of course, if you want to log onto court before 10, or stay later, you may do so. Just let me know so that I can alert the

Judge. Also, you are welcome to join us for in-person court in the afternoon.

To log onto ZOOM court, you go to the official Jackson County Circuit Clerk's webpage

and click on "video court." Our judge is Judge York. I will let her know to expect you.

Thursday, Aug. 25, 2021

Introduction to the Juvenile Justice Clinic and Overview of Juvenile Neglect and Abuse
Law and the Role of Guardians Ad Litem.

Assignment: Read portions of Article I of the Illinois Juvenile Court Act of 1987, 705 ILCS 405/1-1 through 405/1-8 and 405/1-17.

Assignment: Read the Student Handbook for the Juvenile Justice Clinic.

Meet in person in Room 103. We will discuss necessary forms, procedures and the critically important concept of client confidentiality. You may receive the names of the cases that the clinic will assign to you. You should begin to review your files as soon as possible after assignment to you.

(We also will briefly discuss the SIU-C Field Trip Policy. Some of the time you will spend in this class will involve academic activities outside of the law school. The University classifies these off-campus activities as field trips. Each clinic student must sign an acknowledgment letter as well as SIU-C/Legal Clinic forms for Field Trip Participation and Assumption of Risk. You must complete these forms prior to engaging in any off-campus activities.)

*Therefore, please submit the following by August 31: SIU-C Participant Agreement and Assumption of Risk Form, Assumption of Risk Form and signed acknowledgment letter.

Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022

Fundamentals of Neglect, Abuse and Dependency Cases. Who are the “players” and what are their roles in the court process. What will your role be in the clinic?

Assignment: Read portions of Article II of the Illinois Juvenile Court Act of 1987, 705 ILCS 405/2-1 through 405/2-13.

Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022

How to Get Started on Your Cases.

No assignment. I will give you handouts in class.

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022 **

**Court day - in person at the Jackson County Courthouse, Murphysboro

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022

Duties and Responsibilities of Attorneys for Minor Children - Is the Statutory — Minimum Enough to Adequately

Represent Your Clients?

Assignment: Read Illinois Supreme Court Rule 907 and 705 ILCS 405/2-17

Tuesday, Sept.13, 2022

How a Juvenile Case Proceeds Through the Court System and the Duties and Role of the GAL before and at Adjudication, Disposition and Permanency Hearings.

Assignment: Read 705 ILCS 405/2-14 through 2/23, and 405/2-28 and 405/28.1

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022

What Factors Do Courts Use When Determining the Best Interest of a Child?

Assignment: Review 705 ILCS 405/1-3(4.05)(a-j).

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022**

- **COURT DAY/in person.

Continue working on your cases.

No assignment.

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022

Child Safety - Steps for One Framework for Critical Thinking and Analysis.

Assignment: Read the Forward and Preface and pp. 1-19 of "Child Safety-a Guide for Judges and Attorneys."

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022

Continue discussion of "Child Safety - Steps for One Framework for Critical Thinking and Analysis."

Assignment: Read the Forward and Preface and pp. 1-19 of "Child Safety-a Guide for Judges and Attorneys."

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022

Children, Domestic Violence and Trauma Both Before and After the Court Process. And Just What IS Domestic Violence?

Assignment: Read pp. 80-91 of the handout "Childhood Trauma and Involvement in the Court Process and pp. 55-64 of the handout "Children Exposed to Domestic Violence.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022**

** COURT DAY/in person

Continue working on your cases.

No assignment.

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022

Children's Right to Counsel

Assignment: Read *In re Gault*, 387 U.S. 1 (1967).

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022

Parents' Right to Counsel in Illinois and Other States and a
Perspective from a Former Parents' Attorney.

Assignment: Review 705 ILCS 405/1-2 through 405/1-5.
Read the handout "Life After *Lassiter*: an Overview of State Court
Right-to-Counsel Decisions."

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022

Variable Standards of Proof in Neglect/Abuse Cases- From
Speed Bumps to High Jumps and What They Mean for Us and the
Court Process.

Assignment: Read 705 ILCS 405/2-9, 2/18, 2/22 and 2/29.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022**

Court day**

Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022**

**No class.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022

Mandated Reporters in Illinois - What does that mean, and who are they?

Assignment: 90 Illinois Admin Code Part 300, Section 300.30.

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022

Guest speaker. No assignment.

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022**

**COURT DAY/ in person

Continue to work on your cases.

No assignment.

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022

Do-Over – Illinois' New Restoration of Parental Rights Law – What Do YOU Think?"

Assignment: Read 750 ILCS 50/14.5 and 705 ILCS 405/2-34.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022

HOLIDAY – ELECTION DAY. No class.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022

The ABA Model Act Governing the Representation of Children in Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Proceedings – Is this the future? How might it affect you and your clients?

Assignment: The ABA Model Act Governing the Representation of Children in Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Proceedings, as adopted in August 2011.

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022**

**Court day.

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022

Student-led questions and discussions about issues concerning your cases and court.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022

Student presentations.

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022

Student presentations.

Last day of class.

