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| **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED** | Fall or Spring |
| **CLINICAL COURSE COMPONENT** | Immigration and Refugee Advocacy |
| **COURSE CREDITS** | 2 classroom credits |
| **CLINICAL CREDITS** | 3, 4 or 5 clinical credits |
| **LOCATION** | HLS or downtown Boston at Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) |
| **REGISTRATION TYPE** | Helios |

**TYPES OF CASES/CLIENTS**

Students work on cases and projects that advance immigrants’ rights and expand access to counsel for individuals seeking asylum and other forms of humanitarian protections. Students engage in a variety of advocacy, including direct representation of individuals in removal proceedings, district court and appellate litigation, amicus briefs, community outreach, and policy advocacy. Students are placed either on campus at HLS or at Greater Boston Legal Services. Students generally are assigned 2 to 4 cases or projects based on a survey conducted prior to the start of the term and meetings with supervisors.

**SKILLS**

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| Client Interviewing and Counseling | Oral Advocacy | Trial practice |
| Appellate Litigation (including amicus practice) | Administrative Hearing Practice | Legal Research and Writing |
| Community Lawyering & Outreach | Developing Case Strategies | Preparing comments |
| Fact Investigation | Working with Experts | Brief writing |

**TYPICAL WORK SCHEDULE**

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|  | **Morning** | **Afternoon** | **Evening** |
| **Student 1** | **9:00 - 10:00 am:** Meet with clinical supervisor to discuss case strategy, goals for client meeting, client interviewing techniques, and next steps**10:30 - 12:30 pm:** Meet with client to build rapport and begin gathering facts to support asylum claim  | **1:30 - 2:30 pm:** Update case management system and affidavit with facts gathered from client interview; conduct outreach to supporting and expert witnesses**2:30 - 3:30 pm:** Research firm resettlement bar to asylum claim and begin drafting pre-trial brief  | **6:30 - 7:30pm:** Outline amicus brief on gender asylum to be filed in circuit court |
| **Student 2** | **10:00 - 11:30 am:** Meet with client at local detention center to develop affidavit and discuss case strategy; debrief with team-mate and supervisor during car ride**12:30 - 1:00 pm:** Engage in phone consultation with individual referred by community partner for immigration relief screening  | **1:00 - 2:00 pm:** Participate in national call with other NGOs who are developing a strategy to challenge new asylum-related regulations**2:00 - 3:00 pm:** Meet with cross-clinical case team and supervisors to discuss third party outreach in potential affirmative litigation against a local detention center. | **5:00 - 6:00 pm:** Meet with other case team members to collaboratively work on immigration court filing on behalf of detained client.**6:00 - 6:30 pm:** Research case law concerning tort claims on behalf of individuals denied proper medical care in immigration detention for complaint/motion to dismiss |