

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019 (YEAR LONG CLINIC)
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The Community Economic Development (CED) Clinic is a transactional (non-litigation) clinic designed to assist communities within the Denver metropolitan area by providing free transactional legal services to nonprofit corporations, small businesses, artists, and other community-based enterprises. CED is the practice of working with community-based organizations seeking to improve their economic and social conditions through projects that are supported and led by community members. The CED Clinic supports these efforts by counseling and advising organizational clients and small business owners about business law and community development issues.

What are the benefits of taking this clinic?

Students will learn transactional practice skills that are transferable to all types of transactional practice, including client counseling, drafting, research and planning, project management, advocacy, and understanding group dynamics. Client work may include drafting corporate formation documents; assisting nonprofit organizations with applications for recognition of tax exemption and maintenance of tax-exempt status; drafting contracts; acting as general counsel to nonprofit corporations and small businesses; working with federal, state, and local government agencies; and assisting with community-based revitalization efforts and other economic development projects. In addition, students may research issues related to public policies that affect clinic clients and provide community education workshops on substantive law issues.

Are there any prerequisites?

Legal Profession is a pre- or co-requisite.

Are classes required?

Classes will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. In addition, students must attend the **mandatory** fall 2018 orientation that will occur on the Thursday and Friday preceding the first day of classes.

How many credits will I receive?

Students must enroll for a full academic year and will earn a total of 12 credits, 6 per semester. Students must participate in the classroom component and conduct client work during both semesters. Half the credits count as in-class credits; half count as out-of-class credits.

What kind of time commitment is involved?

The CED Clinic requires a substantial time commitment. Students should plan to spend an average of 20 hours per week participating in the class seminar and working on client matters with the expectation that some client work will require attendance at meetings that occur in the evening or during the weekend. *For these reasons and to avoid potential conflicts of interest, students are generally not permitted to enroll in an externship, any other experiential advantage courses, or work while enrolled in the CED Clinic.*

Where can I get more information?

There will be a Clinic Fair in the forum on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There will also be an Information Session in Room 259 on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

How and when do I apply or register?

Applications for the 2018-2019 year will be available at <http://law.du.edu/forms/student-law-office-clinical-programs/apply/>. **Applications will open at 9:00 AM on Monday, April 2, 2018 and must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on Monday, April 9, 2018. Late applications will not be considered.**

Laurie Saraceno, the Administrative Director, will register accepted students before the beginning of the fall semester.