

The Re-Entry Clinic

Why this clinic was an important learning experience



CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

“Clinic by far was the highlight of my law school career. As a part-time student, I craved classes and opportunities that would allow me to apply what I learned in the classroom to real and unique ongoing legal matters. By joining the Re-Entry Clinic, that yearning was, without a doubt, satisfied.

Although I have accepted a commission with the U.S. Army JAG Corps and will likely find myself practicing in legal assistance, prosecution, and operations, the experiences I gained from the Re-Entry Clinic will follow me wherever I may go.”

“Clinic Provided Me with the Following Skills:



- Client management
- Attorney-client communications
- Communications with third parties
- Record requests/document requests
- Argumentative drafting
- Critical self-reflection/analysis
- Understanding of implicit bias
- Case recall
- Time management
- Rule Application

The Best Part of Clinic?

Active Lawyering

“The best part of clinic by far was applying the skills taught in the classroom and using those skills to give back to the community in a deeply meaningful way. For Re-Entry Clinic in particular, we were tasked with representing people who, upon criminal convictions as juveniles, have spent their entire adult lives in prison. We are given the opportunity to help them gain a fresh start, and, in my team’s case, the chance to let the true story of our client be heard.

You see, our client was adamant that he was innocent of the crime for which he was convicted. But in the 30+ years in jail, not a single person entertained his innocence pleas. Through the team’s and Professor Barry’s work, the team was able to convince the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project (“MAIP”) to take on our client’s case. We also prepared his parole packet for his recent hearing which successfully led to the next phase of parole consideration – this for a client who had avoided that process because he did not trust it. The chance to be a part of something greater, and to help make things right in the community, is something I will always hold dear from my time in Clinic.”

Questions?



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