

ENROLLMENT REQUEST FORM

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

Instructions: Students who wish to enroll in the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic during the spring semester of the 2021 academic year, must complete this form, attach the requested documents, and submit them *via e-mail* to the instructor, Clare Lewis (chm7f@virginia.edu), ***no later than noon on Monday, September 28, 2020***. Applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list, and these students will only be contacted if openings arise. Please complete the following with your name, current mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Name: _____ ID #: _____

Current address: _____

Current city, state, zip: _____

Current telephone number: _____

Current e-mail address: _____

Please include via e-mail the following items with this request form:

- (1) a current resume and Symplicity grade report with the teachers of each class indicated.
- (2) a brief written discussion (no more than two pages) of your interest in the clinic, any relevant background experience, where you have interned while at the law school and where you plan to work after graduation.

(Be sure to review the second page)

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The Entrepreneurial Law Clinic will involve instruction and practical training on advising startup companies and drafting basic corporate documentation. As part of the clinic, students will work with entrepreneurs who are starting new companies, specifically entrepreneurs chosen to participate in the Darden iLab.

As preparation for advising startup companies, students will participate in a series of class sessions over the first half of the semester covering the topics most frequently encountered by startup businesses, including, pre-venture counseling, entity choice, formation documents, shareholder agreements, IP protection, etc. Then, students will receive first-hand experience in working with real startup companies under the supervision of the course instructors and their attorney supervisor. The students will take the lead role in working with the entrepreneurs, including conducting interviews, performing research, providing a legal plan for the business, identifying documents to be drafted, and drafting documents. **Please note that we will NOT provide counsel on:** litigation, patents and other intellectual property matters, labor and employment, real estate, securities regulation, tax and accounting matters, mergers or acquisitions, cross-border transactions, foreign (non-U.S.) legal advisory or international trade.

This course will meet throughout the semester. During the first five or six weeks, there will be one two hour session each week consisting of a substantive overview of the areas of law and issues most frequently encountered in working with start-up companies. Over the remaining seven or eight weeks of the semester, we will hear from industry experts, entrepreneurs and investors and focus on the clinical portion of the class. In addition, during the final seven or eight weeks, you will be asked to: (i) meet client companies and conduct interviews to assess nature of business, (ii) assess legal issues and needs of client companies and prepare summaries of issues, (iii) meet with client companies to provide an initial overview of legal issues associated with the business and provide a suggested course of action as to initial documents to be prepared, (iv) draft documents to meet client needs, and (v) meet with client companies and your supervising attorney to provide the final legal plan and documents.

You will be spending considerable time outside of the classroom meeting with your clients and your supervising attorney and preparing drafts and final versions of legal documents.

Certification: I hereby certify by my signature below that I have read the course description; understand that, if accepted for the clinic, I must be enrolled during the spring 2021 semester; and, most importantly, that once enrolled in the clinic, ***I may not drop the course.***

1. Space in the clinic is limited, and not all applicants are guaranteed acceptance to the clinic. Applicants will be informed of their acceptance into the clinic as soon as possible.
2. In addition to a classroom component, students will participate in the representation of clients. Because all clinic work will constitute actual representation of clients, it is expected to be completed in an attentive and timely manner and with professional quality. There will be periods during which a significant time commitment will be required.
3. I understand that I will receive 3 credits for the clinic. The class will be graded.

Signature: _____

Date: _____