

Criminal Defense Clinic – 2010

Select one: _____ **SPRING** _____ **FALL**

To participate as a student-attorney in the Criminal Defense Clinic (an associate in our law firm) you must be licensed as an Associate Member of the State Bar of Texas. The State Bar requires that you have a minimum 43 hours and be in good standing with the SAO before participation in the Criminal Defense Clinic (CDC). We will handle your licensing for you.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Full Name _____ Date _____
Law School Graduation Date _____ Semester in Law School _____
Email address you actually use _____
Local Address _____
Best Phone Number _____

Social Security No. _____ Date of Birth _____
Driver's License No. & State _____

(SSN, DOB & DL# are required by State Bar Student Practice Act for licensing purposes & the Travis County Sheriff's Department to run criminal background checks on student attorneys' for access to the jails and secure facilities. Neither they nor we may use this information for any other purpose. As this document contains SSN information, we routinely destroy this application at the end of your semester.)

Do you speak Spanish well enough to conduct interviews? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you consider yourself fluent in Spanish? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you fluent in any other foreign language ___ Yes ___ No _____ Language?

List any elective criminal law or criminal procedure courses or seminars you have taken or will be taking during your clinic semester (CDC has no prerequisites):

List any clinics you have taken, here or elsewhere, or any you plan to take at the same time you will be taking the CDC (you can take two, 6-hour clinics in the same semester [*we discourage it*] but no other courses during that semester):

List any extracurricular, volunteer or employment experiences you believe we should know about. You cannot work for the Travis County Attorney’s Office during the semester you take the CDC:

Why do you want to participate in the Criminal Defense Clinic? _____

Class attendance is required. The first month of the clinic, the transition from classroom to courtroom, is demanding. In addition to regular Thursday afternoon classes from 3:30 to 5:30, there are two additional, mandatory classes during the first two weeks of the semester and both the negotiation and pretrial recorded simulation sessions take place during the first month. This is not unique to the CDC; all clinical courses are “front-end” loaded in this manner. Do not apply if you do not have the time to learn and be fascinated by the practice of law. If you have any questions about this, talk to Bill Allison, the CDC director. We can work it out.

After you fill out this application form, email it to the CDC director, Bill Allison, ballison@law.utexas.edu, and CDC administrator Barbara Perez, bperez@law.utexas.edu. If you have any questions about registration, Katherine Gonzalez in SAO can assist you. If you have course specific questions, please contact Bill Allison at 296-3457.

We look forward to working with you as an associate in our law firm, the law school’s oldest clinic.