



*WCL Clinical Program*

# Intellectual Property Clinic

AY 2021-22 Overview

# IPC: The Basics

- During 2021-22, IPC will offer a **full-year option**.
- Total of **7 credits each semester** (3 seminar credits and 4 fieldwork credits).
- **Pre or co-requisites: Evidence and any IP course.**
- **16 students**



# Areas of Law

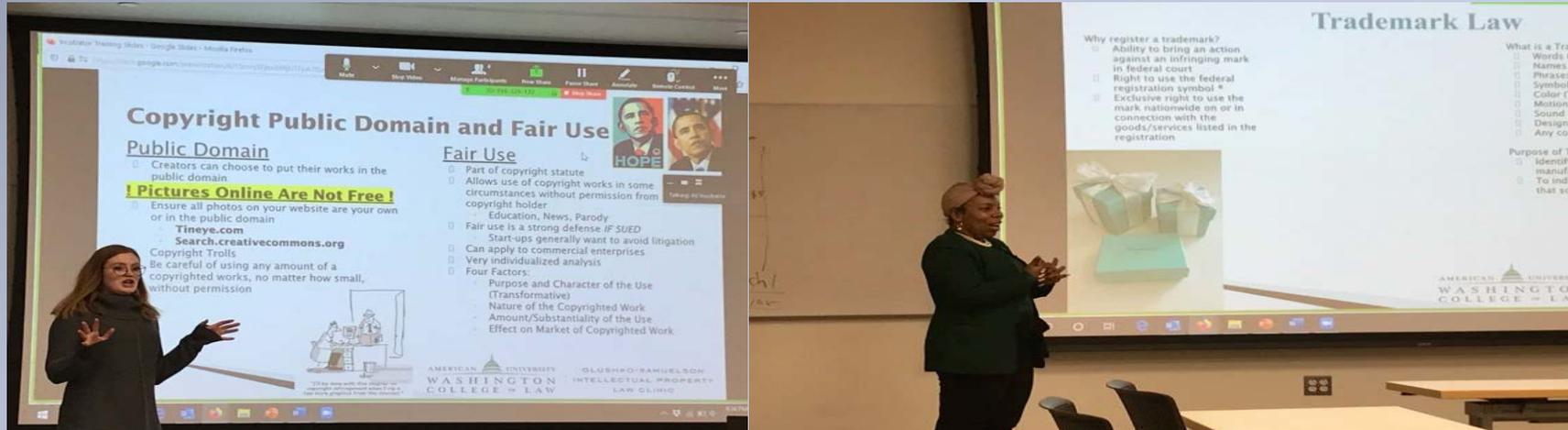
- Copyright
- Trademark
- Patent
- Administrative Law
- Technology, Communications and Internet Law
- Privacy Law

# Modes of Lawyering

- Trademark and Patent Prosecution
- IP Counseling
- Film Opinion letters
- Policy Advocacy (Copyright Office, PTO, FCC, FTC)
- Legislative Advocacy
- Litigation
- Educational



# Representative Case Structure



## Typical Case Assignments:

- Pod Case (litigation or substantial filing)(with 4 students)
- Smaller matters (handled in teams of 2)
- Pop Up IP Trainings (with a larger group of students)

# Why Do Clinic?

- You are the lawyer!
- Developing knowledge, skills, and values.
- Opportunity to work in diverse lawyering modes (direct representation, policy advocacy, education etc.).
- Professional and personal development – clinic is a type of work experience.
- Relationship with faculty members and fellow students.
- Vast network of alumni.

# Selection Process

- Students who apply to a range of clinics will have a greater chance of getting a placement. Putting just one choice on your application does not give you a better chance of getting into your first-choice clinic.
- If you are equally interested in multiple clinics, you can indicate that on the application form.
- **IPC Selection Process**
  - Preference generally given to students who rank IJP first
  - Given client or clinic needs, students may be selected based on related coursework (patent) and **demonstrated interest in the work done in the IPC**

# Basic Clinic Application Information

- There will be a **mandatory orientation** at the beginning of the academic year – details TBD. (usually Friday after first class)
- **All clinic credits are “contact” credits**, which means they are not subject to the limit on “non-contact” credits applicable to things like externship field placements.
- All participants in Clinic must adhere to the **conflict policy** for WCL in-house clinics (on clinic website).
- The online application deadline is **Monday, March 8, at 11:59 p.m. EST** on the WCL server. The application will be on our website.
- You may start your application, save it, and come back to it.
- **Click “submit” to submit your application.** It won't be submitted unless you click “submit.” You will get a confirmation e-mail soon after submitting.

# Basic Clinic Application Information

- We will notify students about their clinic placements on or around **March 29**. Accept/decline by **April 5**.
- **We will run a waitlist**, which students who don't get clinic spaces may join. Students may waitlist for any or all clinics for which they are eligible. We do not rank waitlisted students in any order.
- There is a **\$60/semester non-refundable clinic administrative fee** for students who accept a spot.
- **When you accept a spot in a clinic, you are making a commitment.** We take that commitment seriously and expect students to do the same.

- **MORE INFORMATION:**

- **ipclinic.org**

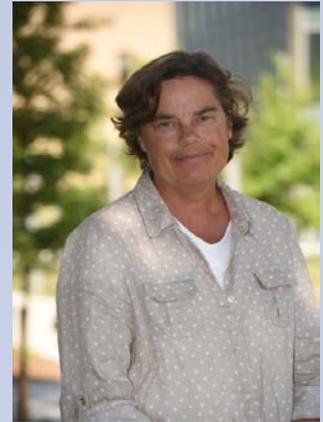


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# Student Testimonials

“The law school experience can be intimidating, competitive—emphasizing the regurgitation of legal rules rather than the nurturing of intellectual curiosity. The clinic changed everything . . .”

“Before I start any engagement I have to ask myself — What is our story? Who is the audience? What are the facts? What are the most important points? This process is almost effortless because of the training I received from the WCL IP clinic.”



- I came into clinic frightened at the prospect of being responsible for representing “real clients” in “real matters” with “real implications.” Up until this point, I have been the student, the intern, the clerk, but in clinic I was the lawyer”
- “No other course was more valuable to my evolution from student to attorney because of the perspective and hands on experience [the Clinic] provided”

