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Appellate Advocacy Clinic

What do students do?
The Clinic represents clients in all sorts of appeals, both civil and criminal, and in a variety of federal and state appellate courts. Students typically handle an appeal from start to finish, working with a student partner and their professor. Students may also work on an existing appeal that the previous year’s appellate clinic handled. If oral argument is allowed, one student from the pair argues and the other helps prepare for the argument. Students also attend a weekly seminar to learn about various aspects of appellate practice and brainstorm their classmates’ appeals. The Clinic also attends a morning of arguments at the United States Supreme Court and meets with Court personnel.

Syllabus: (sample topics)
Topics include appellate jurisdiction, preservation of issues, standard of review, developing a theme, “results-oriented” research, appellate briefs, oral argument, common appellate motions, and petitions.

Registration:
Only students selected by the Clinical Professor may register for the Appellate Advocacy Clinic. At least one week (7 days) before Registration for their 3L fall semester, interested students should submit a completed Appellate Advocacy Clinic Questionnaire to Professor John Korzen at korzenjj@wfu.edu. Students will be selected and notified prior to Registration. Only selected students will be able to register for the class.

Course #: 548
Credit Hours: 4 (awarded at the end of the second semester)
Prerequisites: Appellate Advocacy
No. of Semesters: 2 (both semesters of 3L year)

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Carolina Externship

What do students do?
The Clinical Externship Program is available to rising 2Ls and rising 3Ls and consists of both practical and classroom components. The program has been designed with a high degree of flexibility to accommodate student interest and the availability of quality placements.

Placements include: general counsel offices of publicly traded companies; private law firms; government counsel offices; public interest organizations; and other organizations whose needs match those of students in the program. The classroom component consists of a 2-hour mandatory seminar session each week of the program’s official dates. Students may participate in person at the Wake Forest Charlotte Center or connect virtually, depending on their placement location.

Syllabus: (sample topics)
N/A

Registration
Course #: N/A
Credit Hours: 4
Prerequisites: None
No. of Semesters: Summer Session

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Child Advocacy Clinic

What do students do?
This clinic focuses on the representation of children in three settings: deciding the custody of children in high conflict cases, deciding the custody of children in civil domestic violence actions, and representing children of indigent parents in issues involving the public school system. Students study the various models for representing children – as lawyer advocate, as lawyer guardian ad litem, and as non-lawyer guardian ad litem – and analyze the ethical issues raised in the various settings. Students also study the procedural and substantive law involved in deciding the custody issue in both the family law and the domestic violence settings and in representing children in the educational setting.

Students work in teams of two on cases that have been referred from the district courts of the 21st Judicial District to the Children’s Law Center. The education cases arise from indigent parents who have called the Children’s Law Center for assistance in discipline and other matters in the public schools. Students meet weekly for course work and schedule their field work in coordination with the professor. Students need blocks of time on at least two mornings other than Wednesday for the field work.

Syllabus: (sample topics):
- Psychology of domestic violence and custody; interviewing children; ethical issues in representing the child; civil domestic violence process; criminal domestic violence process; mediation; advocating for children in education cases.

Registration:
Course #: 563-2
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: None
No. of Semesters: 1

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Community Law & Business Clinic

What do students do?
Students assist with a range of legal and business matters that reflect a general civil practice. Topics include: entity selection, contract review, employment law, real estate, and topics related to representing business clients.

Syllabus: (sample topics)
Business organizations, real estate development and finance, employment law, commercial law and contracts.

Registration
Course #: 601
Credit Hours: 4
Prerequisites: Must be a 3L or second semester 2L. No course prerequisites. Interest in business law and entrepreneurship, community based organizations and non-profits is beneficial.
No. of Semesters: 1

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Criminal Procedure Survey

What do students do?
A study of state and federal criminal procedure from investigation through trial and post-trial remedies, including constitutional rights of those accused of crime, suppression of evidence, trial preparation, and guilty pleas. Students who have taken Criminal Procedure: Investigation or Criminal Procedure: Adjudication in the past or those who are currently enrolled in either of those two courses may not register for Criminal Procedure Survey.

Syllabus: (sample topics)
N/A

Registration
Course #: 400
Credit Hours: 4
Prerequisites:
No. of Semesters: 1.

Supervising Attorney: All Faculty
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Primary Staff: N/A
Primary Location: N/A

Website: http://academics.law.wfu.edu/courses/

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D.C. Summer Judicial Externship

What do students do?

The D.C. Program is an exciting opportunity that places rising second-year and third-year law students into unpaid externships at some of the most vibrant and influential courts in Washington, D.C. As part of the Program, students spend approximately 35 hours per week for eight weeks during the summer externing at a participating court. Among other things, students tour the U.S. Supreme Court, have lunch with a Supreme Court law clerk, attend oral argument at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and meet federal judges, law clerks, D.C. attorneys, WFU Law alumni, etc. Each student is paired with an alumni mentor and has an opportunity to attend Program-specific networking events.

Syllabus: (sample topics)

Course begins with an orientation session. Students receive oral and written information about working with judges, their writing assignments, their required reflections, and a schedule with related deadlines.

Registration

Course #: 520
Credit Hours: 3 hours, pass/fail for externship and 3 graded credits for the course
Prerequisites: Completion of at least one year of law school
No. of Semesters: Summer I & Summer II

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Elder Law Clinic

What do students do?
Represent individuals and their families in a general civil practice, small firm environment. Students draft wills and powers of attorney; handle some litigation, including guardianship hearings; handle consumer law disputes and health law cases.

Syllabus: (sample topics)
Interviewing; will drafting and estate planning for the small estate; Medicare and Medicaid; housing issues of older clients; mental capacity issues (taught by medical school faculty); guardianship law.

Registration
Only students selected by the Clinical Professor may register for E-Clinic. At least a week (7 days) before Registration, students should email a letter to Professor Mewhinney setting out why they are interested in taking the course, along with a resume. For the spring 2015 semester five students and two waitlisted students will be selected and notified prior to Registration. Only selected students (including a waitlist) will be able to register for the class on-line, using the regular registration process.

Course #: 604  
Credit Hours: 4  
Prerequisites: Must be a 3L or spring semester 2L; no course prerequisites  
No. of Semesters: 1

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Innocence & Justice Clinic

What do students do?
Students study the causes of wrongful conviction while they review and investigate claims of actual innocence by inmates and, where appropriate, pursue legal avenues for exoneration and release from prison.

Syllabus: (sample topics)
Mistaken eyewitness identification; false confessions; invalid forensic science; the role of forensic DNA testing; post-conviction remedies for innocence claims; the use of informants, jailhouse snitches and cooperating witnesses; police and prosecutorial misconduct; incompetent lawyering; policy and legislative reforms and post-conviction compensation.

Registration
Course #: 622
Credit Hours: 4
Prerequisites: Criminal Procedure is co-requisite; must be 3L or spring semester 2L
No. of Semesters: 1

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Website: http://innocence-clinic.law.wfu.edu/
Judicial Extern Program

What do students do?
Judicial Extern students work a minimum of 120 hours over a 5 to 6 week summer school term. This includes time spent in court with their mentoring judge as well as time spent researching and writing. There is a 25 page writing requirement that can be met either with one paper or a series of short memos. Professor Anderson recruits mentoring judges for students in the Triad area. Most students are placed in state court and occasionally in federal court. Students may also recruit their own judges in any location where they hope to practice.

Syllabus: (sample topics)
Course begins with an orientation session. Students receive oral and written information about working with judges, their writing assignments, their required reflections, and a schedule with related deadlines.

Registration
Course #: 540
Credit Hours: 3 hours, pass/fail
Prerequisites: Evidence is suggested but not required, which allows rising 2Ls take the course.
No. of Semesters: Summer I and Summer II: may be taken either session, not both.

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Website: http://academics.law.wfu.edu/courses/
Judicial Externship

What do students do?
A student may receive 1 or 2 pass/fail credits for a fall or spring semester judicial externship. The student works with a faculty supervisor of the student’s choice on the selection of a judge. The student submits a statement of goals to the faculty supervisor and meets with the supervisor on the goals before the externship begins. For a 1-hour externship the student submits a minimum of 4 2-page reflection papers to the faculty supervisor during the externship and works for the judge for a minimum of 60 hours. At the end of the externship, the student submits to the supervisor a sample of the student’s work for the judge. For a 2-hour externship, the same requirements for a statement of goals and post-externship work sample apply, with a minimum of 8 2-page reflection papers and 120 hours of work for the judge.
* This course may be offered for 2 hours during some years.

Syllabus: *(sample topics)*
N/A

Registration
Course #: 340
Credit Hours: 1, pass/fail
Prerequisites: Evidence is suggested but not required, which allows rising 2Ls take the course.
No. of Semesters: 1; Summer I and Summer II: may be taken either session, not both.

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Primary Location: Law School

Website: [http://academics.law.wfu.edu/courses/](http://academics.law.wfu.edu/courses/)
Litigation Externship Clinic

What do students do?
This clinic requires students to do both a civil and a criminal placement concurrently over the course of the semester. Placements are tailored to student preferences. The all-semester civil placements include a wide variety of private firms, both small and large; government entities, and general counsel offices such as Krispy Kreme, Reynolds American, Cornerstone Health Care, N.C. Baptist Hospital, Med Cost, W-S/Forsyth County Board of Education, National Labor Relations Bd., and Dept. of Veterans Affairs. The 6 week concurrent criminal placements include state and federal government offices, e.g., Federal Public Defender, District Attorney and Public Defender's Offices, and criminal defense firms. Most students will appear in court on behalf of clients or government entities during their criminal placement; some will do so in the civil side. Students may also try full jury trials. The U. S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of North Carolina offers two placements that combine both civil and criminal hours. Students placed there routinely appear in court on behalf of the United States.

Syllabus: (sample topics)
Seminar component provides instruction and simulated exercises in District Court practice; jury focus groups; interviewing & counseling; taking depositions; preparing deponents; expert witness preparation & examination.

Registration
Course #:  603
Credit Hours: 5, graded. 1 additional credit hour available upon completion of Intensive Deposition Weekend.
Prerequisites: Evidence. Pre- or Co-requisite: Trial Practice
No. of Semesters: 1

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Metropolitan Externship – Washington, D.C.

**What do students do?**

Students work full-time with attorneys in government and not-for-profit organizations. The work may include legislative and regulation drafting, regulatory compliance, policy analysis and advocacy, and the many other kinds of work done by attorneys in government and NGOs in the Washington area. It may focus on national or international law. In addition to the field-work, the course includes a weekly classroom session.

**Syllabus:** *(sample topics)*

Confidentiality, executive privilege, conflict of interest rules, whistle-blowing, special responsibility of government lawyers.

**Registration**

Course #: 639  
Credit Hours: 10 hrs. for field work and 3 graded credits for classroom  
Prerequisites: Complete all required courses  
No. of Semesters: 1  

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Micro-Trade Development Clinic

What do students do?
Students work with micro-enterprises and development intermediaries in Central America to assist these businesses as the export products to the United States. Under the direction of Prof. Virgil, students advise these businesses on issues related to the regulation of imports into the U.S., commercial law topics related to trade and regulation of agricultural products and food. The class requires travel to Nicaragua during January for 8 days of fieldwork. Registration requires instructor’s prior approval.

Syllabus: (sample topics)
Course begins with two seminars and an orientation session during October – November of the fall semester. Topics include history of Nicaragua, development strategies in Central America, and relevant topics of U.S. law. An introduction to the civil law tradition is provided.

Registration
Course #: N/A
Credit Hours: 2
Prerequisites: No class prerequisites, although students are expected to work well in a cross-cultural setting.
No. of Semesters: 1

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Primary Location: Winston-Salem & Nicaragua

Website: N/A
Practicum Extension

What do students do?
A resident faculty member of a doctrinal course may make the Practicum Extension available in conjunction with the course. If so, a student may receive 1 or 2 hours of graded or ungraded credit for an externship related to the subject matter of the course. The faculty member and a practicing lawyer or other professional supervise the student in a practical experience “extending” the course. The faculty member may limit the number of students eligible for the Practicum Extension in a given semester. The extension may be available for a course taken currently or in a past semester. A student may enroll in the Practicum Extension more than once if the underlying subject areas for the different Practicum Extensions are substantially different. The Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs determines, after consultation with the affected faculty members, whether a student’s subsequent Practicum Extension would cover material and skills that are different enough from the first experience to warrant additional academic credit. Faculty will require approximately 30-35 hours of placement work for each hour of graded practicum credit. The faculty member will also require the student to complete exercises, apart from the fieldwork and the activities connected to the related doctrinal course, to promote reflection about the practice placement. Also, the faculty member will work with the field supervisor on specific learning objectives for the student and the range of activities that the student will complete. Both the field supervisor and the academic supervisor monitor the student’s work and collaborate on the appropriate grade.
* This course may be offered for 2 hours during some years.

Syllabus: (sample topics)
N/A

Registration
Course #: 350
Credit Hours: 1; may be offered for 2 hours during some years
Prerequisites:
No. of Semesters: 1

Supervising Attorney: All faculty
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Phone Number: N/A
Primary Staff: N/A
Primary Location: N/A

Website: http://academics.law.wfu.edu/courses/