UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE LAW CLINICS

Practice Law. Build Your Career. Make a Difference.

Explore your future:

- Civil Advocacy Clinic
- Community Development Clinic
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Disability Law Clinic
- Family Law Clinic
- Human Trafficking Prevention Project
- Immigrant Rights Clinic
- Innocence Project Clinic
- Juvenile Justice Project
- Mediation Clinic for Families
- Pretrial Justice Clinic
- Tax Clinic
- Veteran's Advocacy Clinic

Immigrant Rights Clinic Student at an Asylum Hearing



PRACTICE LAW.

In the UB Law Clinics, you are licensed to practice law under Maryland's student practice rule. This means that you will be the lead attorney in your cases, working under the supervision of faculty. You will do everything that practicing lawyers do – such as interviewing clients, negotiating with opposing counsel, investigating facts, conducting legal research, writing briefs, drafting transactional documents, and arguing in court. By the end of the semester, your resume will reflect that you are practice-ready.

"Welcome to the best decision you have made in law school." –UB Clinic Alum

BUILD YOUR CAREER.

In the Clinic, you will have opportunities to network with other lawyers and judges. The experience will help you determine the practice area you want to join. Moreover, as a UB law clinic student attorney, you will be supervised by our outstanding, nationally recognized faculty, all of whom are superb teachers and lawyers. The faculty are excellent resources as you seek employment, and because we work with you as colleagues in our law firm, we can talk to prospective employers in detail about your legal skills.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

You will represent people and organizations that could not otherwise afford a lawyer. We engage in both individual representation and systemic change through legislative reform and community education. You will be expanding access to justice and helping make Baltimore a better community.

"The Clinic was a proving ground where I had the opportunity to practice lawyering skills and experiment with legal strategies, with a safety net of experienced faculty supervisors."

FOR MORE INFORMATION Please visit our website

http://law.ubalt.edu/clinics/index.cfm; talk to a Clinic professor; or visit the bi-annual Clinic fair. We would love to tell you what sets us, and UB, apart.

CLINIC FAQs

• How do I apply for clinics?

Clinic applications are available online at http://law.ubalt.edu/clinics/index.cfm. Complete the application and email it to lawclinic@ubalt.edu before the deadline for that semester.

• Do I need to be a 3L to take a clinic?

No, as long as the pre-requisites or co-requisites for the course have been fulfilled. Review the <u>Law Clinic</u> <u>application</u> and/or the <u>Clinic Selection Policies and Procedures</u> – both available at the Clinic website -- for more complete pre and co-requisite information for clinics.

• How do I know if I've been placed in a clinic?

The clinic administrator performs the lottery determining student placement. Students will receive an email advising them of their acceptance or placement on the Waitlist.

• Do clinics fulfill the experiential requirement?

Yes, to graduate from the University of Baltimore School of Law, you must take six credits of a designated experiential course. At least three of those credits must come from a clinic or externship.

• Can I take more than one clinic at the University of Baltimore School of Law?

Admittance into the Clinical Programs is in most cases based on a lottery. Details are available on-line at <u>Clinic Selection</u> <u>Policies and Procedures</u>. If you have already taken a clinic but would like to take another, you may apply but will be placed into a clinic (or on a wait list) only after the students who have not yet taken a clinic are placed.

• How many credits are clinic courses?

<u>6 credits</u>: Civil Advocacy Clinic, Community Development Clinic, Criminal Practice, Family Law Clinic, Immigrant Rights Clinic, Innocence Project Clinic, Pretrial Justice Clinic, Tax Clinic, Veterans Advocacy Clinic 3 credits: Disability Law Clinic, Juvenile Justice Project, Mediation Clinic for Families

• I'm an evening law student. What clinics will accommodate my schedule?

Several of the clinics hold evening seminars: Community Development, Mediation Clinic for Families, Tax and the Innocence Project Clinic. The law clinic suite is open evenings and weekends during the semester to enable evening students the same access as day students. Check out the FAQs for Evening Students available on-line.

• Are clinics available during the Summer term?

The Criminal Practice Clinic is occasionally offered in the Summer.

• When do I need to apply for clinics?

Applications for Summer term and Fall semester are usually available by the first week in March and due at the end of the month. Applications for the Spring semester are available in early October and due at the end of that month. Watch your UB e-mail account for more information on application availability and deadlines.

• Oops! I totally missed the deadline. What do I do?

You can always turn in an application late and be considered for the wait list.

• Wow! I got a clinic placement. What happens next?

After you have made your initial appointment with your faculty, your name will be added to the Clinic Permissions List in <u>Peoplesoft</u> and you may register. If you experience any problems registering, call Laura Garcia 410.837.5659 to confirm that your name has been added.

• How do I reach a Clinic professor?

All clinic faculty names, phone numbers, and email addresses are available on our website at http://law.ubalt.edu/clinics/contact.cfm. The Clinic Director is Professor Michele Gilman at mgilman@ubalt.edu.

How are clinics different from externships?

All the clinics, with the exception of the Criminal Practice Clinic, are in-house law firms at the law school. You will be supervised by full-time faculty, and you will work with clients of the clinic. You will be a Rule 19-217 student attorney, licensed to practice law while enrolled in the clinic. In the Criminal Practice Clinic, you will be Rule 19-217 licensed, but you will work on-site at either a state's attorney or public defender office and be supervised by attorneys in that office. In an externship, you will be working for a judge or for an attorney at a law office outside the law school. In general, you will have less responsibility for cases and clients in an externship. Both clinics and externships have a weekly classroom component. Both clinics and externships satisfy part or all of the experiential requirement for graduation. Clinics generally require more time and provide more credits. You may take both an externship and a clinic, but you should not take them simultaneously.