

5424 LAWYERING PROCESS I: INTERVIEWING AND COUNSELING Brenner (Fall & Spring)
 - 2 Credits

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUPPLEMENT THIS COURSE BY ENROLLING IN LAWYERING PROCESS III:
CLINIC WHICH PROVIDES ADDITIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE WITH ACTUAL CLIENTS IN A CLOSELY
SUPERVISED FIELD-BASED SETTING.

This clinically-structured course is designed to provide students with theoretical understanding of and significant practical experience in the fundamental skills of client interviewing and counseling. Various approaches to the process will be examined in lectures, discussion and readings from selected texts and materials. Instructional videotaped segments showing lawyers interviewing and counseling clients at various stages of the process will permit the students to observe the performance of such skills (sometimes exemplary, sometimes problematical) by the professional. In terms of student skills practice, two types of exercise will be utilized: weekly in-class simulations (student as lawyer/client/critiquer) and videotaped simulations. Students will prepare selected short written critiques of such simulations and a more detailed "memorandum to partner" providing assessment and recommendation for future action on the basis of a videotaped counseling session they will have conducted. Enrollment is limited to 12 students and consistent attendance is required in order to insure the effectiveness of class simulated exercises.

5428 LAWYERING PROCESS II: NEGOTIATION - 2 Credits Brenner (Fall & Spring)

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This clinically-structured course is designed to provide students with theoretical understanding of and significant practical experience in the fundamental skills of legal negotiation. Several distinctive negotiation approaches/models are examined and important issues impacting all negotiations are explored in detail through lectures, discussions and readings from texts and materials. Instructional videotaped programs showing lawyers engaged in negotiation will highlight the different approaches and demonstrate the widely divergent degrees of effectiveness reflected by professionals. In terms of student skills practice, three types of exercise will be utilized: in-class negotiation, out-of-class negotiation, and videotaped negotiation. Students will prepare written pre-negotiation strategy/plans and post-negotiation assessments in several exercises. Enrollment is limited to 12 students and consistent attendance is required in order to insure the effectiveness of class simulated exercises.

5429 LAWYERING PROCESS III: CLINIC - 2 Credits Brenner (Fall & Spring)

IF THIS COURSE IS TAKEN DURING THE SUMMER, THEN IT WILL BE GRADED ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS BUT WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD EXTERNSHIP MAXIMUM.

Students participating in this clinical course will be provided with skills training and the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of lawyering activities (interviewing, counseling, negotiation, drafting of documents and pleadings, representation of clients before Court and administrative agencies) in a controlled, supervised, instructional field-based program setting. Following initial orientation at the office, students will observe and thereafter participate in direct delivery of legal services to program clients. Cases assigned will primarily involve family law issues (divorce, protection from abuse, custody, dependency, etc.). Students will be closely supervised by an experienced staff attorney under the direction of the course instructor. Selected student work may be videotaped for later review and critique by supervisor and instructor. Clinical time at the field-based office will be supplemented with a weekly case review session at the law school. Scheduling of clinical hours will be adjusted to accommodate the student's schedule. Transportation costs for travel to/from the office will be reimbursed. Students are encouraged to enroll in Lawyering Process I or II, since the focus of both such courses will provide skills support for the clinical experience. Enrollment is limited to 8 students. Course also available during the summer, with same supervisory input and course requirements as described above.

5929 LEGAL SERVICES PRACTICUM - 4 Credits Van Stevenson (Fall & Spring)

Honors/Pass/Fail Grade: based upon performance in the classroom component and upon performance in providing legal services to indigent clients. No final exam. Class component: Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Field component: 104 hours.

This course offers students a great opportunity to help indigent clients and to learn important lawyering skills under the close supervision of an experienced attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services Association or Laurel Legal Services. Students will work on cases involving poverty law issues such as eviction, custody, protection from abuse, public benefits, and debt collection.

The classroom component will focus on various substantive and procedural poverty law issues, on ethical considerations, and on lawyering skills — such as interviewing, counseling, fact-gathering, legal analysis, negotiation, research, drafting, and litigation — critical to many types of legal practice. Classroom assignments will include simulation exercises and preparing a weekly journal.

The field component will focus on advising and representing indigent clients. Field assignments will be available in Pittsburgh, Aliquippa, New Castle, Butler, Greensburg, Kittanning, Indiana, Brookville, and Clarion. This is an excellent opportunity for students to gain experience in the county where they live or hope to practice. Most field assignments will include courtroom experience, and most students will be able to complete the field component before final exams. Every attempt will be made to schedule the field assignment at times convenient to the student.

Resources permitting, this course will be offered each semester and will be open to 12 students who have completed three semesters of law school. An optional two-credit externship at the legal services program may follow successful completion of the course.

Any interested student should send a copy of his/her resume, along with his/her first and second choices for a field assignment, to Ed Stevenson at Neighborhood Legal Services Association, 928 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or fax to 412-355-0168. Neighborhood Legal Services will notify students of their field assignments before the semester begins.

For more information, please call Ed Stevenson at (412) 255-6700, ext. 210.