PROSECUTION CLINIC APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in the Prosecution Clinic. Although the Clinic is designed for students who are pursuing or considering a career in prosecution, enrollment is not limited to such students. We welcome any applicant who is interested in public service or in gaining hands-on courtroom experience.

If selected, students will be assigned to one of several local prosecutors’ offices. Students will be placed in the various field offices on a random basis among those who have stated the highest preference for each respective office. That is, for any given office, spaces will be allocated randomly among those students who have ranked that office as their first choice, and if none, then among those who have ranked that office as their second choice, and so on. When ranking your office preference, please be cognizant that different jurisdictions hold General District Court sessions on different days; you should give some thought to selecting offices whose court schedule complements your anticipated class schedule. Court schedules for different jurisdictions can be found on the Virginia courts website. Please also note that, while placement in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Virginia is an enriching and rewarding experience, a placement in this office often results in significantly less “courtroom time” and hands-on courtroom experiences than placement in state offices.

Instructions: Student who wish to enroll in the yearlong Prosecution Clinic during the 2023-2024 academic year must (1) rank the Prosecution Clinic in the clinic lottery through the Student Records Office AND (2) complete this form and submit it, along with a current CV or résumé and a brief statement (100 words or less) explaining their interest in the Clinic, to the clinic directors, Joseph Platania (platania@charlottesville.gov) and Heather Carlton (heather.carlton@usdoj.gov). All applications/rankings must be received no later than noon on July 3. Students will be notified of lottery/selection results and enrolled in the clinic prior to the regular course lottery.

Please contact Joseph Platania (platania@charlottesville.gov) or Heather Carlton (heather.carlton@usdoj.gov) with any questions.
Name:
UVa ID No.:
Cellphone number:
UVA Email Address:

Office preference:  By signing this form, you acknowledge (1) that only two of the fourteen participating field offices are located in Charlottesville and that, although most students have requested placement in one of these two offices, most students are placed in one of the other fourteen offices; and (2) agree to accept placement in any office participating in this clinic program.

Participating offices:  Albemarle County, Augusta County, City of Charlottesville, Culpeper County, Fluvanna County, Greene County, Henrico County, Madison County, Nelson County, Orange County, Rockingham County/Harrisonburg, City of Staunton, City of Waynesboro, United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Virginia (Richmond Division).

Your ranked office preferences:

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Certification: I certify by my signature below that I have read the course description and hereby request enrollment in the Prosecution Clinic. I realize that this is a yearlong course, and I give you my commitment that if I am granted enrollment in the course I will participate in the clinic for the entire academic year. I further understand that, if admitted to the clinic, I will be assigned to one of the participating prosecutors’ offices, many of which are located outside of Charlottesville, and that I can provide my own transportation and travel expenses.

Signature: 
Date: