DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC
FALL 2016 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 24, 2016 through November 16, 2016.

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 October 26, 2016.

**Class schedule:**

**Wednesday, August 24, 2016**  
Introduction to the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic  
**Assignment:** Read the Student Handbook for the Domestic Violence Clinic.

**Wednesday, August 31, 2016**  
Introduction to Domestic Violence: Why doesn’t she just leave?

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**  
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 14, 2016**  
Tour of a local shelter - The Women’s Center

**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**  
The IDVA and Orders of Protection, Part II  
and  
Civil No Contact Orders, Stalking No Contact Orders, Bond Conditions  
When are Other Protective Orders appropriate?

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016**  
Prosecution of Domestic Battery and Domestic Violence Related Crimes

**Wednesday, October 5, 2016**  
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 12, 2016**  
Presenter: Cass Vandermeer, Founder and Director of Possibilities Program  
Presentation: Court Ordered Domestic Battery Treatment
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Tour of Jackson County jail
The Impact of Growing Up With Family Violence

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
Presentation: DCFS Policies and Procedures Regarding Children in Domestic Violence Situations
  Presenter: DCFS Child Protection Investigator

Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Presentation: Civility and other important aspects of quality lawyering
  Presenter: Judge Solverson

Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Presentation: Police Perspective, Policies and Procedures regarding domestic violence
  Presenter: Officer Randy Mathis, Carbondale Police Dept.

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Presentation: Services for victims
  Presenters: Michael Bastien, Acting Director, Illinois Attorney General's Office, Carbondale, IL; Former Statewide AVN System Coordinator (AVN, Compensation for victims, Rights of victims in Illinois, VESSA)