



Changing Lives through
Clinical Legal Education



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MINNESOTA LAW CLINICS

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Minnesota Law has one of the largest and most diverse clinical legal education programs in the country. Under the guidance of our world-class faculty, clinics collaborate with each other—as well as our law firm and nonprofit partners—to offer students the opportunity to work on legal issues and cases so they develop the skills they need to be the next generation of lawyer-leaders.

—DEAN GARRY JENKINS



207

students, including student directors, participated in the clinics last year.

26,822

hours of free legal service were provided to the public by Minnesota Law students last year.

88%

of Minnesota Law clinics are full-year.

ON THE COVER: Professor Perry Moriearty and students from the Child Advocacy and Juvenile Justice Clinic.



Real Cases. Real Clients. Real Impact.

With two dozen diverse and engaging clinics to choose from, Minnesota Law students develop critical skills while gaining hands-on experience tackling complex legal issues on behalf of clients.

Recently, Allison Chadwick, 3L, of the Child Advocacy Clinic, and Tariq Miller, 3L, of the Robins Kaplan Civil Practice Clinic, pictured above with clinic director Professor Laura Thomas, collaborated to represent a father in a custody trial in Hennepin County District Court. The students prepared for trial together, deciding on exhibits and larger themes, and each worked with designated witnesses to elicit testimony in support of their client's position. Through experiential learning and critical collaborations with clinic partners, Minnesota Law students are prepared to become future lawyer-leaders.

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clinics offer students a chance
to build skills in a practice area
of their choice

- Bankruptcy
- Business Law
- Child Advocacy & Juvenile Justice
- Civil Rights Enforcement
- Community Legal Partnership for Health
- Community Mediation
- Consumer Protection
- Criminal Defense
- Detainee Rights
- Employment Law
- Environment & Energy
- Family Law
- Federal Defense
- Federal Immigration Litigation
- Housing Law
- Human Rights Litigation & International
Legal Advocacy
- Immigration & Human Rights Law
- Indian Child Welfare
- Innocence Project
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship
- Misdemeanor Prosecution
- Robins Kaplan Civil Practice Clinic
- Ronald A. Mankoff Tax Clinic



Minnesota Law received an unprecedented \$25 million gift from the Robina Foundation for the James H. Binger Center for New Americans.

Human Rights and Immigration

Minnesota Law's human rights clinic and three immigration clinics work collaboratively with community partners to bring comprehensive and often lifesaving services to families and individuals in need. Law students have the opportunity to tackle a range of complex legal issues, from assisting asylum seekers and working to stop deportation orders to representing noncitizens who have been detained.

CLINICS

Detainee Rights | Federal Immigration Litigation | Human Rights Litigation & International Legal Advocacy | Immigration & Human Rights

100+

immigrants were represented by the Detainee Rights Clinic in 44 bond hearings and 70 full merit cases in 2017-18.

The Impact of Federal Litigation

The James H. Binger Center for New Americans' Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic faculty and students collaborated with local and national partners to stop the deportation of 92 Somali immigrants after a first attempt to deport them was aborted amid reports of inhumane treatment. Binger Center students, graduates, and faculty played key roles in a collaborative class action that won an 11th-hour court order that blocked a second attempt to deport the men and women and allowed them to have their claims of abuse investigated.

The successful litigation garnered international press attention and revealed that during the aborted deportation flight detainees were forced to spend two days in shackles while seated, including a period of over 20 hours when the plane was parked on a tarmac in Senegal without functional bathrooms. ICE deportation agents kicked, struck, choked, and dragged some detainees down the aisle of the plane and placed them in straitjackets. The litigation also won class members a new opportunity to seek protection from persecution and torture in their war-torn home country, and several have since been granted this relief.

In order to successfully block the deportations, Binger Center clinical students led by Mary Georgevich, 3L, worked closely with the University of Miami Law School, The Advocates for Human Rights, and Binger Center graduates John Bruning '17, an associate with Kim Hunter Law, as well as Andrea Crumrine '16 and Alexandra De Leon '16, both attorneys at Americans for Immigrant Justice in Miami.

LEFT: Alicia Granse, 3L, Professor Linus Chan, and Julia Decker '14, staff attorney at the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota.



“As a law student, the experiences I had while interviewing refugees in detention at the border and representing clients in immigration court, as well as from working on federal litigation and filing briefs at the U.S. Court of Appeals, have strengthened my passion for working with migrant and immigrant communities and have given me the skills to be an effective advocate.

—JOHN BRUNING '17, associate,
Kim Hunter Law



Rights and Liberties

400+

individuals were assisted
with legal issues
in 2017-18.

From civil rights enforcement, child advocacy, and criminal and federal defense to misdemeanor prosecution and fighting wrongful convictions, Minnesota Law students work side-by-side with clinical faculty and attorneys, as well as agencies such as the United States Attorney's Office, the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office, and the City Attorneys' Offices of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

CLINICS

**Child Advocacy & Juvenile Justice | Civil Rights Enforcement | Criminal Defense
Federal Defense | The Innocence Project | Misdemeanor Prosecution**

The Fight to End Juvenile Life Without Parole (JLWOP)

Since 2012, students in the **Child Advocacy & Juvenile Justice Clinic** have represented clients serving sentences of life without parole for juvenile offenses who are seeking relief under the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Miller v. Alabama*. Students have litigated cases in the 8th Circuit, the District of Minnesota, the Minnesota Supreme Court, and several Minnesota trial courts, conducting hearings and filing Supreme Court petitions for certiorari, petitions for writs of habeas corpus, federal appeals briefs, motions for post-conviction relief, and resentencing memoranda.

In 2017, one client’s life without parole sentence was vacated, and he will now be eligible for parole in eight years. Students filed a Supreme Court certiorari petition on behalf of another client in June and will seek post-conviction relief for a third client in the fall of 2018. As the clinic’s work on these cases has gained prominence, students have become involved in legislative and amicus advocacy, working with some of the nation’s leading law reform advocates.



The most rewarding part about working on JLWOP cases is meeting with clients and showing them that they have a support system striving to help them have a future beyond their sentence. I hope having a team of people fighting for them gives our clients some hope for the future.
—MAGGIE FORSELL, 2L

LEFT: Abby Swanson Garney, 2L, Maggie Forsell, 2L, Professor Perry Moriearty, Nicole Streifel, 2L, and Melanie Johnson, 2L.



The Innocence Project
Clinic



Students in the Innocence Project Clinic work in conjunction with the Innocence Project of Minnesota. They have a unique opportunity to investigate claims of actual innocence being made by inmates in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Students start working on a claim by gathering primary source material—police reports, forensic reports, court pleadings, transcripts, appellate briefs, and opinions.



JULIE JONAS '95, Legal Director,
Innocence Project of Minnesota



Economic Justice

Minnesota Law has one of the largest collections of clinics focusing on issues of economic justice. Students in economic justice clinics represent individuals who experience marketplace fraud or unfair treatment by employer or insurers, and help people who need assistance to resolve financial distress. Across these clinics, students appear in federal and state courts.

CLINICS

Bankruptcy | Consumer Protection | Employment | Housing | Insurance | Tax

\$1.7M

in payments were approved to 34,000 consumers through the efforts of the Consumer Protection Clinic.

Cross-Clinical Collaborations

When one of our clinics works closely with a client, additional issues may emerge and the client may be referred to another clinic for further work. Providing comprehensive services to clients and the public through cross-clinical collaborations gives students the opportunity to make a significant impact in their clients' lives and to further develop their lawyering skills.

In one such instance, Bankruptcy Clinic student Anna Koch, 3L, was able to change a life when she assisted her client in securing a Chapter 7 discharge of a civil judgment of over \$17,000 after the Civil Practice Clinic referred the case. The inter-clinic referral allowed Ms. Koch to successfully help the client eliminate the burden of consumer debt that she could not finance with her Social Security earnings.



Partnering with Harvard Law

In response to a public request for comments by the IRS in 2017, students in the University of Minnesota Ronald A. Mankoff Tax Clinic collaborated with Harvard's Tax Clinic and Harvard's Project on Predatory Student Loans. Together, they submitted joint comments suggesting changes to the current regulations governing cancellation of debt reporting, particularly for cancelled student loans. Through the comment project, Tax Clinic students participated in the administrative notice and comment process while also gaining cross-disciplinary insights on consumer law issues.



After the bankruptcy hearing, I could see the relief on my client's face. Without that debt she could finally rebuild her life and start anew.

—ANNA KOCH, 3L

LEFT: Professor **Prentiss Cox** '90 and Visiting Clinical Professor **Caleb Smith**.



Family and Community

21

new cases were opened
in the Family Law Clinic
last year.

When families and communities seek legal assistance, Minnesota Law students gain the opportunity to work with clients on complex legal issues including custody, parenting, dissolution of marriage, child advocacy, community challenges, health, and other essential issues.

CLINICS

Civil Practice | Community Legal Partnership for Health | Community Mediation
Family Law | Indian Child Welfare Act

Uniting Law and Medicine for a Healthy Community

The Community Legal Partnership for Health Clinic is the Law School's unique contribution to the medical-legal partnership movement in health care in the United States. Our students learn the importance of the social determinants of health in patient care and apply the legal knowledge shared by experts in various legal matters on behalf of patients at three community health care settings in the Twin Cities. Through this robust collaboration, law students are able to provide free legal services to individuals in the community.

Alex Eschenroeder, 2L, a student in the Community Legal Partnership for Health Clinic, recognized the integral role the pastor played in the community at the church where the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic is housed. He arranged a meeting between the pastor and the law students who provide vital legal services at the clinic. The discussion helped the students to better understand how legal issues significantly affect community members' health, and their role in holistic care of community members.

LEFT: Minnesota Law clinics help clients like this family address complex legal issues.



The Community Legal Partnership for Health Clinic has made me appreciate the extent to which legal issues and health issues can intersect. However, there is only so much you can see at the point of service. Meeting with and learning from a trusted Phillips Neighborhood community leader gave me a deeper understanding of the issues Phillips Neighborhood residents face and informed the way I approached clients for the rest of the year.

—ALEX ESCHENROEDER, 2L

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The Business Law Clinic afforded student attorneys like myself with invaluable opportunities to work closely with small businesses and entrepreneurs in the community. My participation in the clinic equipped me with crucial skills that have played a pivotal role in shaping my career as a corporate attorney. I will be forever grateful to the clients for choosing the students in the clinic to provide them with legal counsel.

—JEMIMA AJANWACHUKU, 3L

Business and Nonprofits

Students take up real-world, bottom-line issues in Minnesota Law's business and nonprofit clinics. Experiences include providing legal assistance in non-litigation matters for small businesses, nonprofits, and entrepreneurs; learning litigation skills, relevant statutes, and regulations; working with entrepreneurs on the intricacies of intellectual property law; and addressing legal issues around renewable energy and clean water.

CLINICS

Business Law | Environment & Energy Law
Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship

Business Law Clinic students provided over

1,420

hours of legal services to clients in 2017-18.

Creating Foundations for New Business

Each academic year, students in the **Business Law Clinic** work with over 40 business clients on more than 100 business law matters. Serving primarily low-income clients who are starting new business ventures, students provided over 1,420 hours of service to clients last year.

Thanks to a referral by the Metropolitan Economic Development Agency, Business Law Clinic students helped an innovative medical device business to thrive. Clinic students, including Jorgen Lervick (pictured right), have helped the company—which commercializes a portable therapy unit that stimulates the neural pathway that connects several visceral organs to the brain—by drafting organizational documents, a consulting agreement, a termination letter, a capitalization table, a restricted stock award agreement, and a stockholders agreement, as well as providing general business advice.



“While representing the medical device startup through the Business Law Clinic, my clinic partner and I were able to advise the client on how to engage consultants, how to bring on additional investors, and how to issue stock to company stakeholders. A supervising attorney reviewed all of our work, but the client looked to us first for answers to his questions which allowed us to develop critical attorney-client relationship skills. We were exposed to a variety of legal agreements and questions, which made for an extremely rewarding experience.

—JORGEN LERVICK, 3L
JD/MBA candidate



Intellectual Property Law Clinic



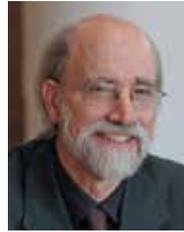
“Working in the Intellectual Property clinic allowed me to engage with clients and learn about their inventions and what it would mean for their companies and their lives.

—SAALINI SEKAR, 3L

Minnesota Law Clinics Led by World-Class Faculty



Emily Buchholz '10
Lecturer in Law
Executive Director,
Corporate Institute
J.D. University of
Minnesota Law School
Business Law Clinic



Richard Frase
Benjamin N. Berger
Professor of Criminal Law
J.D. University of
Chicago Law School
Federal Defense Clinic



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**Federal Immigration
Litigation Clinic**



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**Federal Immigration
Litigation Clinic**



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**Human Rights Litigation
& International Legal
Advocacy**



Perry Moriearty
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Clinic**



Stephen Meili
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Human Rights Clinic**



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Law School
**Ronald A. Mankoff
Tax Clinic**

Clinic Director and Staff



Laura Thomas
Clinic Director
Clinical Professor
J.D. Loyola University
Law School

Family Law Clinic
**Robins Kaplan Civil
Practice Clinic**



Elizabeth Coffield
Administrative
Coordinator



Shari Ober
Administrative
Coordinator



Nicole Smiley
Clinic Administrator



Jean Wells
Administrative
Coordinator



Kjerstin Yager
Education and
Outreach Program
Coordinator,
Binger Center

2017-18 Clinical Faculty Awards and Recognitions

Linus Chan was named a Minnesota Attorney of the Year by *Minnesota Lawyer* magazine.

Deepinder Mayell was named executive director of the James H. Binger Center for New Americans.

Stephen Meili was awarded tenure.

Perry Moriearty was awarded tenure.

Laura Thomas was awarded the Stanley V. Kinyon Clinical Teacher of the Year Award.

Selected Publications for Clinical Faculty

Linus Chan "The Promise and Failure of Silence as a Shield Against Immigration Enforcement," 52 *Valparaiso University Law Review* 289 (2018)

Linus Chan, et al. "Understanding Sanctuary Cities," 59 *Boston College Law Review* 1703 (2018)

Linus Chan *Immigration Simulations: Bridge to Practice* (WEST ACADEMIC, 2018) (with Regina Jeffries)

Prentiss Cox "Strategies of Public UDAP Enforcement," 55 *Harvard Journal on Legislation* 37 (2018) (with Amy Widman & Mark Totten)

Prentiss Cox & Laura Thomas *Law in Practice* (West Academic Publishing, 2d ed., 2018)

Richard Frase "Prior Record Enhancements at Sentencing: Unsettled Justifications and Unsettling Consequences," in 47 *CRIME AND JUSTICE* 209 (2018) (with Rhys Hester, Julian V. Roberts, and Kelly Lyn Mitchell)

Stephen Meili "The Constitutional Right to Asylum: The Wave of the Future in International Refugee Law?" 41 *Fordham International Law Journal* 383 (2018)

Stephen Meili "The Human Rights of Noncitizens: Constitutionalized Treaty Law in Ecuador," 31 *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal* 347 (2017)

Perry Moriearty "The Trilogy and Beyond," 62 *South Dakota Law Review* 539 (2017)

Perry Moriearty *Cases and Materials on Juvenile Justice Administration* (WEST ACADEMIC, 5th ed., 2018) (with Barry Feld)



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