

Announcement

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NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2020 CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION PRACTICUM

The Civil Rights Litigation Practicum is an 8-unit course devoted to skills training, legal theory and practice as they relate to civil rights. The 4-unit class is offered each fall. The 4-unit spring semester externship completes the course. The Practicum satisfies Loyola's writing, breadth and pro bono service requirements. Students are expected to enroll for both the fall class and the spring placement; this is a full year commitment. For more information, see the course description in the Bulletin.

During the fall semester class we will cover legal doctrine in a variety of areas, such as the rights of racial, ethnic and sexual minorities, immigrants, and women, and education and economic rights. We also discuss and perform exercises in litigation strategy, interviewing skills, legal research and writing, pleading practice and discovery. Students who complete the fall class will be placed in a local civil rights law office in the spring, where they will complete a 4 unit clinical externship. In the externship placement students perform field work including research and writing, client and witness interviews, case development, pleading practice and discovery work. Students will work with the premiere civil rights organizations and civil rights lawyers in California.

This spring we placed students in the following offices: ACLU of Southern California, Consumer Watchdog, Disability Rights California, Inner City Law Center, Los Angeles Center for Community Law and Action, Public Advocates, Public Counsel, and the Western Center on Law and Poverty. Externs are also working with Paul Hoffman, Carol Sobel and the firm of Hadsell/Stormer, public interest oriented law firms with extensive pro bono dockets.

The fall semester class units are graded; the spring semester externship units are pass/fail. Class enrollment is limited to 20 students. Admission to the class will be determined by a review conducted by Professor Williams during the month of April. Application packages, including instructions and forms, are available online, through Friday, April 17. Applications for admission are due in Faculty Support by midnight, April 17.