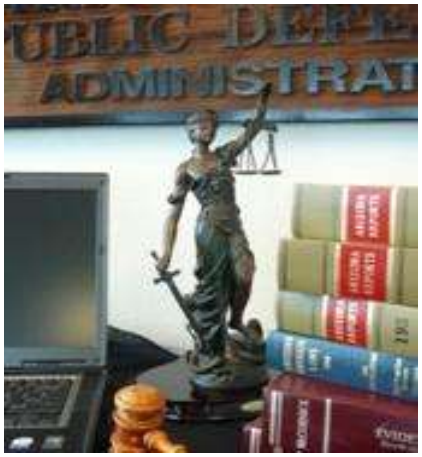
Public Defender Clinic



Student attorneys in the Public Defender Clinic represent indigent defendants in criminal cases. Although the majority of Clinic cases involve felony drug possession charges, previous Clinic students have defended various other felony and misdemeanor charges including aggravated assault, resisting arrest, promoting prison contraband, car theft and DUI, to name a few.

What students do:

- Interview clients and witnesses
- Draft motions
- Handle preliminary hearings, plea proceedings, settlement conferences, sentencings, evidentiary hearings and jury trials
- In the seminar students learn effective public speaking techniques generally and also receive specific training in all aspects of trials including opening statements, closing arguments, direct and cross-examination, and voir dire.

Mandatory Training:

Enrolled Students must attend mandatory orientation training sessions:

- Summer: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.-Tues. May 28 , Wed. May 29 and Thurs. May 30
- Fall: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.-Mon. Aug. 19, Tues. Aug. 20 and Wed. Aug. 21

For More Information Contact:

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Course Information:

- Evidence is a pre-requisite
- Enrollment is limited to three students in summer and five students in fall
- Students receive six units of graded credit
- Second semester 2Ls and 3Ls are eligible to apply

Time Commitments:

- Summer: Full Days M-F required
- Fall: 2 full days (Mon-Thurs) and ½ day on Friday required
- Students must complete 300 hours during the semester, including class time (approx. 40 hours per week- summer; 20 hours per week-fall)

To Apply:

- Complete an application
- Attach an unofficial copy of your transcript
- Turn in your application to Zelda Graham in Room 106 or at roselda.graham@asu.edu

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