DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC
FALL 2015 SCHEDULE

Domestic Violence Clinic students are required to attend all classes and staff meetings. 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 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Newspaper articles will be placed in your clinic mailbox throughout the semester. You are expected to read each of these articles prior to the next class or staff meeting.

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 November 6, 2015.

Class and Staff Meeting Schedule
The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from August 25, 2015 through November 19, 2015. 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, August 25, 2015
Introduction to the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic class
Assignment: Read the Student Handbook for the Domestic Violence Clinic.

Thursday, August 27, 2015
Introduction to Domestic Violence: Why doesn’t she just leave?

*Tuesday, September 1, 2015
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 3:00 p.m. (absent any conflicting class schedule).
Familiarize students with the history of Legal Aid, and Land of Lincoln office, staff, and procedures

*Thursday, September 3, 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.
Tuesday, September 8, 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.

Thursday, September 10, 2015
The IDVA and Orders of Protection, Part II
Preparation of Plenary Orders of Protection

*Tuesday, September 15, 2015
Instruction on Pleadings
- Specific instruction on the necessary pleadings for the mock client.

*Thursday, September 17, 2015; Friday, September 18, 2015 at Land of Lincoln
Interviewing the Client
- Lana Large will schedule with you individually for a mock interview to be held at Land of Lincoln on either September 17th or September 18th.
- Students will be instructed to prepare pleadings and return them to the LOL supervising attorney by October 6, 2015.

Tuesday, September 22, 2015
Stalking No Contact Orders, Civil No Contact Orders, Bond Conditions

Thursday, September 24, 2015
Presentation: Police Perspective, Policies and Procedures regarding domestic violence
Presenter: TBD

*Tuesday, September 29, 2015
Instruction on Investigations
- Instruction on the different methods of investigating a case, including potential differences when representing clients of domestic violence.

Thursday, October 1, 2015
Tour of a local shelter - The Women’s Center, Carbondale, IL

Tuesday, October 6, 2015
Presentation: Judicial Considerations in Determining the Propriety of an Order of Protection
Presenter: Judge Solverson

Thursday, October 8, 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.
Assignment: Read 750 ILCS 60/227 (advocate confidentiality) and 325 ILCS 5/1 through 5/4.02 (mandated reporting)

Tuesday, October 13, 2015
Presenter: Cass Vandermeer, Founder and Director of Possibilities Program
Presentation: Court Ordered Domestic Battery Treatment

Thursday, October 15, 2015
Tour of Jackson County Jail

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Presentation: Prosecution of Domestic Battery Cases
Domestic violence and criminal law, victim and witness statements

Thursday, October 22, 2015
Civility and other important aspects of quality lawyering
   Presenter: Judge Carolyn Smoot

*Tuesday, October 27, 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, October 29, 2015
Presentation: (1) DCFS Policies and Procedures Regarding Children in Domestic Violence Situations
   (2) Effects of Domestic Violence on Children
   Presenter: Ami Lilley Plexico, Clinical Domestic Violence Specialist, DCFS

Tuesday, November 3, 2015
Presentation: Services for victims
   Presenters: Michael Bastien, Statewide AVN System Coordinator, Illinois Attorney General’s Office (AVN)

Thursday, November 5, 2015
Presentation: Advice from the bench for new attorneys
   Presenter: Judge Schwartz

Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Mediation in cases involving domestic violence:
Illinois Supreme Court Rule 905
ABA Standard X
Thursday, November 12, 2015
Presentation: Remedies in Orders of Protection
   Presenter: Judge Dahlen

*Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Instruction on Trial Preparation
   Instruction on how to prepare for trial, including utilizing a trial notebook.

Thursday, November 19, 2015
Domestic elder abuser

* denotes that classes are training sessions taught by Lana Large, Staff Attorney, Land of Lincoln