

## **CLINICAL COURSE OFFERING**

**COURSE TITLE:** CONSERVATION CLINIC

**COURSE NUMBER:** LAW 6930 [When posted]

**TIME:** TO BE ANNOUNCED AT REGISTRATION [The Clinic will meet every other week in a seminar format and every other week on an individual project basis, as necessary]

**INSTRUCTOR/  
DIRECTOR:** THOMAS T. ANKERSEN  
CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY  
LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW

**FORMAT:** INTERDISCIPLINARY  
TRANSACTIONAL  
[NON-LITIGATION PROJECT-BASED]  
CLINICAL

### **PREREQUISITES:**

**LAW STUDENTS:** ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND/OR LAND USE LAW  
[4TH SEMESTER OR GREATER]

**GRADUATE  
STUDENTS:** INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL AND REFERRAL FROM FACULTY  
SPONSOR

**CLASS SIZE:** 12 STUDENT LIMIT

**APPLICATION:** SEE ATTACHED APPLICATION FORM

**APPLICATION  
DEADLINE:** POSTED ON WEBSITE – [conservation.law.ufl.edu](http://conservation.law.ufl.edu)

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3 HOURS PER SEMESTER [MAXIMUM 2 SEMESTERS]

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The Conservation Clinic is intended to provide upper level environmental law students and graduate students in conservation related fields with exposure to environmental and land use professional practice, applied research and public policy analysis under the supervision of the instructor/clinic director. It is also intended to enable students to participate in the development of novel approaches to the field application of environmental policies. Students will learn to work within interdisciplinary teams to achieve results that require a collaborative approach. At the same time, the course is intended to provide quality professional services to the governmental and non-governmental (private and public interest) sector. Clinic

projects can be domestic (federal, state and local) or international.

**EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT:**

The course will include an introductory segment that will introduce students to the nature of environmental practice, ethical responsibilities in transactional and client relationships, keys to interdisciplinary collaboration and skills training in some of the more common transactional areas the clinic will pursue. Readings will accompany these discussions and guest lectures from practicing professionals and scholars will supplement these materials.

In addition, substantive subject matter reading lists will be developed and provided on a project by project basis, and include readings on themes that cut across projects (e.g. environmental justice). Clinic deliverables will be the product of traditional and non-traditional research, and the underlying research will generally be evident (e.g. through annotated instruments, supporting memoranda, bibliographies and similar tools). To the extent possible, clinic projects will be designed to address novel approaches to contemporary environmental issues.

**AFFILIATED FACULTY:**

The conservation clinic will work closely with faculty affiliates both institutionally and on a project by project basis. This will include faculty from the College of Architecture, College of Natural Resources, Tropical Conservation and Development Program (an interdisciplinary program housed within the Center for Latin American Studies), IFAS and others.

**PROJECT SELECTION AND REVIEW:**

Projects selected as clinic projects will be initially developed in consultation with students. Projects may be funded, pro bono or clinic initiated. Project profiles will be prepared for each project selected and reviewed by a committee of two instructors drawn from the proposed Environmental and Land Use Law Program faculty and staff at the College of Law. New clinic student staff may be requested to carry forward these activities. In addition, clinic students will be expected to assist with the development of proposals for new projects for future clinics and provide assistance with issues and day-to-day activities of clinic business as they arise.

**GENERAL AREAS OF CLINIC INVOLVEMENT:**

- Land acquisition and conservation arrangements such as easements, management agreements, etc.
- Local Government or Private Conservation-oriented Development Projects
- Local government Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Drafting (model or commissioned)
- Carbon sequestration agreements under the Climate Change Convention
- Applications for not-for-profit and 501(c)(3) tax exempt status and related support for conservation organizations
- Institutional framework design such as interlocal agreements
- Protected area management planning
- Dispute resolution systems design and conservation mediations
- Proposals for legislative reform
- Design of continuing education seminars and workshops

**APPLICATION**

**CONSERVATION CLINIC  
LAW 6930**

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392-2237; fax 392-1457**

- **Application deadline: see website for deadline: [conservation.law.ufl.edu](http://conservation.law.ufl.edu)**
- **Students interested in enrolling are encouraged to contact the instructor**
- **Please turn in your applications to the instructor at the above address or to Kimberly Thomas in Student Services by electronic delivery (preferred), fax or hand-delivery (Please specify "Conservation Clinic Application" on the subject line)**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number and e-mail where you can be reached over the break  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all environmental and land use law courses you have taken, or will have taken at the conclusion of the current semester.

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Please indicate whether you intend to enroll in the Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate Program at the University of Florida College of Law.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any courses you have taken in international or comparative law

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Please list any other graduate courses you have taken contemporaneous with law school that you believe are relevant to the field of environmental and land use law

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**Statement of Interest**

On a separate page please provide a short (one to two paragraph) statement of interest. In the statement you may wish to describe your career goals along with any work experience, non-law academic experience or other outside activities that may be relevant to the practice of environmental and land use law. Please include your name on this page.