

Civil Legal Services Application

Spring 2017

In the Spring 2017 semester, Professor Danielle R. Cover will supervise the Civil Legal Services Clinic. There will be 2 mandatory 3-hour bootcamp sessions for law students entering their 4th semester at the College of Law. Students **must be co-enrolled in Professional Responsibility** to be considered for admission to the Clinic. Admission to the Clinic is dependent on the outcome of your application.

The Clinic will be offered for 3 credits for a letter grade and will include independent and group casework, seminar, group meetings, case supervision meetings with Professor Cover and one self-evaluation over the Spring semester. The Clinic will accept no more than two, 4th semester law students for the Spring 2017 semester. At a minimum you are required to log at least 150 hours of clinic time over the semester. If you complete your 150 hours prior to the conclusion of the semester, you are still required to work on your casework.

Under the supervision of Professor Cover, students will work with live clients on public interest law matters in a variety of civil legal areas. The CLSC is currently building a case load that includes special education, housing, public benefits, expungement, family law, and other areas that affect people living on the margins in Wyoming. Students will be expected to present oral case analyses to Professor Cover and to research and scrutinize the applicable law, the forum for adjudication and the method of advocacy for a given case. The casework will include client meetings, case theory formulation, legal research, brief drafting, and attendance and representation at hearings.

The Clinic involves a significant commitment of time and effort. Some of the students in the Clinic will have the opportunity to travel across the state to work on cases, community education, and other advocacy matters.

Please email your application and resume to Professor Cover (dcover1@uwyo.edu) to be considered for the Clinic.

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Name: _____ **Year:** _____

Address: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Please write a short essay addressing the following question and send it, along with a cover letter and resume to Professor Cover at dcover1@uwo.edu:

Describe your interest in public interest law and any relevant prior experience. Indicia of interest include, but are not limited to: past employment (law or non-law), volunteer positions, courses, extra-curricular activities and/or publications. If there are particular types of casework you are interested in, please let me know. If you have not had the opportunity to demonstrate your interest in public interest work, please explain what factors informed your decision to apply for the Clinic. Please indicate if you speak any foreign languages and your level of fluency.

In addition, please answer the following questions:

Are you currently enrolled or do you intend to enroll in Professional Responsibility for the Spring 2017 semester?

If you are enrolled in a Clinic for the Fall 2016 semester, which Clinic?

May I speak with the Faculty Director about your performance in that Clinic?

Are you or do you intend to enroll in more than 15 credits of course work (including the Clinic)? If so, what courses do you intend to take? Explain how you will manage your coursework with the substantial time commitment required by the CLSC.

Explain whether you are willing to work collaboratively with clinic colleagues and faculty. What strengths and weaknesses do you bring a collaborative environment?