



## **Clinics and Internships for Credit**

### **Bankruptcy**

#### **Bankruptcy Court Clerkship: LAW 8877**

The United States Bankruptcy Courts have jurisdiction over claims arising under federal bankruptcy law. Cases in these courts present issues arising not only under the Bankruptcy Code, but also in many other areas, such as secured transactions, contract law, labor law, and tax law. Student interns will, among other duties, observe court proceedings, assist in writing legal memoranda, and draft opinions. Enrollment in the Bankruptcy Court Clerkship Program is limited to students who have completed both Secured Transactions and Debtors & Creditor's Rights. Students work at least 70 hours at the court; and attend monthly conferences with the professor in charge of the program's over site.

*2 Hours*

### **Business Law**

#### **Entrepreneurial Legal Services Clinic**

The mission of the Kansas City Entrepreneurial Legal Clinic Services is to deliver legal advice and facilitate the delivery of professional business planning to owners of small businesses, both existing and start-ups, who cannot afford the market rates for such services. The faculty of the UMKC School of Law will supervise law students as they provide legal and professional services to qualified clients.

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#### **LAW 8757 R Entrepreneurial Law & Practice Clinic**

Under faculty supervision, students will counsel start-up companies and their owners and implement business planning advice by drafting articles of incorporation and organization, by-laws, partnership agreements and other business contracts. Other business-related matters ranging from regulatory, consumer, licensing, and taxation requirements; copyrights, trademark, and patent creation; and 501(C)(3) applications for non-profits may also be covered in this course. Clinic students will also receive classroom instruction in the areas of client counseling and business planning and drafting of business documents. Prerequisites: Business Organizations, Commercial Transactions, Professional Responsibility (or concurrent enrollment). Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13 certification required for in-court representation.

*2-3 Hours*

## **Criminal Law**

### **Federal Public Defender Externship Clinic: LAW 8656 R**

Up to three students will be assigned to work in the Federal Public Defender's Office. Under the supervision of the Federal Public Defender, a student will prepare pleadings and represent federal indigent criminal defendants. Students will be expected to perform legal research, to write memoranda, motions and briefs, to observe and to appropriately participate in trials, pre-trial hearings, motion hearings and, in general, to assist in litigation. Students must meet eligibility requirements and be certified in compliance with Local Federal Rules of Court. Student will work a pre-approved schedule totaling six hours a week for 14 weeks with a minimum of 80 hours a semester for two academic credit hours and to attend regular conferences with their Supervising Attorney and with their Faculty Supervisor. Students must have completed three semester of law school and must be in the upper half of their class. Ungraded. Pass/Fail.

*2-3 Hours*

### **Jackson County Prosecutor Clinic: LAW 8656 P**

As permitted by Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13, senior law students, under supervision, appear in court and assist the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office with the duties and functions the office provides the community. Students enroll for two semesters and are required to devote at least 10 hours per week to formalized instructions, individual mentoring, and instruction and guidance from assistant prosecutors. Limited enrollment, Prerequisites: Rule 13 certification, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Criminal Procedure I, and Constitutional Law II. Ungraded. Pass/Fail.

*3 Hours*

### **Midwestern Innocence Project: Law 8713 P**

Students, under supervision, provide investigative and legal assistance to prisoners with persuasive actual innocence claims. Students meet weekly with the director of the program for training and evaluation. Assigned tasks depend on the needs of the Innocence Project, and may include interviewing potential clients, gathering records, investigating actual innocence claims, consulting with experts, drafting post-conviction and/or clemency pleadings, and appearing at court hearings. Clinical students work in conjunction with law and journalism students enrolled at the University of Missouri-Columbia and are required to work 240 hours a semester or roughly eighteen (18) hours a week on their clinic cases. Limited enrollment (normally, 8 students). Prerequisites: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I and Wrongful Convictions. Pass/Fail.

*4 Hours*

### **Public Defender Trials Clinic: LAW 8656**

As permitted by Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13, senior law students, under supervision, handle cases referred from the Public Defender. Students enroll for two semesters and are required to devote at least 10 hours per week to applied skills, weekly conferences, and lectures. Limited enrollment. Prerequisites: Criminal Law and Legal Writing I and II. Students must also have completed or be enrolled in Criminal Procedure I, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility. Ungraded. Pass/Fail.

*3 Hours*

## **Family Law**

### **Child & Family Services Clinic**

In this clinic law students have the opportunity to establish an attorney-client relationship and practice all the skills they will need to be successful practitioners in a supervised, “protective” environment. The student attorneys enter into employment agreements with clients, conduct factual investigations, develop case strategies, prepare written discovery, study relevant substantive and procedural law, draft and file pleadings, prepare witnesses and present evidence in actual court hearings. Students also have an opportunity to learn what happens after the hearing by advising clients of relevant appeal issues and timeframes, taking steps to effectuate the court’s orders (eg. income assignments for child support), preparing proposed judgments and sending closing letters with case documents to their clients.

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### **Family Court Clerkship: LAW 8662 F**

Second or third-year students will serve as law clerks to judges and commissioners in the family court of Jackson County. Students work at least 80 hours at the court and attend review conferences over the course of the semester. Pass/Fail.

*2-3 Hours*

### **Guardian ad Litem Workshop**

Course Description (Law790): Advanced study of guardian ad litem practice. Topics may include adult and child orders of protection, requirements for guardian ad litem appointments, role of the GAL, ethical considerations, working with social workers and other professionals, and best practices in investigation, recommendation, and representation. Students will partner with volunteer attorneys to act as guardians ad litem in order of protection cases.

Students are assigned credit-no credit grades based on a combination of in-class work, field work (30 hours minimum), and reflective journals.

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### **Jackson County Prosecutor Clinic-Family Law Prosecution: LAW 8656 C**

As permitted by Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13, senior law students, under supervision, appear in court and assist the Jackson County Prosecutor’s Office, Child Support Division, in prosecuting cases involving paternity establishment and child support. Support services are provided without charge to custodial parents living in Jackson County. Students enroll for two semesters and are required to devote at least 10 hours per week to formalized instructions, individual mentoring, and instruction and guidance from assistant prosecutors. Limited enrollment. Prerequisites: Rule 13 certification, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Criminal procedure I, and Family Law. Ungraded. Pass/Fail.

*2-3 Hours*

## **Environment**

### **US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Externship(s)**

LAW 8782R; 8782S; 8773R

LAW 8773R

Student(s) perform clinic activities at the United States Army Environmental Office, including performing legal research, writing position papers, attending state and federal regulatory hearings, participating in planning conferences and assisting with litigation. Students are supervised by the Central Regional Environmental Chief Coordinating Attorney and attend regular conferences with a faculty supervisor who reviews copies of all clinic written work that may be so reviewed under the United States Army Environmental Office rules. Prerequisites: Environmental Law or Administrative Law. Ungraded. Pass/Fail.

*2-3 Hours*

## **Government**

### **U.S. Attorney's Office Law Clinic: LAW 8637 R**

Up to four students, under supervision of an Assistant United States Attorney, are selected as interns to work in the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri with members of the Strike Force, Narcotic Unit, General Crimes Unit or Civil Division. Activities include, legal research and writing, consisting of memoranda, motions and briefs; observations and participation in trials, pre-trial hearings and motions, as appropriate; and assistance with litigation. Students are expected to work a pre-approved schedule of six hours a week for fourteen weeks with a minimum of eighty hours a semester and to attend regular conferences with their supervising attorney and faculty supervisor. Prerequisites: Three semesters of law school and attainment of at least a B+ cumulative grade point average. Eligible interested students are screened and selected. Ungraded. Pass/Fail.

*2-3 Hours*

### **Federal Court Internship: LAW 8662**

Second or third-year students with a GPA of at least 3.0 serve in a clerkship with a judge or magistrate of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, or the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Students work at least 70 hours at the court, and attend review conferences over the course of the semester. Ungraded. Pass/Fail.

*2 hrs*

### **Missouri Attorney General's Office Clinic: LAW 8656 A**

Second and third year law students, under supervision, work at the Attorney General's Office in Kansas City assisting with the duties and functions of the office provides the community. Students are required to devote at least 6 hours per week to formalized instructions, individual mentoring, and instruction and guidance from assistant attorney generals. Limited enrollment. Prerequisites: Rule 13 certification. Ungraded. Pass/Fail.

*2 Hours*

## Labor

### Department of Labor Clinic

LAW 8768R

## Public Interest

### Legal Aid Clinic: LAW 8790

Internship at offices of Legal Aid of Western Missouri. Students receive instruction in basic poverty law representation and techniques for experiential learning and, depending on placement, are given supervised instruction and practice opportunities in client counseling, fact investigation and discovery, case preparation and pleadings, community advocacy and trial techniques. Faculty and Legal Aid attorney supervision. Limited enrollment. Concurrent enrollment in certain courses may be required for some field placements. Ungraded. Pass/fail.

*3 Hours*

## Tax

### Kansas City Tax Clinic

Welcome to the Kansas City Tax Clinic. At the Kansas City Tax Clinic second year, and third year and masters students from the UMKC School of Law assist qualifying taxpayers in resolving their federal and state tax controversies. The Kansas City Tax Clinic provides free, high quality representation to those who could not otherwise afford professional assistance.

The Kansas City Tax Clinic's mission is to provide high quality legal representation to qualified individuals with federal tax controversies and to provide our student with practical skills training and an understanding of the importance of pro bono representation

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