CIVIL ADVOCACY CLINIC SYLLABUS
FALL 2015

The Civil Advocacy Clinic ("CAC") represents individuals and community groups in a wide array of litigation and law reform efforts. Major practice areas include housing, public benefits, employment law, and consumer law. As a student attorney, you will have full responsibility for all aspects of the lawyering process. Full details about clinic office procedures and student expectations are contained in the Civil Advocacy Clinic Manual, which is e-mailed to all students over the break.

Location: Clinic Office (1401 N. Charles St.)  Time: Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.- 4:20 p.m.

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Clinic Goals: The goals of the Clinic are to engage you in the following through representation of clients: (1) lawyering skills including interviewing, negotiation, counseling, oral and written advocacy, legal research, and trial advocacy; (2) client-centered lawyering; (3) exercising judgment; (4) consideration of ethical issues in law practice; (5) exposure to social justice and legal challenges facing low-income communities; (6) collaborative learning; and (7) self-reflection and assessment of growth as an attorney.

Assignments: You will receive your detailed seminar and trial advocacy assignments one week prior to each class. They are posted on our course webpage on TWEN. Each assignment will describe the goals, format, and required work, including any readings, for the seminar or trial advocacy session. Many assignments require the submission of written work prior to class. IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU READ EACH ASSIGNMENT THOROUGHLY AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE IT AND NOTE ANY APPLICABLE DUE DATES.

Required Course materials:
1. Civil Advocacy Clinic Manual Fall 2015 (e-mailed to all students prior to orientation)
3. MARYLAND RULES OF COURT – State (West 2015)

Attendance policies: Attendance at clinical seminars, team meetings, client meetings, and appearances before adjudicative and legislative bodies is a primary obligation of clinical students, whose right to continued enrollment in a clinic is conditioned upon a record of attendance satisfactory to the professor. (For full policy, see Clinic Manual.) If circumstances dictate that you will miss any classroom or case related portion of the course, you must notify your supervisor immediately and in advance of the scheduled event. The practice of law requires timeliness, so prompt attendance to all clinic-related meetings and classes is expected.

Time management: As a member of the Clinic, you will have many classroom and case-related obligations. Accordingly, you are required to use a calendaring system, either paper or electronic, that will assist you in keeping track of your obligations.

Grading criteria: All grading criteria are set forth in the Clinic Manual.
## TENTATIVE CLINIC WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

**all topics are subject to change based on the clinic docket of cases**

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| 1.   | Wed., Aug. 19, 2015 | Orientation **from 12:00 to 4:30** (note extended class time)  
The first assignment is mailed over the break along with the Clinic Manual.  
Fri., Aug. 21, 2015 | Orientation Day 2 **from 12:00 to 3:00** |
7.   | Week of Sept. 28 | *Trial Advocacy*: Mock Trials  
15.  | Wed., Nov. 25, 2015 | Official last day of clinic responsibilities (Please note that students' Rule 16 status will extend through exams. If you have a trial or hearing scheduled on or before Dec. 11 – the last day of the exam period – you and your supervising attorney will discuss any ongoing clinic obligations.)