

EMPIRE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW

Semester: Fall 2009
Professor: Adam Brown

C554—DISABILITY LAW CLINIC

Course Overview: Six Law Students are invited to work in the Disability Law Clinic, the area's primary resource for information and representation on the law as it pertains to people with disabilities. Each student will be assigned several cases on which they will participate in all areas of case development from client interviews to court appearances. The cases assigned will all be in the area of Administrative Law. Attorney Adam Brown will supervise all work done in the Law Clinic. Each student will meet with Mr. Brown at least once a week to discuss the status of the cases on which they are working. Mr. Brown will designate additional office hours throughout the week for additional supervision as needed.

In addition to their work in the Law Clinic, students will attend a class in Disability Law and case development. The class will meet once a week for two hours. Class discussion will incorporate issues raised in the readings, student experience in the Law Clinic, and current developments in Administrative and Disability Law. Each student will make one in-class presentation on an assigned area of Disability Law or step in the Administrative Appeals Process. A final examination will be given covering general aspects of the course.

Time: By Appointment

Course Description: In this elective course students will receive clinical, as well as classroom training in Disability Law. Each student will be responsible for handling several cases within the Disability Law Clinic. All cases assigned will be in the area of Administrative Law and will provide practical applications to the material covered in the readings and classroom discussion.

Units: 3 units/45 hours

Text: No text*

Attendance: Regular and punctual attendance is essential for the successful completion of law school. Students should plan to attend every class. Students must attend a minimum of 80% (36 hours — 12 of 15 classes) of the class sessions during each semester. Roll will be taken at each class.

Grading: Grading for the course will be calculated as follows:

Clinical Work	40%
In-class Presentation	20%
Class Participation ¹	20%
Final Exam	20%

¹Both the quantity and quality of the student's participation will be considered.

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CLASS ASSIGNMENTS – DISABILITY LAW CLINIC Fall 2009

- Class 1: Introduction to Administrative Law
Overview of Disability Law Clinic
Cases and Presentations assigned
- Class 2: Disability Law, Issues and Practice
- Class 3: Benefits Programs
Presentation: Social Security benefits programs
- Class 4: Medical Programs
Presentation: Medicare vs. Medicaid
- Class 5: Housing Discrimination
Presentation: Fair Housing complaint processes
- Class 6: Special Education
Presentation: Special Ed. Appeals Process
- Class 7: General Anti-Discrimination Statutes
Presentation: ADA - Scope and Complaint process
- Class 8: Rehabilitation/Work Incentive Programs
Presentation: Disability Cessation
- Class 9: Case Evaluation
- Class 10: Development of Record
- Class 11: Effective Writing
- Class 12: Case Presentation
- Class 13: Class Exercise
- Class 14: Review of Cases
- Class 15: Exit Interview

* Students will occasionally be given articles and/or cases to review for selected classes.