

CRIMINAL APPEALS CLINIC

Fall 201__ *or* Spring 201__ Semester Session

Please fill in semester & year in blank space above.

The University of Mississippi School of Law has a clinical criminal appellate training program at for third-year law students designed to instruct an effective method of representation of the appellate client and, at the same time, allowing direct participation in the *pro bono* representation of indigent persons awaiting review of their cases on appeal by the Mississippi Appellate Courts. Along with the practical skills aspects of the Clinic, the classroom component of the course will instruct the student on the fundamentals of criminal appellate practice, including the review of trial transcripts and court documentation, the identification and evaluation of legal and constitutional issues, research applications to the issues raised, advanced “fact-based” appellate brief-writing methods, and “mega-editing” techniques. Students who participate in the program will be admitted to the limited practice of law by the local circuit court, will be specially appointed to represent the client in the Supreme Court under the supervision of the Clinic’s director, and will co-sign the brief when filed with the Court. The student/lawyer, along with the Clinic’s director and the local counsel, will appear as attorney of record in the case. A request will also be filed with the Supreme Court to grant the student the invaluable experience of participating in oral arguments before the Court. Four hours graded credit. **THERE IS NO FINAL EXAMINATION.**

In order to participate in the Clinic, attendance of the clinical orientation sessions and the swearing-in ceremony to the limited practice of law on the Friday before classes begin is mandatory. For an overview of the course materials on the Internet, go to the BlackBoard Web Course site utilized by the Clinic, browse the available classes and click on “Criminal Appeals Clinic” to preview the online course homepage as a guest.

Only eight positions are available for the Clinic each semester, so register early to assure participation in the program. You may also pre-register for the following semester, if that better fits your schedule. Each student should evaluate how the amount of time necessary to complete class and clinical assignments (averaging approximately 8-10 hours per week) would fit into your schedule before pre-registering in the Clinic. Admission to limited practice and appointment by the Supreme Court to the case will require a commitment by the student to not only complete the course of study, but to also provide the client with effective and competent representation in the case. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible to Prof. Phillip W. Broadhead, Clinical Director, 3071 Khayat Law Center. Students with disabilities should contact the clinical professor for any special accommodations necessary for class preparation and/or completion of assignments at 915-5560 or e-mail at pwb@olemiss.edu.

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLINIC, YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED 60 HOURS TOWARD GRADUATION.

Name:	UM e-mail address:
Familiar w/ BlackBoard: Yes No	Expected graduation date:

Signed: _____ Date: _____