Domestic Violence Civil Clinic

UO School of Law

Clinic Leadership	Kathryn Moakley, Domestic Violence Clinic Interim Director and Supervising Attorney, Domestic Violence Civil Clinic
Credits	3
Grading	Pass/No Pass
Terms	Fall/Spring Semester (sometimes Summer)
Eligible students	2Ls and 3Ls (successful completion of 2 semesters of law school) with Oregon Court certification. You may not have previously participated in the Domestic Violence Civil Clinic.
Required previous or concurrent coursework	None.
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Students enrolled in this clinic will represent victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in civil legal actions, with an emphasis on family law (divorce, child custody and parenting time, support, paternity), and may also work on cases involving public benefits, housing (both private landlord/tenant disputes and subsidized housing), employment, unemployment compensation, and consumer credit and related criminal matters (such as crime victims' compensation or coordinating with the district attorney to ensure that the civil and criminal cases are complementary). In the course of providing this representation, students will be involved at every stage of litigation, including interviewing clients and witnesses, obtaining evidence, negotiating with opposing counsel, drafting legal documents, and appearing in court. In addition to participating in litigation, students will meet with clients throughout the term to provide counsel, advice, and brief legal services on a wide variety of civil legal matters.

Course Expectations

- Attend a mandatory training at the beginning of the **fall** semester (the instructor will make arrangements for training for students who did not attend in the fall).
- Attend a weekly class on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm throughout the semester.
- Submit reflection memos throughout the term.
- Students must be available for at least 4 court observations throughout the term. Students will also need to be available for court appearances on assigned cases. Court appearances will generally begin in the morning but are subject to the schedule of the Lane County Circuit Court.
- Students will hold office hours twice a week for a total of 4 hours during which they will focus on client meetings and case work.
- Case needs may require evening and weekend work.

Evaluation of the student's work

The supervisor will meet regularly with each student to evaluate the student's experience. The supervisor will work closely with the student during case planning and preparation and will review

reflection papers.

Questions?
Contact Kathryn Moakley at 541.346.9342 or moakley@uoregon.edu.

Advanced Domestic Violence Civil Clinic
To continue to work in the Advanced Domestic Civil Clinic (2 credits), students must successfully complete the Domestic Violence Civil Clinic and obtain permission from the DV Clinic Director. Selection in the Advanced Domestic Violence Civil Clinic depends on availability, as well as a student's performance and demonstrated commitment in the Domestic Violence Civil Clinic. The Advanced Clinic involves work with clients, case staffing meetings, and individual meetings with the instructor.

Domestic Violence Protective Order Clinic
Students are also eligible to enroll in the Domestic Violence Protective Order Clinic and Advanced Protective Order Clinic.

Total Credits: A student cannot take more than a total of 9 credits in the Domestic Violence Clinic, including both the Civil Clinic and Protective Order Clinic. Nine credits is equivalent to taking both basic Clinics and one Advanced Clinic