

To: Spring 2018 Human Trafficking Prevention Project Students
From: Professor Jessica Emerson
Re: Spring 2018 Human Trafficking Prevention Project Clinic Orientation
Date: December 1, 2017

Welcome to the Human Trafficking Prevention Project (HTPP) Clinic! We will have two days of orientation this semester. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. The first day of orientation for the Clinic will be on **Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 4:45pm to 8:30 p.m.** in Room 304. This is our first regularly scheduled class date, although our session will extend longer than our normal class time. **The second day of orientation will be on Friday, January 19, 2018 from noon to 3:00 p.m.** in Room 304. The purpose of orientation is to quickly familiarize you with the operations of the Clinic and to prepare you to work on cases immediately. Attendance at orientation is **mandatory**. If for any reason you foresee a conflict with the orientation schedule, please let Professor Jessica Emerson know immediately at jemerson@ubalt.edu. In addition, please make sure that the Clinic's administrative assistant, Rosalind Williams at rdwilliams@ubalt.edu, has your updated contact information.

There will also be a mandatory swearing-in ceremony for all clinic students on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 8:30 am, followed by a celebration and light refreshments. You will each be sworn in as duly appointed student attorneys practicing under Rule 19-217 of the Maryland Rules Governing Admission to the Bar. **You should wear professional attire.** Feel free to invite any family or friends. Please let Professor Jessica Emerson know immediately if you have a conflict with the swearing-in ceremony.

Your assignment for orientation is below:

1. Read the Civil Advocacy/Human Trafficking Prevention Project Clinic Manual that has been sent to you via email and is available on our TWEN page. Note any questions you have for discussion at orientation.
2. Purchase the other required course materials listed in the Manual and generally familiarize yourself with them. These materials are available at the University Bookstore. Please note that one required book is the West Maryland Rules of Court (State) 2017. You must bring the Rules to every class session and team meeting.
3. Read the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct: Rule 1.6 (on confidentiality); Rules 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, and 1.10 (on conflicts of interest); and Rules 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 (on supervisor/supervisee responsibility). The Rules are contained in the West Maryland Rules of Court book that you purchase for the course.

4. Read Rule 19-217 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Maryland and Md. Code Ann. Bus. Occ. & Prof. § 10-206. It is in your Rules book.

5. Court observation assignment: By **January 16, 2018** you must observe a proceeding from one of the “Early Resolution Court” dockets at the Baltimore Eastside District Court (1400 E. North Ave). The courtroom is located in the basement. Ask for the “Specialized Pre-Trial Diversion Program” if you’re having trouble locating the courtroom. Parking is located in the connected free lot, as well as on the street. The Early Resolution Court dockets are held on **Mondays only** at 9:00 a.m., so please plan accordingly.

HPPP students should observe the “due process” accorded to the defendants in these proceedings. Write a memo, no more than two pages, reflecting on the proceedings you observe, including the procedural posture of the cases, any motions presented, rulings made, and your comments and observations about the proceeding, including whether you believe justice is being served and how clients might feel about appearing in this court program. Email your memo to Rosalind Williams at rdwilliams@ubalt.edu by **12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 16, 2018**. Be prepared to discuss your observations with your classmates during orientation.

To prepare for this observation, please read the following articles:

1. [In a Queens Court, Women in Prostitution Cases Are Seen as Victims](#), New York Times, Nov. 21, 2014
2. [Sex Trafficking Victims, Not ‘Prostitutes,’ Finally Getting Help \(and a New Name\) in Court](#), The Daily Beast, Jan. 12, 2015
3. Executive Summary, [Criminal, Victim, or Worker? The Effects of New York’s Human Trafficking Intervention Courts on Adults Charged with Prostitution Offenses](#), The Red Umbrella Project, October 2014
4. [Special Prostitution Courts and the Myth of ‘Rescuing’ Sex Workers](#), VICE, Jan. 5, 2015

6. If you have any questions about orientation or the assignment, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Clinic faculty members. We are in the office throughout the break. We look forward to your arrival. Enjoy your winter break!