

# SUMMER 2012

## PUBLIC INTEREST & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### CLINICS

[www.law.miami.edu/clinics/summerclinics/](http://www.law.miami.edu/clinics/summerclinics/)

#### CHILDREN & YOUTH LAW

The Children & Youth Law Clinic is an in-house, live-client clinic that represents children in foster care and former foster youth in dependency, health care, mental health, disability, independent living, education, immigration and other general civil legal matters.

Director: Robert Latham

Credits: 6 • Graduation Requirement: Skills or Writing

#### HEALTH & ELDER LAW (MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP)

The Health and Elder Law Clinic assists low-income elderly and health-impaired clients who are referred by health care providers at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and other community-based organizations. Students represent clients in Social Security disability hearings before Federal Administrative Law Judges, public benefits, housing hearings before state agency hearing officers and more.

Director(s): Melissa Swain, Suzanne Villano

Credits: 6 • Graduation Requirement: Skills or Writing

#### HUMAN RIGHTS

The Human Rights Clinic provides students with hands-on experience working on active human rights cases and projects. Working in partnership with experienced attorneys and institutions engaged in human rights activism, both in the United States and abroad, students contribute to effecting positive change locally and globally as they hone their professional skills.

Director: Christina Zampas

Credits: 6 • Graduation Requirement: Skills or Writing

#### IMMIGRATION LAW

The Immigration Clinic provides a challenging opportunity for students to advocate on behalf of immigrants in a wide variety of complex immigration proceedings. All of the clinic's clients are in removal proceedings before immigration court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or federal courts. Students have the primary responsibility for preparing cases from start to finish—from an initial factual investigation through to a final merits hearing in an adversarial setting.

Director: Farrin Anello

Credits: 6 • Graduation Requirement: Skills or Writing

#### MIAMI INNOCENCE

The Miami Innocence Clinic allows law students to work toward the exoneration of actually innocent prisoners wrongfully convicted. Students contribute to the project through fact investigation, interviewing defendants and witnesses, and legal research and analysis.

Director: Craig Trocino

Credits: 6 • Graduation Requirement: Skills or Writing

*Applications for the Summer Clinics will be accepted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled.*

## EXTERNSHIPS

### MIAMI LAW EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

[www.law.miami.edu/cdo/externship\\_program.php](http://www.law.miami.edu/cdo/externship_program.php)

The Miami Law Externship Program places second year, third year and LL.M. students in a direct working relationship with local, national, and international corporations, government agencies, public interest organizations and the judiciary for academic credit. Students gain practical legal experience by working under a lawyer's supervision.

200 hours (3 credits) or 400 hours (6 credits) • Graduation Requirement: Skills

The application and placement process will run through May 2012.

For more information, contact Externship Program Manager Sajani Desai - [sdesai@law.miami.edu](mailto:sdesai@law.miami.edu)

### LITIGATION SKILLS EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

[www.law.miami.edu/litskills/externships.php](http://www.law.miami.edu/litskills/externships.php)

After successful completion of Litigation Skills I, students have the opportunity to represent the government, private individuals and community groups in court and through the pretrial experience through externship placements.

Credits: 6 • Graduation Requirement: Skills • Pre-requisite: Litigation Skills I, Certified Legal Intern

For more information, contact Program Assistant Hazel Nicholson - [hnichols@law.miami.edu](mailto:hnichols@law.miami.edu)

## FELLOWSHIPS

### HOPE FELLOWS PROGRAM

[www.law.miami.edu/hope/hope\\_fellows.php](http://www.law.miami.edu/hope/hope_fellows.php)

The HOPE Public Interest Resource Center provides students with a stipend to work in uncompensated public interest placements during the summer. HOPE Fellows work with local, national and international public interest agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) of their choosing. All rising Miami Law 2Ls and 3Ls in good standing are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to students who have demonstrated a commitment to public service and financial need.

Director(s): Gretchen Bellamy, Myles Cochran

Application Deadline: February 16<sup>th</sup>

### PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

[www.law.miami.edu/ceps/spif/](http://www.law.miami.edu/ceps/spif/)

The Summer Public Interest Law Fellowship Program is specifically designed for students who have a sincere and demonstrated interest in public service work and providing free legal assistance to the poor. The program includes a nine week, full-time internship at a public interest organization, a public interest law seminar, and a legal research and writing project. Students receive a stipend and academic credit.

Director: Jan Jacobowitz

Application Deadline: February 16<sup>th</sup>

## OTHER SUMMER PROGRAMS

### AFRICAN PROBATE & POLICY INITIATIVE

[www.law.miami.edu/hope/tanzania](http://www.law.miami.edu/hope/tanzania)

The African Probate & Policy Initiative is designed to foster study, research, and professional experiences in Africa. The Initiative will focus on the role of probate and property laws in Tanzanian society, the impact of HIV/AIDS and other illnesses on society, and their human rights implications on life in Tanzania. Students will draft wills for HIV+ Tanzanians in three different locations within the country as well as visit renowned human rights bodies within the country.

Credits: 6

Director: Gretchen Bellamy

### HISTORIC BLACK CHURCH PROGRAM

[www.law.miami.edu/ceps/hbcp.php](http://www.law.miami.edu/ceps/hbcp.php)

The Historic Black Church Program is part of an ongoing effort to help Miami's distressed Coconut Grove Village West community. The Program provides multi-disciplinary resources in education, law and social services to underserved West Grove residents by establishing congregation-based church partnerships through the West Grove's sixteen-church Ministerial Alliance.

Director: Anthony Alfieri

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