

COURSE: CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY PLACEMENT CLINIC

DESCRIPTION: This course will provide both a substantive and clinical approach to consumer bankruptcy law and practice. Students will be placed with experienced consumer bankruptcy lawyers who will be handling pro bono cases. Substantively the course will cover discharge, asset retention, secured and unsecured credit, as well as the mechanics of filing and litigating consumer bankruptcy cases. Special emphasis will be placed on interviewing, fact investigation and counseling. In addition to their work on the pro bono cases the students will be required to do a simulated initial client interview and write an opinion letter to the client in the simulation.

CREDIT: 3 hours

FORM OF GRADE: Letter grade

BASIS OF GRADE: Performance on casework and simulations and class participation

LIMITATION ON ENROLLMENT: 10.

CO-REQUISITES: Problems in Professional Responsibility or Professional Responsibility. Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation, and Bankruptcy are helpful, but not required.

NOTE: This course satisfies the skills course graduation requirement.