

## JUVENILE JUSTICE CLINIC INFORMATION SHEET

Juvenile Justice Clinic students represent children charged with delinquent acts in the Los Angeles County Superior Court Juvenile Division throughout the county of Los Angeles. Each student will be responsible for all aspects of client representation and preparing the case for trial including: interviewing, discovery, investigations, written motion work, trial, and post sentencing matters. This is not an externship; what is unique about this clinic is that the same professors who teach you trial skills and juvenile delinquency law are your supervisors in court. As a JJC student, you will take two graded year-long classes offered exclusively to JJC students – Advanced Criminal Litigation Skills and Juvenile Delinquency Law and Procedure. Classes are worth 4 credits in the fall and 2 credits in the Spring. In addition, JJC students will earn 4 units of pass/fail credits for their supervised representation of clients- for a total of 10 units.

Students will be assigned cases periodically throughout the year. Cases will be assigned primarily out of the Inglewood, Compton, and Eastlake Juvenile Courts. Our clients may be out of custody or in custody. Students are required to attend all court proceedings and probation meetings and to meet with their clients and their families regularly.

### **Requirements:**

Pre-requisites for the class are Civil Procedure and Evidence. Criminal Procedure is strongly recommended, but not required. Second year students may apply but must be concurrently enrolled in Evidence in Fall 2023. Students must be in good academic standing to apply, and are expected to comply with all responsibilities as enumerated in the “Loyola Law School Off Campus Externship Policies and Procedures,” which is also available at the CJLP.

Students must have access to a car and/or be able to independently travel for the purposes of investigating their cases, serving motions, appearing in court, and meeting with clients.

There is a **mandatory** new student orientation on the week before school starts in August 2023. Students must also keep their morning schedule free of classes for court appearances.

### **Application Information for 2023 - 2024 JJC Class:**

All prospective students will be required to submit an application including a resumé and transcript. Applicants will then interview with Professor Croomes and Professor Kennedy. Students must complete the contact information section on the application in order to be notified of the interview dates and times. A printed copy of an e-mail sent to a student will be deemed sufficient notice of the upcoming interview dates.

Applicants should have an interest in criminal defense or juvenile delinquency, enjoy oral advocacy, and possess strong communication skills. Consideration will be given to students who have had experience working in the criminal justice system or with children. Students must demonstrate flexibility and the maturity to assume responsibility for representing clients.