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Arizona Law Clinics Today

News from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law Clinics



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At Arizona Law Clinics, we believe that real client experience is a critical part of a legal education – so critical that we guarantee every student wanting a clinic placement can have one. We hope you enjoy reading about our exciting clinics and their successes.

Despite the pandemic and its lingering impact, Arizona Law Clinics are still going strong! This semester, we have 126 students enrolled in a clinic. Currently, we have thirteen in-house clinics and five placement clinics. Some of our clinics use an “integrated model” for its student body—bringing together law, undergraduate, and/or graduate students in one setting to provide holistic legal assistance to clients and the community while giving experiential learning opportunities to *all* of our students.

In this issue read about the law student who won the CLEA Award (one of the Clinical Legal Education community’s top awards), updates from several of our clinics, and the recent addition of a second undergraduate clinic.

*Kristine Huskey
Director, Arizona Law Clinics*

CLEA Award Winner Daniel Bowman

Congratulations to Daniel Bowman ('22), Arizona Law's recipient of the Clinical Legal Education Association's Outstanding Extern Award for the 2021-2022 academic year! As a participant in the Community Immigration Law Placement Clinic (CILPC) in the Spring of 2022, Daniel worked for the immigration law firm of Green Evans-Schroeder, where he helped draft portions of an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court. He also worked on a range of complex research projects and on motions filed with the local immigration court.

Daniel's externship site supervisor, Jesse Evans-Schroeder ('07), herself a graduate of the Immigration Law Clinic, said that Daniel "Proved himself to be a superior legal thinker, and at the same time a compassionate, dedicated advocate and team player." Professor and CILPC Director Lynn Marcus wrote that in the seminar component of the course, "Daniel was respectful and good-natured towards peers, faculty, and staff, and reflected thoughtfully on issues such as injustices in the immigration system and the importance of striving for excellence as an advocate."



2022 CLEA Award winner Daniel Bowman with Professor Lynn Marcus

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Education Advocacy Clinic (BA/MLS clinic)

The Education Advocacy Clinic has been busy! The Clinic advocates for students in Tucson public schools with special education and school discipline issues, under the supervision of Clinic Professor Diana Newmark. In its inaugural year, the Education Advocacy Clinic assisted several families with school discipline and special education matters, obtaining outcomes such as expunging a student's suspension record and obtaining school-based plans to address student disabilities and mental health needs. In addition to direct casework, clinic students also work on projects to address education issues statewide or share information regarding student rights.

Clinic students have also collaborated with juvenile defense attorneys on destruction of juvenile records issues. Last spring, clinic students created an informational video, which was presented to a group of youth at Tucson Metro Goodwill, as well as to the Arizona Public Defenders Association. In September, Professor Newmark and clinic student Isis Gamez presented at the Engagement Scholarship Consortium's annual conference in Athens, GA.

Family Law Default Clinic (BA/MLS clinic)

The Family Law Default Clinic is part of the unique and innovative offerings provided for [BA in Law](#) and [Master of Legal Studies \(MLS\)](#) students enabling them to learn and practice client advocacy skills by working with participants from the community providing guidance about the default process for divorce and paternity matters. This Clinic provides valuable, hands-on experience for the students, especially those interested in becoming [Legal Paraprofessionals](#) after graduation.

Clinic Director Kristy Clairmont notes that in the Spring of 2022, the students helped nearly 80 members of our community. In addition to the default assistance, this semester students are working on a special project to create pop-up clinics hosted at the Pima County Superior Court Law Library to assist with the child support calculations. Although still in the planning stages, the students are working towards a Spring 2023 launch of this exciting expansion.

International Human Rights Advocacy Workshop Students Prepare Annual Reports to the United Nations General Assembly and Human Rights Council

Students in the International Human Rights Advocacy Workshop prepared initial drafts of the annual reports of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, José Francisco Calí Tzay. The Special Rapporteur will deliver his report titled [Indigenous women and the development, application, preservation and transmission of scientific and technical knowledge](#) to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland on September 28 and 29, 2022.

The annual report to the UN General Assembly on [Protected Areas and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) will be presented before all 193 UN Member States at the headquarters in New York City on October 12, 2022. Both presentations can be viewed live and on demand at [UNTV](#).

In other news, workshop student Jeneva Parks accompanied the Special Rapporteur to Costa Rica on his first official country visit. Following the visit, Jeneva delivered a panel presentation on her experience at the Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (AAPLAC) conference along with Professor Howard.

For more information, please contact Clinic Director Seánna Howard at showard@arizona.edu.



Student Jeneva Parks on an official country visit with the Rapporteur

UA Innocence Project Updates

The University of Arizona Innocence Project successfully litigated on behalf of a client who was the victim of mistaken identity. The Clinic's client was charged with crimes committed by an unrelated individual with the same name. Despite his repeated attempts to prove his innocence, our client was charged, arraigned, and is facing punishment for crimes he didn't commit.

Clinic students intervened, filing a motion and having all charges dismissed. Subsequently, in Spring 2022, clinic students, Jessica Wakefield and Rachel Romaniuk, negotiated a resolution with the Pima County Attorney's Office to have the client's record expunged.

UA Innocence Project Director, Vanessa Buch, vbuch@arizona.edu

IN OTHER NEWS

— SAVE THE DATE!

Clinic Fair- for 2L and 3L students

It's that time of the semester again! The Clinic Fair is scheduled on Monday, October 3rd from 11:45-1:00pm in the main lobby of the Law Building. Please visit www.law.arizona.edu/2022-clinic-fair for more information.

— Bacon Immigration Law and Policy Program Speaker Series- Fall 2022

The Bacon Immigration Law & Policy Speaker Series invites experts in the Immigration field to present to our faculty, students, and staff each semester. In Fall 2022, we will welcome the following speakers:

Forced Climate Migration of Indigenous Peoples

November 16, 2022, LAW 118

**Juanita Cabrera Lopez (Maya Mam), Executive Director of the International Mayan League
And Blake Gentry, Director of the Indigenous Languages Office at the Alitas Shelter and Coordinator of the
Development Commission of the National Council of Indigenous Peoples in Diaspora**

Recordings of the speaker series will be available after the event by visiting www.law.arizona.edu/immigration-speaker-series

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Suggestions? Comments? Questions? Contact us at law-clinicsupport@list.arizona.edu



Veterans' Advocacy Law Clinic student Eryn Ruechel and Alex Bledsoe (from left to right) in Veterans Treatment Court



Veterans' Advocacy Law Clinic student Jonathan Becker in Veterans Treatment Court

Working in Veterans Treatment Court

Every law student in the Veterans' Advocacy Law Clinic (VALC) represents veterans and active-duty service members in two local Veterans Treatment Courts. Student defense attorneys explain the program to potential participants—all charged with misdemeanor offenses. VALC students provide counsel on the program and other options, such as trial. The students interview their clients and go before the presiding judge to advocate on their behalf. Sometimes our students must negotiate with the Prosecutor to keep their clients in the program.

VALC students develop attorney-client relationships, learn lawyering skills, and gain confidence while appearing in court. Ultimately, the student attorneys help their clients graduate from the program, which results in criminal charges being dismissed. This greatly assists the veterans in reintegrating back into civilian life or, for service members, helps them stay in the military. VALC students serve those who have served.

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Veterans' Advocacy Law Clinic students Anthony Soldo Mirkhai, Sompeas Sokh and Jonathan Becker (from left to right) in Veterans Treatment Court

Former Law Clinic Student Vikram Badrinath Now an Immigration Judge



Vikram Badrinath, a former Immigration Law Clinic student, was recently appointed as an immigration judge to the Immigration Court (Executive Office of Immigration Review) in Sacramento, CA.

According to Community Immigration Law Placement Clinic (CILPC) Director Lynn Marcus, Vikram was in one of the first groups of Immigration Clinic law students in the 1990s. Soon after Vikram graduated in 1995, he opened his own immigration law firm, focusing on helping individuals in Deportation, Exclusion, and Removal proceedings.

Community Immigration Law Placement Clinic (CILPC) Updates

Recent rulings in three local immigration cases underscore the value of in-depth interviews of asylum seekers conducted by clinic students. Each semester, students conduct these interviews in pairs under the supervision of CILPC Clinic Director Lynn Marcus or a volunteer immigration attorney. Before doing so, they receive instruction on client- and trauma-centered interviewing as well as on navigating cultural differences.

“Laura” had fled to the U.S. three years ago with her three minor children to escape severe domestic violence at the hands of the father of her two youngest children, an official in the Mexican military. In February 2021, CILPC students Bridget Feldmann ('22) and Yewon Lee ('22) met with her for an all-day interview.

“David” had left Nicaragua with his wife and daughter in August of 2021 after participating in demonstrations against the government and then spending two years in hiding. Paramilitary members had killed fellow protesters and were looking for David as well. CILPC students Scott Kirker ('23) and Alyssa Aguirre ('23) interviewed David in April of 2022.

“Ana” had fled Mexico with her two minor sons after her former domestic partner subjected her to beatings and rape for refusing to get back together with him, and after her efforts to avoid him by moving to another part of the country had failed. CILPC students Karina Bugarini ('18) and Camilo Rodriguez ('18) conducted her interview in September of 2017. However, an immigration judge, relying on Trump administration rulings that drastically limited domestic violence as a basis for asylum, had ordered her removal. The case landed back in immigration court after the Biden administration reversed the rulings.

Between May and August of this year, local immigration judges granted asylum to all three individuals and their dependents.

“The opportunity to interview asylum seekers through the clinic was incredibly rewarding, both professionally and personally,” said Alyssa. “There are certain skills that cannot be taught in a classroom setting. Through the clinic, I was able to cultivate the necessary ‘people’ skills to become a better advocate.”

Workers' Rights Clinic (WRC) Updates

The Workers' Rights Clinic (WRC) is busy at work assisting more low-wage, im/migrant workers in our communities than ever before. Our significant impact is made possible due to the dedication and passion of the Clinic's wonderful students. Below is a snapshot of the tremendous access to justice work WRC students are performing for Arizona's im/migrant worker communities.

- Isaí Estevez and Oscar Fimbres, both children of immigrants who grew up in Arizona, were invited to make a presentation to the Phoenix Mexican Consulate and its constituents during the Mexican Labor Week festivities.
- Kevin Kent and Sierra Rhodes represented two day-laborers who had not been paid for agreed-upon wages by the contractor who hired them. To make matters worse, the contractor had tried to intimidate our clients by telling them no lawyer would help them with their legal claims. Kevin and Sierra proved that wrong by meeting with the clients over several weeks, explaining to them their workers' rights, analyzing their legal claims, and sending a demand letter to the contractor. When the contractor continued to refuse to pay, Kevin and Sierra filed an administrative complaint with the Industrial Commission of Arizona, Arizona's state labor agency, and obtained a judgment from the Commission in favor of their clients and authorizing treble damages on top of owed wages.
- Matthew Mansour successfully negotiated a favorable settlement for his client, an im/migrant woman who was denied paid sick leave and overtime wages, after working on her case for over a year.

"In September, we had the incredible opportunity of presenting in Spanish to the Mexican Consulate for their labor week festivities. We played the award-winning documentary [The Cleaners](#) (a film about Workers' Rights Clinic students and clients) and then had a robust conversation with the audience, answering all their questions concerning workers' rights and how the clinic operates. It was such a rewarding experience to share what we have learned in the clinic with our Latinx community in Arizona, and we look forward to more opportunities in the future." – Isaí

"Through the clinic, I've been able to use my native language to help empower underrepresented individuals. It's incredible to see how members of the community mobilize when taught what employee rights they have and how the law protects them. Because of the clinic, now more employees stand up against workplace injustices." – Oscar

"It was fulfilling learning how to manage joint clients about an important issue. Moreover, it was great to inform the clients that despite their societal position as laborers, they still have the same rights as everyone else." – Kevin

"Even though they still have challenges ahead of them in enforcing the judgments, the Workers' Rights Clinic has helped those clients understand their labor rights and get one step closer to recovering their earned wages." – Sierra

"I learned how to file a complaint in federal court, serve defendants, make a motion for default judgment, and negotiate with opposing counsel. Our client was extremely grateful, and the settlement will definitely have a huge impact on her life." -- Matt