APPLYING FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS AMICUS CLINIC

Overview

Students in the Civil Rights Amicus Clinic participate in sophisticated litigation that requires high-quality writing involving complex issues and which often must be completed in accordance with a very demanding schedule. This application is intended to ensure that all students enrolled in the clinic have the preparation and commitment to fulfill their obligations to the Clinic’s clients. The grade guidelines set out below identify the level of performance in Legal Writing and Constitutional Law that the clinic faculty believe demonstrates the necessary combination of substantive knowledge and writing ability. Students who have not achieved the grades set out below can demonstrate their readiness through other significant writing experiences, in response to Question 3 in the application.

Sign up for clinic lottery.

If you are interested in a clinic during the Fall 2015, sign up for the clinic lottery. On May 8, you will receive an email from the registrar, asking you to sign up for the lottery and which clinics you want to take. You must sign up for the clinic lottery by May 18, 2015.

Application Materials

By noon, Friday, May 15, 2015, submit a resume and a statement, of no more than one page, to Professor Lorraine Bannai, bannail@seattleu.edu. In your statement,

(1) explain your interest in taking the Civil Rights Amicus Clinic;
(2) state that you attended the information session or viewed it on medialaw (to be posted on the Korematsu Center Amicus Clinic webpage and the school’s academic advising webpage);
(3) state that you meet the below grade requirements, or, if not, describe your prior writing experience in a class (other than legal writing), law office, or other setting in which you have been asked to write memos, briefs, reports, or other documents (not short letters or emails) that have required research, analysis, timely production of work product, and solid writing skills; and
(4) for those in Legal Writing II (LWII) in Spring 2015, identify your LWII professor and authorize the clinic instructors to contact your LWII professor to confirm your writing, research, and analytic skills and grade once LWII Spring 2015 grades are submitted.

Grade Requirements

Students who have earned grades of B or above in Constitutional Law I and B+ or above in Legal Writing II are automatically eligible for the lottery. Students who have not earned such grades may request a waiver of these requirements from the clinic instructors. For students in Legal Writing II in Spring 2015, acceptance into the clinic is subject to confirmation of that grade.

Participate in the clinic lottery

Prior to the Monday, May 8, clinic lottery, you and the registrar’s office will be informed of whether you are eligible to enter the lottery for the Civil Rights Amicus Clinic. Clinic lottery results will be available to view on SU Online on Monday, May 18, by 6:00 p.m.