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## Shepard Broad College of Law Clinical Programs 2016

# Clinical Programs

Clinical education is an important part of the NSU Law School experience. In fact, we think clinical education is so important that each and every student who meets the clinic criteria has the opportunity to participate in one of our clinics. The Clinical Semester brings the study of law to life. Students receive quality "nuts and bolts" training from experienced professor-practitioners and distinguished guest lecturers on campus. Afterward, students participate in individualized internships where they receive in-depth, "hands on" experience in the field and one-on-one mentoring from an attorney supervisor. Each internship is unique.

NSU Law Clinic Interns have been placed in law offices and legal departments in South Florida, across the nation, and around the world.

We also have excellent internship opportunities available in our in-house clinics that are directed by award winning faculty members. **Part-time students** may also enjoy the benefits of the clinical experience because we have developed a dynamic clinical program with their demanding schedules in mind.





## Dispute Resolution Clinic

### Contact Us

#### Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00p.m.

- [Email Us](#)

- **Phone:** 954-262-6063

### [Masters Programs](#)

## **Disclaimer**

NSU Law Center's Clinical Programs Office cannot provide direct legal advice or services to members of the general public. For assistance in obtaining an attorney, please contact the Broward County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service at 954-764-8040, the Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-342-8011 or your local Legal Aid Office.

Each clinical semester begins with intensive classes taught on-campus which may include weekend days.

The legal profession increasingly relies on alternative dispute resolution. The Dispute Resolution Clinic provides student interns with ample opportunity to mediate and arbitrate while learning ADR options and improving communication skills. Students mediate or arbitrate cases that may include diversionary cases for juveniles arrested for misdemeanors; restitution mediation for victims and offenders; County Court mediation; community dispute mediation; and court-annexed arbitration. They may also assist with Teen Court by preparing teen-aged students serving as attorneys to “try” cases of alleged juvenile offenders.

## **Clinic Prerequisites**

- Substantive Prerequisites: Professional Responsibility
- [ALSV Prerequisites](#): One Course

## **Faculty**

- Fran Tetunic**

## **Children and Families Clinic**

Each clinical semester begins with intensive classes taught on-campus which may include weekend days.

*Students who enroll in the Children & Families Clinic may become authorized as Certified Legal Interns (CLIs). Please carefully note the Florida Board of Bar Examiners (FBBE) new rule regarding the Certified Legal Internship (CLI) program if you are planning to participate in a clinical semester during your final year of law school. Please file your bar application early, preferably your first year of law school, as you must receive an initial clearance letter from the FBBE to be eligible for the CLI program. See additional Information located on the FBBE FAQ page at [www.floridabarexam.org](http://www.floridabarexam.org).*

The Children and Families Clinic focuses on the legal needs of individuals, with particular emphasis on the economically disadvantaged. Family law constitutes one of the primary components of civil practice, particularly for practitioners in small firms. Along with the Criminal Justice Clinic, this clinic provides the most extensive litigation experience. Key areas of legal representation include custody and divorce, benefits, employment, housing, and health. Students will serve as interns either in the in-house clinic,

under the supervision of NSU Law professor-practitioners, or in a legal-aid or government office that provides legal assistance to children and families.

## Clinic Prerequisites

- Substantive Prerequisites: Family Law; Evidence; and Professional Responsibility
- [ALSV Prerequisites](#): One Litigation Track course

## Faculty

- [Brion Blackwelder](#)

## Veterans Law

Each clinical semester begins with intensive classes taught on-campus which may include weekend days.

The Veterans Law Clinic will educate students regarding the substantive, procedural, practical, and ethical elements that arise in the direct representation of veterans and/or active military personnel in general civil and quasi-criminal matters. Students will gain instruction in the necessary legal skills and knowledge involved in the general practice of law through the representation of this population: client interviewing, legal analysis, drafting legal documents, motion practice, courtroom presentation, collaboration with other professionals, professionalism, and general case management while providing a service to our heroes.

## Clinic Prerequisites

- Substantive Prerequisites: All first year classes including Criminal Law and Professional Responsibility
- [ALSV Prerequisites](#): None

## Faculty

- [Jayme Cassidy](#)

## Resources for Veterans

- [Employment Assistance](#)
- [Fully Developed Claims](#)
- [Upgrading Your Military Discharge](#)
- [Veterans Treatment Court](#)

## Bankruptcy Clinic

Students enrolled in the Bankruptcy Clinic will represent actual clients in federal bankruptcy proceedings, as permitted by the Florida Limited Practice Act and the Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The clinic will examine the legal, social and ethical dimensions of bankruptcy law practice and help students develop the necessary legal skills and knowledge involved in federal bankruptcy law practice, such as client interviewing, legal analysis, drafting legal documents, arguing motions, professional responsibility, and various practice issues such as the choice of relief under state law or the Bankruptcy Code, relief from the automatic stay, objections to discharge and dischargeability, and confirmation of a chapter 13 plan.

## Clinic Prerequisites

- Substantive Prerequisites: Professional Responsibility; Evidence; and Bankruptcy Law.
- [ALSV Prerequisites](#): Bankruptcy Workshop (Recommended)

## Faculty

- [Ishaq Kundawala](#)

# Business Practice Clinic

Each clinical semester begins with intensive classes taught on-campus which may include weekend days.

The Business Practice Clinic prepares students to enter the challenging field of business law. Clinic students have the opportunity to develop transactional skills, including planning, interviewing, counseling, negotiation, and drafting. Following the clinic's instructional component, students are placed with a corporate law office, business law firm, or government/administrative legal department where they are mentored by an experienced business law attorney.

## Clinic Prerequisites

- Substantive Prerequisites: Business Entities and Professional Responsibility
- [ALSV Prerequisites](#): One Transactional Drafting Workshop or Civil Pre-Trial Practice

## Transactional Drafting Workshops

Advanced Professional Responsibility Workshop, Bankruptcy Workshop, Business Planning Workshop, Charitable Organizations Workshop, Civil Pre-Trial Practice, Corporate Workshop, Employee Benefits Law Workshop, Estate Planning Workshop, Florida Land Development Workshop, Health Law Workshop, Judicial Opinion Writing Workshop, Landlord Tenant Workshop, Law Office Management Workshop, Legal Drafting Workshop, Probate Law Workshop, Real Property Closing Workshop, Real Property Complex Transactions Workshop, or Wills Drafting Workshop

**Comments:** A student's eligibility for any particular placement may depend upon adequate prior course work.

## Faculty

- [Judith Karp](#)

## Criminal Justice Clinic

Each clinical semester begins with intensive classes taught on-campus which may include weekend days.

*Students who enroll in the Criminal Justice Clinic may become authorized as Certified Legal Interns (CLIs). Please carefully note the Florida Board of Bar Examiners (FBBE) new rule regarding the Certified Legal Internship (CLI) program if you are planning to participate in a clinical semester during your final year of law school. Please file your bar application early, preferably your first year of law school, as you must receive an initial clearance letter from the FBBE to be eligible for the CLI program. See additional information located on the FBBE FAQ page at [www.floridabarexam.org](http://www.floridabarexam.org).*

Many students practice in the area of criminal law immediately upon graduation from law school. Students enrolled in the Criminal Justice Clinic are schooled in the practical aspects of trial preparation and may participate in actual trials. Students have the opportunity to serve as interns in prosecutors and public defenders offices in South Florida and around the country.

## Clinic Prerequisites

- Substantive Prerequisites: Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Evidence; and Professional Responsibility
- [ALSV Prerequisites](#): Trial Advocacy

## Faculty

- [Megan Chaney](#)
- [Mark Dobson](#)

## Environment and Land Use Law Clinic

Each clinical semester begins with intensive classes taught on-campus which may include weekend days.

*Students who enroll in the Environmental and Land Use Law Clinic may become authorized as Certified Legal Interns (CLIs). Please carefully note the Florida Board of Bar Examiners (FBBE) new rule regarding the Certified Legal Internship (CLI) program if you are planning to participate in a clinical semester during your final year of law school. Please file your bar application early, preferably your first year of law school, as you must receive an initial clearance letter from the FBBE to be eligible for the CLI program. See additional information located on the FBBE FAQ page at [www.floridabarexam.org](http://www.floridabarexam.org).*

Protection of the environment is becoming an increasingly important area of law in both the public and private domains. Students in the Environmental and Land Use Law Clinic are exposed to the legal processes that define this area of law and explore issues such as growth management, comprehensive planning, land use, and environmental permitting. Clinical interns either work in-house on complex litigation matters under the supervision of NSU Law professor-practitioners or are placed with government offices or private law firms that specialize in environmental issues.

## Clinic Prerequisites

- Substantive Prerequisites: Evidence; Professional Responsibility; and any one of: Eminent Domain; Environmental Law; Environmental Law & Business; Florida Land Development Workshop; Land Use Planning; Local Government; Natural Resources Law; Ocean & Coastal Law; Wetlands Regulation Law
- [ALSV Prerequisites](#): One course

## Faculty

- [Richard Grosso](#)

## Judicial Internship Clinic

Students enrolled in the Judicial Internship Clinic serve as research clerks to state trial and appellate court judges, federal magistrates, and federal court judges. Students must register for both the Judicial Internship (LAW 0734 - 2 credits Pass/D/Fail) and a Judicial Internship Class (LAW 0719 - 1 credit graded). The class surveys the operation of U.S. courts, the goals and pressures of the judicial system, the function of juries, judicial powers and methods, and the judiciary's role in law reform.

## Clinic Prerequisites

- None

## Faculty

- [Heather Baxter](#)

## Clinic Prerequisites

- Substantive Prerequisites: Torts; Evidence; AND Professional Responsibility
- [ALSV Prerequisites](#): Civil Pre-Trial Practice AND Trial Advocacy
- Additional Prerequisites may apply to clinics in specific practice areas

## Faculty

- [Judith Karp](#)

## Civil Field Placement Clinic

Each clinical semester begins with intensive classes taught on-campus which may include weekend days.

The Civil Field Placement Clinic provides students with the opportunity to explore career interests and work closely with and be mentored by experienced practicing lawyers. Students receive academic credit for part-time or full time on-site legal work performed under the supervision of practicing lawyers in private or non-profit law offices, governmental and administrative agencies, public interest organizations, or corporate legal departments which specialize in the practice of civil law. Students focus on civil litigation and/or transactional practice. Students will gain experience in lawyering skills, legal process and different substantive areas of law. Placements include: Intellectual Property Field Placement; Immigration Field Placement; International Law Field Placement; Real Estate and Land Use Field Placement; Environmental Field Placement; Sports and Entertainment Field Placement; Corporate and Business Practice Field Placement; and Personal Injury Field Placement. Prerequisites: Professional Responsibility. Additional prerequisites will apply depending on the type of placement; please see the Assistant Dean for Clinical Programs for additional information.

## Clinic Prerequisites

- Substantive Prerequisites: Torts; Evidence; AND Professional Responsibility
- [ALSV Prerequisites](#): Civil Pre-Trial Practice AND Trial Advocacy
- Additional Prerequisites may apply to clinics in specific practice areas

## Faculty

- [Judith Karp](#)

## Public Interest Law Center

The Public Interest Law Center was established in 1996 by Shepard Broad College of Law to serve as a focal point for all public interest law activities at the law school. The Public Interest Law Center operates many programs designed to encourage students to participate in public interest law while they are in law school and to encourage a dedicated commitment to the public for life.

### NSU Law Fellowships

NSU Law Fellowships provide financial assistance to students who wish to work with a public interest or government organization. They are competitive and require early application. NSU Law offers four different summer fellowships:

- [Ferroli Family Public Interest Law Fellowship](#)
- [Martin A. Feinrider Summer Fellowship for International Human Rights](#);
- [Public Service Summer Fellowship](#); and
- [Rebecca Knox Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship](#)

Please note that NSU Law's fellowship application guidelines, eligibility, and award structures vary depending on the fellowship. Read the related information carefully and contact the Public Interest Law Center if you have any questions.



## **Fellowship Eligibility**

In order to be considered for the fellowship, students must:

1. Be enrolled as a first-year or second-year full-time, or third-year part-time law student at NSU Shepard Broad College of Law;
2. Make arrangements for a pro bono placement at a qualifying public service organization prior submitting the Fellowship Application;
3. The pro bono placement can be located in any geographic location; and
4. Must commit to the public service organization and certify on the Fellowship Application that a minimum of two hundred (200) hours will be completed over the summer.

Students may not receive pro bono or academic credit for their fellowship work. However, students who volunteer in excess of the required 200 hours may receive pro bono credit for those additional hours.

Students who intend to transfer to another law school should not apply. Students who are awarded fellowships but subsequently transfer may be required to repay their fellowship award.

## **Application Requirements**

The application must be completed and submitted by the first Friday in April each year. No exceptions will be made. Informal interviews may be conducted if the number of applications greatly exceeds the number of available fellowships.

A complete application includes:

1. A Fellowship Application cover sheet
2. An approved resume by the Career and Professional Development Office
3. A personal statement:
  - a. Tell us about yourself and your reasons for applying for this fellowship.
  - b. Describe the type of work you are seeking for the summer: list the organizations to which you have applied for summer employment or list the organization where you have secured a summer position, and why you have chosen these organizations.
  - c. What background knowledge and prior experiences make you a strong candidate for a fellowship?
  - d. How would this fellowship contribute to your personal and professional development? Include how this will relate to your legal education and probable professional career.
  - e. A statement describing your financial need and any other proposed sources of funding.
  - f. Please include any other factors that maybe pertinent to your application. (Be as specific as possible, but do not exceed 750 words.)
4. Two references

## **Deadline**

The deadline for submitting a completed application is the first Friday in April. Please submit completed applications directly to Jennifer Gordon, Esq., Director of Public Interest Programs in the Public Interest Law Center.

Applications will be reviewed by the Public Service Fellowship Committee. The Committee is devised of administrators and faculty from the NSU Shepard Broad College of Law.

## **Responsibilities of Fellowship Recipient**

Students who receive fellowships must fulfill the terms as submitted in the Fellowship Application and certified to on the Fellowship Award Acceptance and Conditions Form, which is completed after accepting the fellowship award. If a student does not complete such terms, he or she will be required to repay all money awarded.

Additionally, students must complete Fellowship Timesheets during the fellowship time period and turn in the forms directly to Jennifer Gordon, Esq., Director of Public Interest Programs in the Public Interest Law Center.

Upon completion of the fellowship, students will be required to submit a report to Jennifer Gordon, Esq., Director of Public Interest Programs in the Public Interest Law Center by the first Friday in September describing and evaluating his or her experience. Student fellowship recipients should also be prepared to make themselves available to promote the fellowship by speaking and giving testimonials about their experiences to interested groups of fellow law students and for promotional materials.

For Fellowship Applications, Timesheets, and other documentation, please visit our [Resources Page](#).

## **Pro Bono Honor Program**

The Public Interest Law Center coordinates the Pro Bono Honor Program, developing a variety of sites where students can fulfill pro bono hours, and maintains the records of students' pro bono work. A comprehensive handbook explaining the Pro Bono Honor Program, listing the organizations, and containing the reporting forms can be found on our [Resources Page](#).

## **Public Interest Law Day**

Each spring, the Public Interest Law Center hosts Public Interest Law Day. The next event is planned for February 2016. Public Interest Law Day brings public interest and government employers to campus to share their experiences and speak to students about their work. The purpose of the event is to educate law students about opportunities in the field of public interest law and to encourage their participation in the community.

## **Public Interest Law Society**

The Public Interest Law Society is a student-run organization founded in 1994 to promote public interest legal employment opportunities and to overcome the economic barriers that confront future public interest lawyers. Each Spring, the Public Interest Law Society holds an annual auction to provide fellowship money through the Rebecca Knox Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship to law students who donate their summers to public interest law.

For more information about this student organization, visit [PILS Student Chapter](#).

## **Disclaimer**

*NSU Law's Pro Bono Honor Program cannot provide direct legal advice or services to members of the general public. Law student volunteers must be supervised by a licensed attorney at a qualifying placement. For assistance in obtaining an attorney, please contact the Broward County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service at (954)764-8040, the Dade County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service at (305)371-2646, the Palm Beach Lawyer Referral and Information Service at (561)687-3266 or (561)451-3256, the Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-342-8011, or your local Legal Aid or Public Defender's Office.*

## **Public Service Summer Fellowship**

The Public Service Summer Fellowships are designed to encourage law student involvement in public service legal employment for the summer by providing funding to subsidize unpaid work at a public service organization. Public service organizations for the purposes of this fellowship may include government or nonprofit organizations. [Students selected to receive these fellowships must meet all the criteria.](#)

### **Amount of Award**

The Public Service Summer Fellowship awards are approximately \$1,000 each, but will be determined annually based on the number of funds available and the number of eligible applications.

### **Additional Information and Assistance in Finding a Summer Placement**

For resource materials for finding a summer placement, and counseling regarding this and other public interest law opportunities, please visit the Public Interest Law Center located in the Leo Goodwin Sr. Building.

For an application, visit our [Resources page](#).

## **FERROLI FAMILY PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP**

The Ferroli Family Public Interest Law Fellowship is designed to encourage law student involvement in public service legal employment for the summer by providing funding to subsidize unpaid work at a public service organization. Public service organizations for the purposes of this fellowship may include government or nonprofit organizations. [Students selected to receive these fellowships must meet all the criteria.](#)

### **Amount of Award**

The Public Service Summer Fellowship awards are approximately \$1,000 each, but will be determined annually based on the number of funds available and the number of eligible applications.

### **Additional Information and Assistance in Finding a Summer Placement**

For resource materials for finding a summer placement, and counseling regarding this and other public interest law opportunities, please visit the Public Interest Law Center.

For an application, visit our [Resources Page](#).

## **Martin A. Feinrider Summer Fellowship for International Human Rights**

The Feinrider Summer Fellowship is designed to provide funding for law students who are spending the summer working for a nonprofit public interest organization devoted to international human rights. [Students selected to receive these fellowships must meet all the criteria.](#)

### **Amount of Award**

The Feinrider Summer Fellowship awards may range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 each, but will be determined annually based on the number of funds available and the number of eligible applications. The Feinrider Committee reserves the right to not award any fellowships to preserve the integrity of the program

### **Additional Information and Assistance in Finding a Summer Placement**

For assistance finding a summer placement, and counseling regarding this and other public interest law opportunities, please visit the Public Interest Law Center, Professor Jim Wilets, or Professor Doug Donoho. Successful placements include a variety of organizations, such as those handling immigration and political asylum claims, the United Nations, Amnesty International, or international human rights groups in the United States or other countries.

*Professor Feinrider, who served on the Law Center faculty from 1980 until his tragic death in 1986, was an outspoken scholar and activist in the field of international law, known particularly for his commitment to the promotion of human rights and the elimination of nuclear weaponry.*

For an application, visit our [Resources page](#).

## **Rebecca Knox Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship**

NSU Law's Public Interest Law Society is a student-run organization founded in 1994 to promote public interest legal employment opportunities and to overcome the economic barriers that confront future public interest lawyers. The purpose of this fellowship is to provide funding to students who serve community needs by working in a legal position in the public interest. Public interest work is defined, for the purposes of this fellowship, as work for a non-profit organization that serves a low-income, underfunded and/or underrepresented community. Preference will be given to students who choose to work for Legal Aid or Legal Services agencies. Students selected for this fellowship will positively reflect the goals and objectives of the Public Interest Law Society and NSU Shepard Broad College of Law, and will have demonstrated an interest in serving the public interest community. [Students selected to receive these fellowships must meet all the criteria.](#)

## **Amount of Award**

The Rebecca Knox Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship awards may range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 each, but will be determined annually based on the number of funds raised during the annual Public Interest Law Society Auction and the number of eligible applications.

## **Additional Information and Assistance in Finding a Summer Placement**

For assistance in finding a summer placement, and counseling regarding this and other public interest law opportunities, please visit the Public Interest Law Center.

*Rebecca Knox graduated from NSU Law in May of 2004. While at NSU she was president of The Public Interest Law Society. She also performed over 780 hours of pro bono service at Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida, where she later became an attorney representing victims of domestic violence. Rebecca passed away on August 20, 2006. This fellowship is supported by donations in her memory.*

For an application, visit our [Resources page](#).

# **Public Interest Law Resources**

## **Fellowships**

- [Fellowship Application](#)

## **Pro Bono Honor Program**

- [Pro Bono Honor Program Handbook](#)
- [Pro Bono Project Request Form](#)
- [Pro Bono Timesheet](#)
- [Pro Bono Student Evaluation Form](#)