

**STUDENT EXPERIENTIAL COURSE APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.**

Name:		
Campus Mailbox No.:	Phone:	
Local Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Permanent Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Email Address:	Local Phone:	

**LEGAL EDUCATION INFORMATION**

Present Year and Division:	Graduation Date:	
No. of Credits Completed (as of term applied for):	Grade Point Average: (2.3 minimum**)	
Courses Taken to Date (check if taking concurrently):		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Responsibility*</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Evidence*</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing & Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiation <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Procedure I <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Procedure II <input type="checkbox"/> Other Criminal Elective	<input type="checkbox"/> Trial Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Trial Methods <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Trial Methods <input type="checkbox"/> ATAP <input type="checkbox"/> ITAP <input type="checkbox"/> ADR	
<b>Experiential Enrollment Prerequisites:</b>		
<b>*Successful Completion required (C or better):</b> <b>Professional Responsibility</b> <b>Evidence</b> (exception – Veterans Law Clinic – PR only)	<b>**Minimum GPA required – 2.3 (exception: 2.5 for Judicial Externship)</b>	

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Previous Clinic or Externship Enrollment: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
If YES, indicate:		
Which Program:	Semester/Year:	Credits Received:
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Other Languages?	Fluency? Competence?	

**OTHER APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED**

(Please Append Pages As Necessary)

1. Summarize your legal experience to date.
2. Summarize your other relevant experience (including jobs, skills, languages, interests, *etc.*)
3. Give a brief explanation of your plan for your legal career, and explain how the experiential program applied for fits into your plan.
4. Describe any employment, outside commitments and/or non-classroom law school activities in which you will be involved during your enrollment.
5. Submit a current résumé to the Director of each program for which you have applied (submit as email attachment.)
6. Submit a legal writing sample to the Director of each program for which you have applied (submit as email attachment.)

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### EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

#### PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

*Offered Spring, 2018*

The **Pa. Criminal Defense Clinic** provides representation to people in Chester County who are indigent and charged with misdemeanors in state court. Our clients are referred to us by the Chester County Public Defender.

**What Students Do** – Students are certified by the PA Supreme Court to represent clients in court under the direct supervision of Clinic Director Judith Ritter and Supervising Attorney Romie Griesmer. Students represent clients through all phases of their case: initial client interview, investigation, plea bargaining, preliminary hearings, pretrial motions and trials.

**Credits and Hours Required** – Students are enrolled for six (6) Credits and are expected to spend an average of 20 hours per week working on clinic cases, 10 of those hours must be spent in the clinic workroom. Students work with an assigned partner and have a weekly meeting with one of the clinic supervisors regarding their casework. Once enrolled in the Clinic, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from the Program Director.

**Orientation and Clinic Seminar** – In order to have students begin client representation as soon as possible, there is a mandatory (1 or 2 day) orientation prior to the start of classes. The seminar meets once a week, usually from 2 - 4 p.m. Due to the importance of the professional skills, substantive law and procedure being taught, seminar attendance is mandatory-- no unexcused absences are allowed. If you have any questions about our program, please feel free to drop by our offices (Romie Griesmer Clinic Wing 253, Professor Ritter 305).

**Enrollment** – Students will be selected after submission of **application** and **interview**. Only third year students are eligible to enroll. Students will be selected by the Clinic Director and Supervising Attorney after submission of application and interview. Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I, Evidence and Professional Responsibility are course prerequisites. Preference will be given to students who have taken Trial Methods or ITAP and/or Criminal Procedure II.

*Once enrolled in the Pennsylvania Criminal Defense Clinic, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from the Program Director.*

#### VETERANS LAW CLINIC (VLC)

*Offered Spring, 2018 – (ED and RD students encouraged to apply)*

The VLC provides free legal representation to low-income, disabled veterans and their dependents for appeals to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. VLC handles cases regarding disability compensation, needs-based pension, Section 1151 claims (malpractice-type claims against the VA), VA overpayment waivers, and dependency and indemnity compensation (survivor benefit). VLC also handles discharge upgrade applications and wills and related documents.

**What Students Do** – Students assist clients through all phases of a case: intake and initial interviews, investigation and gathering of documentary evidence, working with forensic experts, filing petitions, representing clients at hearings, and appellate brief writing. Students also attend Military Monday events, a Starbucks-hosted program in downtown Wilmington, in which Clinic attorneys provide one-hour, free consultations to veterans.

**Clinic Class** – The clinic class meets once a week, usually from 4 -6 p.m. Generally, students are enrolled for six credits and are expected to spend 20 hours per week working in the Clinic. Students can enroll for fewer credits with permission.

**Delaware Bar Clerkship Requirement** – Students enrolled in the Clinic may be able to satisfy some of DE clerkship requirements by working with our DE-barred attorney. Please let us know if you plan to take DE Bar.

Students will be selected after submission of **application** and **interview**. If you have any questions about our program, please feel free to drop by our offices in the clinics wing.

*Once enrolled in the Veterans Law Clinic, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from the Program Director.*

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### JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

*Offered Spring, 2018 – (ED and RD students encouraged to apply)*

**Placements:** Students enrolled in the **Judicial Externship Program (JEP)** are placed as part-time clerks for academic credit in the chambers of judges in State and Federal trial and appellate courts in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, including Federal Circuit, District and Magistrate Courts; State Supreme, intermediate appellate and trial courts, and various other courts including U.S. Tax Court, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, state courts of equity and administrative law courts.

**Requirements:** The course is graded pass/fail. Briefly put –and not intended to limit more specific instructions- to complete the program, externs must:

- Spend a minimum of 10 hours per week in placement (3 credits/semester; 2 semester commitment)
- Submit three periodic 3-5 page reflective writings; complete practice MPT exam
- Participate in weekly class activities on the JEP Homepage
- Complete student placement evaluation
- Satisfactory evaluation by supervising judge

**Prerequisites:** Applicants must have completed 3 semesters of law school, and must have successfully completed courses in Professional Responsibility and Evidence. The Director will have final authority to determine which applicants qualify for admission and to determine placements with particular courts. We recognize that some students have special relationships with judges, or may have contacted judges prior to application and enrollment. Such arrangements for placements will be carefully considered as they occur. Students are strongly urged to complete the application and placement interview before communicating with a judge.

**Application Requirements:** Applicants must complete the **Student Experiential Course Application Form** in this packet, and submit the completed Application Form, along with a complete, current, **official transcript of grades (student copy)** to Patti Burns, 4<sup>th</sup> floor faculty secretarial area, Law Building.

In addition, applicants **must** submit an electronic copy (as an email attachment) of a current résumé and a writing sample to Professor Catania at [fjcatania@widener.edu](mailto:fjcatania@widener.edu).

***Once enrolled in the Judicial Externship Program, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from the Program Director.***

### PUBLIC INTEREST EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

*Offered Spring, 2018*

The Public Interest Externship Program (PIEP) is generally a full-year clinical legal field placement experience in which students may earn up to a total of eight (8) academic credits. The course is graded pass/fail.

If you have questions about placements for the Academic Year, please contact Professor Catania at [fjcatania@widener.edu](mailto:fjcatania@widener.edu) (ext. 2108).

**Prerequisites:** By the start of the Externship Placement, students must have earned 60 credits for DE and NJ (45 credits for PA), and must have successfully completed courses in Professional Responsibility and Evidence. Some placements may also require students to have completed additional courses, such as Federal Tax, Family Law, ITAP and/or Trial Methods.

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In addition, applicants **must** submit an electronic copy (as an email attachment) of a current résumé and a writing sample to Professor Catania at [fjcatania@widener.edu](mailto:fjcatania@widener.edu).

***Once enrolled in the Public Interest Externship Program, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from the Program Director.***

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### **INSIDE-OUT: Crime & Punishment in the US**

*(3 Credits) Spring 2018 Registration – NO PREREQUISITES*

A unique opportunity for Delaware Law students AND students who are incarcerated to exchange ideas and perceptions about Crime and Punishment in the United States. – *(ED and RD students encouraged to apply)*

**What Students Do** – Students and Professor Romie Griesmer meet for three (3) Hours each week at a community correctional center in Wilmington to discuss *crime, policing, punishment, prisons, rehabilitation and justice*. Inside-Out is an educational model based on learning through dialogue with each another. Law students carpool to class from the law school at 5:30 pm. Readings will include scholarly articles, social science studies, news reports and case law. Assignments will include papers and a group project.

**Enrollment** – Although this course is not a clinic, it is an experiential learning opportunity. There are no prerequisites or GPA requirement. The course is limited to 12 Delaware Law students (Outside Students) and 12 Inside students. Students will be selected by Prof. Griesmer after submission of application and interview. You may use the clinic application, however, on the second page of the application answer only the following question: why do you wish to enroll in this course. For an I-O application or for more information, see Prof. Griesmer in her office, Experiential Wing 253, or by phone at x2906.

### **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

*Offered Spring, 2018*

- **Juvenile Justice Externship** – *(ED and RD students encouraged to apply)* – Law students in this subset of the Public Interest Externship Program will meet with Office of Defense Services (“ODS”) clients who have been sentenced to placements in Delaware and in Glen Mills, Pennsylvania. Externs will enable ODS to maintain critical contact with the juvenile clients in placement and assist them with possible post-disposition issues such as but not limited to conditions of confinement, motions to modify sentencing, placement, or probation, access to education, medical, or psychological services, family access during placement, and release and re-entry planning through mentoring and community advocacy. Externs will also conduct legal research and writing as needed in the areas of juvenile defense and juvenile justice. Externs will be supervised by the Expungement/Post-Disposition Coordinator Alanna Farber, Esq.
- **U.S. Probation Office Externship** – In cooperation with the Bayard law firm and the Delaware Law School, the U.S. Probation Office is offering an externship opportunity within the Public Interest Externship Program for 2L and 3L students – *(ED and RD students encouraged to apply)*. In the probation office, civil cases which could become barriers to a successful reentry to the community are screened and referred to Bayard for *pro bono* representation. Externs work with Bayard attorneys to help resolve the cases, which include research and writing, client interviews and conferences with the attorneys.
- **New Castle County Attorney Externship** – The New Castle County Office of Law is interested in partnering with Delaware Law School to accept 1 or 2 Public Interest Externs – *(ED and RD students encouraged to apply)*. As chief legal advisor to the County Executive and all County departments, boards, offices, and agencies, the Office of Law has tremendous opportunities for students to gain exposure to numerous facets of law (litigation, legislation, transactions, land use, finance and tax). This is a unique learning opportunity for students considering careers in public service/government. The New Castle County Personnel Policy requires interns to pass a background check and drug screen prior to their start date. Candidates for this position will be pre-screened by the Law School. The County will then interview a small pool of pre-screened candidates. Externs will be supervised by Sanjay Bhatnagar, Esq., Assistant County Attorney.
- **OTHER EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENT POSSIBILITIES AVAILABLE.**

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### EXPERIENTIAL COURSE CHOICES

Please indicate your preference(s) in applying for enrollment to one or more of these experiential offerings by numbering your preferences in the boxes at left below:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside/Out                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Experiential Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Externship Program        | (Specify):   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PA Criminal Defense Clinic         | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest Externship Program | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Clinic                    | _____  |

**NOTE: Students cannot register for an Experiential Program without authorization from a Program Director. Once enrolled in an Experiential Program, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from a Program Director.**

**NOTE: Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered for positions in the clinic or externship applied for if space is available.**

**NOTE: If you have already submitted an application for a clinic or externship offered in the spring, you need not submit a new application. If you have submitted an application for a clinic that is not offered in the spring, and you are interested in another clinic or externship for the spring, please email Professor Catania ([fjcatania@widener.edu](mailto:fjcatania@widener.edu)) with the subject line “Experiential Application Update”) by the Application deadline, indicating your new preference.**