

APPLICATION

Supreme Court Litigation Clinic

Instructions: Students who wish to enroll in the yearlong Supreme Court Litigation Clinic during the 2021-22 academic year, must complete this form, attach the requested documents, and submit them *via e-mail* to Ms. Karen Sowers (ksowers@law.virginia.edu) **no later than Monday, March 29, 2021 at noon.** Please complete the following with your name, current mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address, as well as contact information for you over the summer. Students interested in the clinic should consider attending a Zoom public information session on Friday, March 19, at 3 p.m. If you email Ms. Sowers, she will send you the link.

The clinic is looking for students capable of figuring out, researching, and briefing live, cutting-edge cases before the United States Supreme Court. Skilled writing is very important. No particular courses are required but we hope that most students will have (or be gaining during their fall semester next year) some background in criminal procedure, federal courts, and administrative law. Background experience in other substantive areas that frequently come up in Supreme Court practice is also helpful, but the ones mentioned are core.

Current students report spending *on average* 15 or so hours a week outside of class on clinic work. Some weeks will require more; some less. We do try, however, to even things out week-to-week even if the process of litigation sometimes makes that difficult.

Name: _____ ID #: _____

Current address: _____

Current city, state, zip: _____

Current telephone number: _____

Current e-mail address: _____

Date returning to Charlottesville at end of the summer: _____

Summer address: _____

Summer city, state, zip: _____

Summer telephone number: _____

Summer e-mail address: _____

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

- a current resume and transcript (it doesn't have to be "official") with the teachers of each class indicated
- a 10-15 page writing sample (if you submit a longer one, please indicate which 10 pages you would like to be read)

And please sign the following certification:

I hereby certify by my signature below that I have read the course description; understand that, if accepted into the clinic, I will let it know within two days whether I accept the invitation, and, if I do, I may not then ***drop the course***. The clinic will ordinarily meet on Wednesdays from 4 to 6:30. There is a possibility, however, that some clinic members whose schedules permit will meet at a different time on a different day.

1. This is a yearlong course and space in the clinic is limited; not all applicants are guaranteed acceptance to the clinic. Applicants will be informed of their status no later than late April 2021.
2. If admitted to the clinic, I will be expected to engage in "case-related" work in addition to time spent in a "classroom" component. The clinic will possibly include observation of oral arguments at the Supreme Court of the United States.
3. If admitted, I understand that I may have to help monitor lower court cases with an eye to spotting candidates for Supreme Court review.
4. I understand that I will receive 8 credits for the clinic—four non-graded credits for work in the summer and fall and four graded credits for work in the spring. The grade awarded will, however, reflect performance over the whole year.
5. If admitted, I consent to public disclosure of my participation in the 2021-22 clinic.

Signature: _____ Date: _____