

**COURSE ON LEGAL PROBLEMS OF INDIGENTS
SUMMER LEGAL SERVICES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
FUNDED BY PENN STATE DICKINSON'S IOLTA GRANT**

Course may be taken by 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students

Jobs are available to seventeen 1st and 2nd year students.

2nd and 3rd year students take the course for credit

1st year students audit the course as a prerequisite for getting the job.

Students who take the Legal Problems of Indigents course are eligible to receive a summer fellowship funded by the law school's IOLTA grant to work in a Pennsylvania Legal Services office or another IOLTA-funded organization for ten to twelve weeks during the summer of 2006. The positions pay \$ 12.00 per hour for 400 hours. Students placed in Legal Services offices will be supervised on a day-to-day basis by staff attorneys employed in those programs and will assist the staff attorneys in representing eligible clients in matter such as protection from abuse, landlord tenant, public benefits, and consumer law. Students in these jobs have a lot of contact with clients and many carry a caseload of their own. Some have represented clients in administrative hearings. Fourteen to twenty students have received such fellowships in each of the prior eight years the program has been offered. This year seventeen positions will be funded. Second and third year students generally take this course for credit, and first year students audit it. The work assigned to auditors is less than that assigned to the students taking the course for credit.

The course will address selected substantive areas of law which have particular impact on low-income clients including public benefits, consumer protection, domestic violence, child custody, child support, and public and private housing. In addition, the course will address issues related to living in poverty in this country, the funding and structure of legal services for indigents, and strategic issues related to private rights of action and class actions.

Panelists and guest presenters will include former clients and professionals currently involved in the substantive areas the course will address. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a mock administrative law hearing and mock client counseling situations.

The course will be offered on Wednesday evenings. The course will be taught by three lawyers with an extensive background in legal services in Pennsylvania, Jane Muller-Peterson, Donald Marritz, and Laurence E. Norton. Donald Marritz is currently working at the Gettysburg office of Mid-Penn Legal Services, and Larry Norton is currently working at the Community Justice Project in Harrisburg.

Professors Muller-Peterson and Place are happy to answer questions about the program. The application form is available at the Career Services office and at Kathleen Lawrence's office and as an e-mail attachment. It should be returned to the Career Services office by November 28th.

