IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC
LAW 933-01 & 934-01
FALL 2020
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CLASS LOCATION: TMSL Legal Clinic

CLINIC CLASS: FRIDAYS FROM 11AM TO 1PM

NOTE FROM THE PROFESSOR:

This syllabus is not a contract and is subject to change.

Notes:
COURSE BOOKS & MATERIAL

1) *Understanding Immigration Law and Practice*
   By: Ayodele Gansallo and Judith Bernstein-Baker
   Publisher: Wolters Kluwer

2) *Immigration Law Handbook*
   Publisher: LexisNexis
COURSE DESCRIPTION & LEARNING OBJECTIVES

DESCRIPTION:

The Immigration Law Clinic is operated as an in-house live-client clinic which falls into conjunction with the Clinical Legal Studies Program.

OBJECTIVE:

Immigration Law Clinic is dedicated to giving its students an experiential learning experience. The objective of this program is to train students for real practice in the field of Immigration Law.
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

TMSL Immigration Law Clinic presents students with an opportunity to acquire valuable and practical experience in the area of immigration law. The course assists in developing skills in the areas of client interviewing, investigative techniques, drafting of Immigration Law pleadings and forms, pre-trial motion practice, plea negotiations, courtroom presentation, and trial and oral advocacy skills. Students may be presented with the opportunity of a trial in the Immigration Law Clinic as well. Students completing this course must demonstrate competency in handling cases from the initial client interview through court proceedings.
## GRADING

The grading plan for the class is calculated as follows:

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**TOTAL PERCENTAGE: 100%**
ACCOMMODATIONS

If you require special accommodations, please fill out the necessary forms with the Dean’s office. Your application and documentation will remain confidential. Your prompt attention will allow the law school to accommodate you, as soon as it has been made aware of your situation.

Please check the school website. www.tsulaw.edu
PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE & PROFESSIONALISM

CLASS ROOM MEETING TIMES & DAYS

Each student will be assigned to complete 2 “clinic hours” per week at the TMSL Legal Clinic.

Attendance is mandatory.
Policies & Procedures

Every student is required to meet with Professor Nguyen once a week to discuss casework, questions, and the overall clinic class.

Furthermore, every student must complete a total of (252) hours of clinic work. This includes the mandatory 6 “clinic hours” at the TMSL Legal Clinic.

Failure to comply with the policies above will result in dismissal from the Immigration Law Clinic Program and a drop from this course.
# Reading Schedule and Assignment List

| A. Week 1- | Read Chapter 1  
“Historical Background and introduction to the U.S. Immigration System” |
| B. Week 2- | Read Chapter 2  
“Nonimmigrant Visas for Brief Stays, Studies, and Cultural Exchange” |
| C. Week 3- | Read Chapter 3  
“Nonimmigrant Visas for Intracompany Transferees, Trade and Investment, and Professional Employment” |
| D. Week 4- | Read Chapter 4  
“Nonimmigrant Visas for Extraordinary Ability, Religious Works, and Ancillary Activities” |
| E. Week 5- | Read Chapter 5  
“Asylum and Other Related Humanitarian Relief” |
| F. Week 6- | Read Chapter 6  
“Family Sponsored Immigration and Permanent Resident Status” |
| G. Week 7- | Read Chapter 7  
“Employment-Based and Self-Sponsored immigration” |
| H. Week 8- | Read Chapter 8  
“Immigration Relief for Vulnerable Populations” |
| **I. Week 9-** | Read Chapter 9 and 10  
“Grounds for Inadmissibility and Deportation”  
And  
“Immigration Court Practice and Relief from Removal” |
| **J. Week 10-** | Read Chapter 11 and 12  
“Citizenship and Naturalization”  
And  
“Managing an Immigration Practice” |