



News Release



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New Clinical Teaching Fellowships Offered

Southwestern has announced the establishment of two new fellowships in the Children's Rights and Immigration Law clinics commencing this June. The fellowships provide a unique opportunity for young lawyers or recent law school graduates to gain experience in both clinical teaching and litigation in the areas of children's rights or immigration law. Each clinic will be assigned one clinical teaching fellow who will serve for two years.

The new fellowships are being funded with the help of a generous donation facilitated by Randall Renick '95, a partner in the law firm of Hadsell, Stormer, Keeny, Richardson & Renick, who served as Plaintiffs' Counsel in the Smokeless Tobacco Antitrust Litigation, which resulted in a significant cy-prés award to Southwestern's clinics.

"Each fellowship will allow a new lawyer to spend time honing skills in public interest lawyering and clinical teaching, with the expectation that at the end of the program, the fellow will be well-positioned to secure a position in one of those fields," Dean Bryant Garth explained.

The clinic fellows will work closely with the clinic directors, assisting in the representation of clients, the supervision of students and the development of course curricula. They will also participate in teaching the clinic seminars and receive support for research and professional development. The fellowships provide an excellent foundation for a career in public interest law or clinical/skills teaching.

Fellowship candidates must have practice experience (or experience as a student in a clinical program) providing direct representation to low-income or youth clients. Well-qualified applicants will also have demonstrated commitment to public interest lawyering and possess strong academic credentials.

Under the direction of Professor Julie Waterstone, the Children's Rights Clinic (CRC) represents low-income youth and families in education-related matters, including direct representation of youth in the areas of special education and school discipline. Students in the CRC, working under the close supervision of the clinic director and the teaching fellow, have the opportunity to interview and counsel clients, engage in negotiation and mediation, and try cases before administrative hearing bodies.

The Immigration Law Clinic (ILC), under the direction of Professor Andrea Ramos, represents low-income children and adults in immigration matters, including direct representation in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Violence Against Women Act and U Visa cases. Students in the ILC, working under the close supervision of the clinic director and the teaching fellow, have the opportunity to interview and counsel clients, develop case strategy, prepare immigration applications and present cases before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

More specific information about the fellowship positions and the application process is posted online.