APPELLATE LITIGATION CLINIC 2022-2023

The Appellate Litigation Clinic is a full-year clinic, intended to give you real practical experience litigating cases before the federal courts of appeals. We usually work in teams of 2-4 (plus me) to write briefs, and then divide arguments so that one student does the opening and the other the rebuttal. Litigation is unpredictable enough that it is impossible to make promises, but my hope is that we will take on enough cases over the course of the year that everyone gets a chance to argue at some point. We also will have at least one petition for certiorari pending at the Supreme Court, which could turn into a merits case at some point.

If you are interested, I want to emphasize that this is a great experience and a lot of fun, but also a serious commitment. The Clinic counts for four credits each semester, and you should expect that the workload will be at least commensurate with that and for some, at times, significantly more. You'd be taking on real professional obligations to real clients, whose freedom or livelihood often hangs in the balance. You should be prepared to prioritize their needs.

I am going to do an application process this year, although it may include a substantial lottery component on the back end if I cannot narrow it down just from the applications. If you are interested, please email me the following things:

- A brief statement about why you are interested in the clinic, and any experiences you have had that you think might be pertinent (e.g., moot court, mock trial, debate, work as a paralegal or police officer, etc.)
- Some sort of writing statement
- A current resume and transcript
- If you are also applying to the Supreme Court Clinic, tell me which would be your first choice.

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

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