



CLINICAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

Please review your degree requirements and this course catalogue *before* filling out the Clinical Course Application.

Your registration application is due **THURSDAY, November 13th, 2025**. All applications will be reviewed after the deadline, without regard to the order in which they were received. Accordingly, please take your time in carefully reviewing these materials and preparing your application. You are only registering for the SPRING 2026 semester at this time.

All courses in this catalogue are 1 unit. All courses are open to students at all campuses and meet on Zoom, unless otherwise mentioned.

Please note that “Core Mediation” is a required course for all students. You may enroll in Core Mediation after completion of all first year required courses. Core Mediation is not part of the Clinical Course Application, so you may register for it on your own, in Populi.

If you have questions, please email Clinical Program Director Lety Perez (lperez@montereylaw.edu).

JD Degree Requirement, All Campuses	Please consider the following Guidelines when deciding what clinic classes to take:
• Core Mediation (2 units) • 2 additional clinical units	• <u>You Have Options</u>: Your 2 additional units made be satisfied by taking clinics (listed below) and/or by completing an approved Internship. • <u>Be Prepared</u>: We <i>strongly encourage</i> you to take “Introduction to Community Legal Services” (ICLS) before enrolling in <i>either</i> a clinic or a Mediation Practicum class. • <u>Mediation</u>: We have ONE mediation practicum class for the Spring semester: MCL Mediation Practicum. It is open to students from all campuses and meets on Zoom. You must complete Core Mediation before taking a mediation practicum class. In addition, as noted above, we strongly encourage you to take ICLS beforehand. The MCL Mediation Practicum involves more independent work, making it an advanced course. We recommend taking other clinics first before taking a MCL Mediation Practicum class. • <u>Internships</u>: Completing an internship with a court, law firm, or agency is a great way to get legal training and build connections with your local legal community. Internships are also an opportunity to demonstrate your talents and skills as a future attorney. Successful interns sometimes even receive job offers! But a mediocre or unsuccessful internship could have the opposite effect. We <i>strongly encourage</i> you to complete other clinical courses at school before applying for an internship. Internship Program Guidelines, Instructions, and Forms can be found in the “Forms & Policies” section of the school website. • <u>Make It Your Own</u>: Whether you want to try everything, or build experience in a particular area, we encourage you to start planning your clinical education goals early. If you have questions or concerns, or want some advice, you can ask Clinical Program Director Lety Perez (lperez@montereylaw.edu), our Faculty Clinical Supervisor Isaac Adams (iadams@montereylaw.edu), your academic advisor or any of your professors. We’re here to help you make the most of your time as law students!

SPRING 2026 CLINICAL COURSE CATALOGUE

Day/Time	Course	Professor	Description	Pre-Requisite Courses
Tuesday 4:00-6:00	Restraining Order Clinic	Ramsey	Assisting members of the public, via phone appointments, with restraining order cases and questions (domestic violence and civil harassment).	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)
Tuesday 4:00-6:00	Unlawful Detainer Clinic	Adams	Assisting members of the public, via phone appointments, with eviction cases and questions, and sometimes other questions about landlord/tenant law.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)
Tuesday 4:00-6:00	Elder Law Clinic	Vance	Assisting members of the public of Sonoma County, in person and on Zoom, with basic estate planning. (ECL students will be in person and other students will be on Zoom.)	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested) <i>ECL students who have satisfied the above pre-requisites will receive registration priority</i>
Tuesday 5:00-6:00	Clean Slate Clinic I	Doherty & Lizarraga	Assisting members of the public in San Luis Obispo County with petitions to expunge criminal records.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)
Wednesday 4:00-6:00	Small Claims Clinic	Patterson & Borges	Assisting members of the public, via phone appointments, with preparing matters for small claims court.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)
Wednesday 4:00-6:00	Record Clearance	Lipperd	Assisting members of the public in Santa Cruz County with petitions to expunge criminal records.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)

Thursday 4:00-6:00	GBLA Tenants' Rights	Solorio & Humphrey	Assisting tenants in the Bakersfield area with questions related to eviction notices, and sometimes other questions about landlord/tenant law. This clinic is in partnership with Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance (GBLA).	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested) <i>KCCL students who have satisfied the above pre-requisites will receive registration priority.</i>
Thursday 12:00-1:00	MCL Mediation Practicum	Hall & McCorkle	Students in Mediation Practicum mediate small claims and civil harassment cases for the Monterey County Superior Court. Mediations primarily take place remotely, via phone or Zoom, but local students may participate in person during the small claims calendar at the Marina courthouse. This class meets from 12:00-1:00 on Thursdays at least seven times during the semester. Mediations are conducted outside of class time and can be scheduled independently during normal business hours. The professors provide close guidance and supervision through the mediation process. Students may also observe small claims & civil harassment cases either in person or remotely throughout the semester.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. Core Mediation ICLS (strongly suggested) At least one other clinic (strongly suggested)
Friday 4:00-6:00	Family Law Clinic	Standler	Assisting members of the public of Sonoma County, in person and on Zoom, with opening divorce cases. (ECL students will be in person and other students will be on Zoom.)	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested) <i>ECL students who have satisfied the above pre-requisites will receive registration priority.</i>
Saturday 9:00-11:00 AM	Introduction to Community Legal Services ("ICLS")	Rivas	Interactive course on best practices for effectively interacting with clients. The course consists of a combination of instruction and skills practice, with a particular emphasis on simulation exercises to practice conducting client intakes and interviews, drafting client declarations and demand letters, and filling out legal forms.	All First Year Required Courses. Students may take Professional Responsibility simultaneously.