**Course Requirements**

The Law Clinic is a graded, 7-credit course open to second-year law students in their second semester and to third-year law students. Enrollment is capped at 16 students per semester.

The Law Clinic course includes casework, case supervision sessions, a seminar class, and a community education presentation. Students enrolled in the Law Clinic course are expected to spend approximately 20 hours per week on average on Law Clinic course work, including class preparation and class time.

Students may enroll in the Law Clinic for a second semester, as space is available. In their second semester they may also be eligible for a position as a student director, acting as a leader for new incoming clinic students.

**Student Testimonials**

"Being in the Law Clinic allowed me to tackle real life legal issues in a way I never could have in the classroom. It has been a valuable experience that will help me in both my professional and personal life."

- Heather Harris

"My law school education has been enriched by the legal experiences that I had in the Law Clinic. For example, being able to research and prepare testimony for a legislative hearing was something I may not have otherwise been able to do."

- Denise Jones

"Working in the Law Clinic has helped me recognize the tremendous need for legal services that exists in our community. Being able to immerse myself in the practical aspect of handling a case was a valuable experience. In short, the UND Law Clinic brought the study of law to life."

- Lu Jiang

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GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

The Law Clinic focuses on enabling students to achieve the following goals:

• Establish and maintain an effective attorney-client relationship with each client assigned to the student;

• Recognize situational conflicts with other ethical, ideological, or personal considerations potentially affecting a case or an attorney-client relationship;

• Internalize the values of providing competent representation; working toward justice, fairness, and morality; striving to improve the profession; and continuous professional self-development;

• Initiate a lifelong process of critical self-reflection and assessment;

• Demonstrate basic competence in representing clients in a litigation context.

HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

The main areas of focus in the Law Clinic are Housing and Employment law. UND law students develop fundamental lawyering skills and values by engaging in legal advocacy on behalf of persons who otherwise would be unable to obtain legal representation. These experiences lead to marketable skills that can assist students in their post-law school job search.

Law Clinic students contribute to improving access to justice by providing lower income persons with the means to enforce existing legal rights and by promoting community-wide understanding of the laws protecting the rights of tenants and employees. Consistent with the law school’s mission, the Law Clinic course integrates opportunities to teach students the habit of reflection, the value of collaboration, and the importance of professional responsibility in the context of litigation and legal advocacy.