

PROJECT for INFORMED REFORM (“PIR”)

Year Long Clinic

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Credits: 8

There has been a groundswell for criminal justice reform. At the same time, much is being written about the lack of hard facts and reliable data to inform change. This clinic steps into that void. We take on collaborative projects to uncover and harness those hard facts and reliable data to create innovative reforms. We partner with other organizations who have similar interests and goals. For instance, we are currently partnering with a Virginia prosecutor to review all the cases investigated by a corrupt police officer over a period of two decades.

Many of our projects will require travel, so access to a car is helpful, though not essential. All expenses related to our projects are reimbursed. Having a full day available with no classes is also helpful for investigation and travel. Selected clinic students should expect to devote a minimum of 12 – 15 hours each week to clinic work, including a weekly class of 90 minutes.

Interested students must both rank the clinic in the lottery system and submit an application to the clinic. If you are selected in the clinic application/lottery selection process, you will be automatically enrolled. **ONCE YOU ARE ENROLLED IN THE CLINIC, YOU MAY NOT DROP.** Although grades and experience are relevant considerations, your motivation and commitment are the primary interest; your letter of interest is the only source for evaluate those qualities. **This clinic will be graded honors/pass/fail. To apply, please forward a resume, an unofficial transcript and a brief letter describing your interest. Send these documents to deirdre@law.virginia.edu no later than July 3, 2023.** Selected students will have the clinic posted to their schedules **before the commencement of the regular course lottery process.**

Prerequisite: Second- or third-year status required.