DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC
SUMMER 2016 SCHEDULE

Domestic Violence Clinic students are required to attend all classes. If you must miss a class, please discuss this with your supervising attorney before the scheduled class. All classes will be held from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Absent an important conflict, students are also expected to attend client interviews scheduled with the DV Clinic.

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.

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 between two pages and three 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 July 15, 2016.

Class and Staff Meeting Schedule

The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 13, 2016, through July 30, 2016. Students are required to attend all classes unless excused in advance.
Tuesday, June 14, 2016
Introduction to the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic class
   Assignment: Read the Student Handbook for the Domestic Violence Clinic.
   Begin reading 750 ILCS 60 et. seq. (Illinois Domestic Violence Act provided in
   your folder)

Thursday, June 16, 2016
Introduction to Domestic Violence: Why doesn’t she just leave?

Tuesday, June 21, 2016
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, June 23, 2016
The IDVA and Orders of Protection, Part II
Preparation of Order of Protection documents
   Assignment: Review Order of Protection forms (Petition, Emergency Order of
   Protection, Plenary Order of Protection)

Tuesday, June 28, 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.

Thursday, June 30, 2016
Stalking No Contact Orders, Civil No Contact Orders

Tuesday, July 5, 2016
NO CLASS

Thursday, July 7, 2016
Presentation: Services for victims
   Presenters: Michael Bastien, Statewide AVN System Coordinator, Illinois
   Attorney General’s Office (AVN, VINE)
   (Compensation for victims, Rights of victims in Illinois, VESSA)

Tuesday, July 12, 2016
Presentation: Prosecution of Domestic Battery Cases; Domestic violence and the
criminal justice system

Thursday, July 14, 2016
Tour of a local shelter - The Women’s Center
Tuesday, July 19, 2016  
Presentation: DCFS Policies and Procedures Regarding Children in Domestic Violence Situations  
Presenter: DCFS Child Protection Investigator

Thursday, July 21, 2016  
Tour of Jackson County Jail

Tuesday, July 26, 2016  
Presentation: Remedies in Orders of Protection  
Presenter: Judge Kimberly Dahlen

Thursday, July 28, 2016  
Domestic violence and criminal law, victim and witness statements