

JUVENILE LAW CLINIC - SUMMER 2007 GATOR TEAMCHILD

A SIX-HOUR, ONE-SEMESTER JUVENILE LAW CLINIC IS BEING OFFERED FOR SUMMER 2007

Students admitted into the Juvenile Law Clinic will become Certified Legal Interns, authorized by the Florida Supreme Court to practice law under the supervision of a member of The Florida Bar. This practice is limited to representing indigent clients in non-fee-generating cases. This certification is governed by Rule 11 of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar.

Eligibility: To be eligible, students must have successfully completed 48 hours of law school at the time of entrance into the Clinic.

Intensive Seminar: The Summer clinic differs from the Spring/Fall schedule, offering a six-credit course with a two-week intensive seminar in place of the standard preparatory seminar course. During the intensive seminar, students will attend classes 4-5 hours each weekday. Class times will be established around students' class schedules.

Classes, Office Hours and Team Meetings: After the intensive seminar, classes will be held on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**. One of those days will be designated as a FIRM meeting. In addition to class and the firm meeting, each week students have a one-hour team meeting and 10 scheduled office hours (spread over 3 days). These are minimum time commitments. Students may spend more time in the Clinic depending on issues in their cases..

Credit Hours: The grading system is pass/fail.

As in the Spring/Fall semester, this Gator TeamChild Clinic operates on the team-child concept, based on a national youth advocacy model that is interdisciplinary and proactive with families and youth. Children are referred for Gator TeamChild services by courts, guardians ad litem, school personnel, public defenders and prosecutors, state agency case workers, and/or other agencies. Legal interns may have an opportunity to represent real clients in Dependency and/or Delinquency Court. Interns should expect to address a full range of issues and advocate on their client's behalf.

The Clinic will be taught by **Legal Skills Professor and Director of Gator TeamChild Meshon Rawls**, a former Assistant Public Defender and a Member in Good Standing with The Florida Bar.

You will meet with your clients in the Office, at their homes, at school, the Juvenile Detention Center, and in a variety of community settings.