DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC
SPRING 2018 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 January 17, 2018 through April 25, 2018.

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 April 4, 2018.**

**Class schedule:**

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**  
Introduction to the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic  
**Assignment:** Read the Student Handbook for the Domestic Violence Clinic.

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018**  
Introduction to Domestic Violence: Why doesn’t she just leave?

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018**  
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, February 7, 2018**  
Tour of a local shelter - The Women’s Center

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**  
The IDVA and Orders of Protection, Part II

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**  
Civil No Contact Orders, Stalking No Contact Orders, Bond Conditions  
When are Protective Orders appropriate?

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**  
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, March 7, 2018**  
Presenter: Cass Vandermeer, Founder and Director of Possibilities Program  
Presentation: Court Ordered Domestic Battery Treatment

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**  
Spring break, No class
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
Tour of Jackson County jail
The Impact of Growing Up With Family Violence

Wednesday, March 28, 2018
Presentation: DCFS Policies and Procedures Regarding Children in Domestic Violence Situations
Presenter: DCFS Child Protection Investigator

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
Presentation: Civility and other important aspects of quality lawyering
Presenter: Judge Solverson

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
Presentation: Police Perspective, Policies and Procedures regarding domestic violence
Presenter: Officer Randy Mathis, Carbondale Police Dept.

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
Presentation: Services for victims
Presenters: Michael Bastien, Statewide AVN System Coordinator, Illinois Attorney General’s Office (AVN, Compensation for victims, Rights of victims in Illinois, VESSA)

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Prosecution of Domestic Battery Cases
Domestic violence and criminal law, victim and witness statements