

Denver Law's Local Alternative Spring Break 2022

Alternative Spring Break (ASB): For over 10 years, Denver Law has offered Alternative Spring Break to students, allowing students to provide critical legal and law related support to individuals and communities in need. Due to the pandemic, ASB has not occurred since Spring 2019. As we still have challenges with Covid, we cannot resume our traditional ASB in time, but we are excited to offer a modified ASB for Spring 2022 – a local clinic option in partnership with the International Rescue Committee here in Denver.

Background: Due to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, thousands of Afghans have been paroled into the United States and are being resettled in Colorado. Parolee status is temporary and most Afghan parolees will need to apply for asylum in order to remain here safely and eventually gain permanent legal status in the United States.

Clinic: On Saturday, March 26, 2022, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) will host a prose asylum clinic in partnership with Sturm College of Law for Afghan parolees in person at the IRC Denver office located at 1873 S Bellaire St Suite 500, Denver, CO 80222. Volunteer law students will help fill out the I-589 application for asylum and put together the supporting documentation for the application under legal supervision. Volunteers do not need to speak any other languages than English. The clinic will run from 9am to 3pm on March 26. Students will be able to sign up for specific slots, e.g. 9am-12pm or 12pm-3pm. Students may need to arrive a little earlier than their designated time slot; details to be shared.

Required Training: A training will be provided at the IRC office on **Friday, March 25 from 9am-12pm** for all volunteers. This is required to volunteer.

Day of Requirements: All students who volunteer at the clinic need to be fully vaccinated against Covid and wear a mask at the IRC office.

To Sign Up: Complete this <u>quick registration</u>. Note by signing up your participation is not yet guaranteed. Additional details are shared in this registration.