

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION AT WINDSOR LAW

Students in their upper years may choose from an array of academic opportunities within Windsor Law's clinical legal programs on campus or downtown, advocacy-based or focused on the mediation experience at: Community Legal Aid, Legal Assistance of Windsor, and the University of Windsor Mediation Service.

COMMUNITY LEGAL AID (CLA)

Located directly across Sunset Avenue from the law school, CLA provides an opportunity for students to gain practical experience providing legal services to university students and the local community. All students, including first year students, are encouraged to apply to become involved in casework under the supervision of review counsel including: small claims, criminal and provincial offences, including Highway Traffic Act matters, housing and student problems. As students gain experience, they become more involved in the provision of services. Summer jobs are offered to students who wish to continue to develop skills in subsequent academic years.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF WINDSOR (LAW)

The concept of access to justice assumes human dimensions at LAW, where social work and poverty law services are offered to low income members of the Windsor and Essex County community. Second and third year students are introduced to their professional responsibilities in a downtown community legal clinic where staff lawyers and social workers supervise their caseloads during an intensive, full-semester program. Areas of law include housing, public benefits and criminal injuries compensation.

CLINICAL LAW PROGRAM

The "Clinical Advocacy" course was renamed the "Clinic Seminar" course in 2004, and is now restricted to students who are either contemporaneously (1) enrolled in the intensive full semester Clinic Practice Program at LAW, or (2) significantly engaged in casework at CLA. It is a four-credit course.

Students may either enroll in the Clinic Practice Program at CLA, for 4-6 credits per semester, or the Clinic Practice Program at LAW, for 8-11 credits per semester. The Clinic Practice program is graded on a pass-fail basis, based upon the student's engagement with his/her educational plan regarding the development of skill within the clinic context in the broad areas of professional development (file management, ethical approach); and work with clients

(interviewing, case analysis, counselling, dispute resolution), and tailored to the individual student's goals and supervisor expectations.

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR MEDIATION SERVICE (UWMS)

The University of Windsor Mediation Service is the first clinical mediation program to be offered in a Canadian law school. It is the only full service community mediation service in the Windsor-Essex County area. The UWMS serves a dual purpose: to meet the needs of the local community for free and accessible mediation services and to provide a clinical training program for law students.

The mandate of the University of Windsor Mediation Service is to provide quality, community-based mediation, conflict resolution and facilitation services to members of the Windsor-Essex community, free of charge. The UWMS attempts to empower community members to resolve their disputes themselves, while also teaching law students alternative and less adversarial methods of dispute resolution. Types of cases mediated and facilitated by the UWMS include: landlord/tenant conflicts, neighbour disputes, employment issues, consumer issues, contract disputes, and any Small Claims Court matters.

INTEGRATED M.B.A./LL.B. PROGRAM

This program is designed to enable a student to obtain both a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and an LL.B. within four, instead of five, years. Successful applicants will pursue first-year studies separately in the Faculty of Business Administration and the Faculty of Law. Years III and IV of the integrated program will involve work in both Faculties.

NORTHWEST TERRITORY CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

This program enables students to serve as a clerk for the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories fulfilling a research project requirement for credit towards their LL.B. As a clerk, the student will be based in Yellowknife, N.W.T. and travel occasionally to outlying regions with the Supreme Court of the N.W.T.

STUDENT EXCHANGE WITH UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL

The Faculty of Law has established with the Département des sciences juridiques of the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) an agreement which permits students from either institution to attend the other institution for one semester and obtain credit toward the degree

from their home institution. Students who have successfully completed their first year of law studies may, with the approval of their home institution, participate in this exchange.

Furthermore, candidates who have participated in the exchange can return to the other institution for one year to obtain the Civil Law degree (LL.L.) or the Common Law degree (LL.B.) as the case may be.

INTERNSHIPS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM

This program enables qualified students to participate in an internship Contract, at the U.W.M.S. under the supervision of the Director of Interns.

ADVANCED BUSINESS LAW SEMINAR

The purpose of the program is to enhance the corporate/commercial education offered by the law school by offering third year law students an opportunity to study and analyze sophisticated corporate commercial transactions. The course is taught by practitioners specializing in the area of law being studied and provides students with practical reference points for their academic education.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW INSTITUTE

The Intellectual Property Law Institute (I.P.L.I.) was created in 1987 through the efforts of the State Bar of Michigan and the law faculties of the University of Detroit Mercy, Wayne State University and the University of Windsor.

The primary purpose of I.P.L.I. is to facilitate the offering of an exceptional and rich curriculum for law students and lawyers in the field of intellectual property. The I.P.L.I. courses have the advantage of sharing the resources of three law schools and the experience and expertise of the practicing members of the Michigan Bar Association. In particular, each course deals with appropriate American and Canadian jurisprudence.

Intellectual property is one of the most innovative, exciting, challenging and rewarding areas of the law. I.P.L.I. is dedicated to providing basic and advanced legal education and furthering knowledge, scholarship and research in the law governing the richly diverse fields of intellectual property: patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets and know-how, computers and related technology, communications and media, entertainment, technology transfer, trade regulation, and the arts.