

**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL FOR THE
FALL 2019 ACADEMIC QUARTER**

Prisoners' Rights Clinic

Pre-Registration Information

This winter, we are offering the **Prisoners' Rights Clinic**.

All students interested **MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN** the attached Registration Questionnaire. For prison clearance purposes, the completed Registration Questionnaire **MUST BE RECEIVED at the Clinics by:**

MONDAY, July 15, 2019 by noon

PRISONERS' RIGHTS CLINIC: The Prisoners' Rights Clinic is a six-credit course that requires a 20-hour per week commitment from students. While in the Clinic, upper-class students are given an opportunity to learn and refine advocacy skills under the close faculty supervision of two experienced practitioners, Patricia Garin and Wally Holohan. Each student is assigned to handle a parole release hearing for a prisoner serving a life sentence. Through this experience students learn to properly conduct client/witness interviews, to thoroughly investigate the underlying crime, the client's life before and since the crime, and to make persuasive opening statements and closing arguments. A new component has been added to the clinic where law students will gain hands on experience in the use of expert witnesses by working closely with Doctoral students from William James College forensic psychology department in evaluating our clients' readiness to be paroled. Students, with their clients and witnesses, appear before the seven-member Massachusetts Parole Board at a public hearing where there is often strong opposition from members of law enforcement and the victim's family.

In order to be considered for a slot in the Prisoners' Rights Clinic and to ensure that each student obtains clearance to enter the prisons in time for the start of the quarter, your completed Registration Questionnaire **MUST BE RECEIVED** at the Clinics by **July 15, 2019 at noon**. If a student's Registration Questionnaire is not received by **Monday, July 15, 2019**, or you do not attend the first class, you will not be admitted to this course unless the course is under enrolled. The first class is mandatory. **If you do not have a car or access to a car, you MUST arrange for transportation to and from the prisons.** Please immediately contact the Clinic Coordinator at lawclinics@northeastern.edu, to find out how to get cleared to use the University van. Also, several extra classes will be held at the start of the quarter to get all students up to speed on the law and procedures you must know to effectively represent our clients. **Please also note that you must have at least 8 hours of available time in the middle of the afternoon and/or during business hours** at least two days a week to visit your client in prison during visiting hours to work on your case.

Again, the completed Registration Questionnaire from students interested in taking the Prisoners' Rights Clinic **MUST BE RECEIVED BY Monday, July 15, 2019 at noon**. ***An interview by phone or in person may be required. A time will be arranged after your application is reviewed.**

(Limited Enrollment: 12)

Should you have further questions about the Prisoners' Rights Clinic, please email Wally Holohan at w.holohan@northeastern.edu.

Work Study and Independent Study Opportunities

The entire Clinic staff welcomes students who would like to fill work-study positions at the Clinics or create independent studies in clinical areas. The Clinic Coordinator, Harley Songin, will be happy to discuss work-study positions. She can be reached at lawclinics@northeastern.edu.

LAW SCHOOL CLINICS REGISTRATION QUESTIONNAIRE
Fall Quarter 2019

Prisoners' Rights Clinic

This completed form must be received at the Clinics by **Monday, July 15, 2019 by noon**

Please mail form to: Northeastern University School of Law Clinics 360 Huntington Avenue – 140 DK, Boston, MA 02115	FAX to: 617-373-8236	Email to: lawclinics@northeastern.edu (Please include "Prisoners' Rights Pre-Registration Application" in the Subject line.)
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Name: _____

Phone/Day: _____ Phone/Evening: _____

Current Address: _____

License No. & **State** of License: _____ DOB: _____

Address on License: _____

OR

Passport No. & Country of Issue: _____ DOB: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

1. Are you: 2nd year [] 3rd year []

2. Do you speak languages other than English? (List languages and level of proficiency)

3. Do you have a car available to you during the day? [] Yes [] No

4. Have you been previously Rule 3:03 Certified? [] Yes [] No

Have you previously taken, or are you enrolled now in either Trial Practice [] Yes [] No,
or Evidence [] Yes [] No?

5. What is your primary reason for taking this clinical course?

6. Do you have any previous volunteer or work experience in the course topic or in related legal services or social services fields (be specific)?

7. Are you eligible for work study? Yes No

If yes, are you interested in working at the clinic front desk? Yes No

8. Are you applying to any other Clinics this quarter? Yes No

If yes, which ones? _____

9. In case we have too many people pre-registered for this clinical course, please indicate whether you will: Definitely enroll if offered a space; Probably enroll if offered a space; Will not enroll in this clinical course if offered a space in another course for which I am pre-registered (name of course _____); I have not a clue as to what I am doing.

If you have any questions, call Wally Holohan at (617) 373-3628.