

## JUVENILE INNOCENCE & FAIR SENTENCING CLINIC **FAST FACTS**

- **Type: Criminal Defense**
- **Area: Post-conviction**
- **What does that mean?**
  - Juvenile lifer resentencing
  - Felony Murder resentencing
  - Mitigation hearings
  - Wrongful conviction
  - Parole hearings
  - Client contact – in person, on phone, in prison
  - **Lots of written and oral advocacy**
  - **Lots of time in court**
- **Commitment: Full academic year**
- **Units: 11 UNITS TOTAL**
  - 5 units graded (3 fall, 2 spring)
  - 6 units ungraded (2 fall, 4 spring)
- **All JIFS students are certified!**
  - **This means you are allowed to draft motions and petitions, and represent your client in court.**
  - **You are supervised at all times by an experienced attorney, so you never have to do this alone.**

- **How is JIFS different from other clinics?**
  - **The JIFS Clinic focuses solely on mass incarceration of youth.**
  - **Most of our clients are not innocent. They are oversentenced and overincarcerated.**
  - **The JIFS Clinic is a writing clinic. You will do more writing here than any other clinic. We also do better writing than any other clinic – and better than most law firms.**
  - **You will defend your client and your work product in court.**
  - **You will have a lot of contact with incarcerated clients.**
  - **You will also get RESULTS: 77 clients freed and counting!**
- **Are there any prerequisites?**
  - **You must have completed the first year of law school.**
  - **The State Bar currently requires you to be enrolled in Evidence during fall of second year.**
    - **That is likely to change, very soon.**
  - **You must attend a two-day orientation the week before school begins:**
    - **Almost always on Wednesday and Thursday**
- **Grades are not the most important thing in the JIFS Clinic – commitment is.**
  - **You have to be there for your client.**
  - **You have to support your fellow clinic members and members of your defense team.**
  - **You have to function as a lawyer.**
- **GET READY FOR SOME INTENSE FUN!**