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| **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED** | Fall or Spring |
| **CLINICAL COURSE COMPONENT** | Family Justice Clinical Seminar |
| **COURSE CREDITS** | 2 classroom credits |
| **CLINICAL CREDITS** | 3, 4 or 5 clinical credits |
| **LOCATION** | HLS; Legal Services Center |
| **REGISTRATION TYPE** | Helios |

**TYPES OF CASES/CLIENTS**

Represent parents being investigated by the Department of Children and Families (DCF);

Defend against DCF administrative decisions in Fair Hearings;

Work to expand the rights of families and reduce harm in family policing systems

Represent petitioners of abuse prevention orders (209A/Restraining Order)

Represent parties in the Probate and Family Courts in divorce/paternity/custody/child support, etc.

**SKILLS**

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| Statute and regulation interpretation / application | Litigation/Trial skills | Interviewing clients |
| Legal research and memo/motion drafting  | Oral advocacy in non-evidentiary hearings | Trauma informed lawyering skills |
| Strategic drafting of affidavits | Negotiating settlements | Community/movement lawyering with partners |
| Collaboration with partner organizations | Fact investigation | Administrative hearings |
| Development of case and client theories | Propound or respond to formal discovery | Conduct/defend depositions |

**TYPICAL WORK SCHEDULE**

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| **Morning** | **Afternoon** | **Evening** |
| **8:30 - 9:15 am:** Take red line/orange line to LSC**9:15 - 10:00 am:** review deadlines and actions items, check emails and phone messages **10:00 am:** check-in with instructor/supervisor**10:00 - 11:00 am:** follow-up on cases, return calls to clients**11:00 am - 12:30 pm:** review case updates on court dockets and strategize on potential discovery | **12:30 - 1:15 pm:** Go get lunch at Chilacates near LSC**1:15 - 2:30 pm:** review legal standards and judicial guidelines on restraining order issues **2:30 - 3:15 pm:** Draft goals and agenda for client meeting and outline potential supplemental affidavit**3:15 – 4:15 pm:** meet client in-person to assess factual support for extension of restraining order and potential evidentiary hearing | **4:15 – 5:00 pm:** Case update & strategy meeting with clinical instructor in RO case**5:00 – 5:45pm:** Take the red line back to campus  |