Application Instructions for Spring 2013
Community Group Advocacy & Social Change Lawyering Clinic

Thank you for your interest in the Community Group Advocacy and Social Change Lawyering Clinic.

Application Requirements
To apply for the class, please fill out the Civil Justice Clinic (CJC) Application form and email it, along with the documents described below, to piomelli@uchastings.edu and hoskinsf@uchastings.edu:

(1) An electronic copy of your resume and

(2) A statement of interest explaining:
   a. why you’re interested in taking the class and how you see it fitting into what you’ve already done and anticipate doing after law school;
   b. what you’ve heard about the class;
   c. what experience you’ve had representing individual clients or serving individuals in other settings;
   d. if you haven’t already taken the CJC Individual Representation class, discuss why you feel you’re ready now to take this class;
   e. if you’re a 2L, why you feel it’s important to take the class now rather than as a 3L; and
   f. what other classes you anticipate taking next semester if you are admitted to this Clinic and what other extracurricular time commitments you will have.

You will also need to attend an information session on Monday, October 29th at 4:45-5:40pm or Thursday, November 1st from noon-1:00pm.

Application Process
Applications may be submitted through November 1st. In addition to the information sessions, Prof. Piomelli may schedule 20-minute interviews with applicants. He will aim to make final admission decisions by November 19th. (You should sign up for classes assuming you will not enroll in the clinic and then drop classes upon admission.) If you need an admission decision before November 19th because you’ve been admitted to another clinic, email Prof. Piomelli.

Additional Requirement for Students who have not taken CJC Individual Representation Clinic
For those of you who have not taken the Individual Representation (“IR”) Clinic and are admitted to the Community Group Advocacy Clinic, you will need to read some of the key articles from the IR class, watch two films that we show in that class, and write three papers on those readings and films by mid-January 2013. In return, you will receive 1 unit of independent study credit in the Spring ’13 semester (if you have not already done 2 independent studies). The purpose of this assignment is to introduce you to some of the key themes covered in the IR class and to put everyone on the same footing when those articles and films are referred to in our seminar discussions. Perhaps this additional unit can help lower the number of other classes you need to take along with the clinic.

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