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Homelessness and Legal Advocacy Clinic

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FAMU COLLEGE OF LAW MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a law program with high academic standards that produces excellent legal professionals, who demonstrate professionalism, provide public service, enhance justice and promote scholarship; to provide a program that offers both full-time and part-time learning opportunities to students; and, consistent with the enabling legislation, to increase representation of minorities within the legal profession.

INTAKE SCHEDULE:

Tues & Thurs. – Main Campus

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wed. – Women’s Residential & Counseling Center

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Consultations by Appointment Only.
Serving Orange & Osceola County.

Florida A & M University College of Law Legal Clinic Program are directed by faculty who are licensed attorneys and supported by law students.

In Addition to the Homelessness and Legal Advocacy Clinic, legal services are available through the following clinics:

- ✓ Community Economic Development
- ✓ Family Law
- ✓ Housing

We can also provide legal education in the following fields:

- ✓ Community Economic Development
- ✓ Family Law
- ✓ Guardian Ad Litem
- ✓ Homelessness & Legal Advocacy
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Mediation

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FAMU LEGAL CLINIC PROGRAM:

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide free legal services in civil matters of the highest quality to low income residents and the under served community in the Ninth Judicial Circuit in the most beneficial, proficient and professional manner.¹

THE CLINIC'S GOALS

The goals of the Homelessness and Legal Advocacy Clinic are to educate students in homelessness related issues, such as housing, public benefits, family law, and consumer law. It is also the Clinic's goal to instill in students a sense of compassion and responsibility in representing the interests of the under represented. The Clinic aspires to provide students with practical training in core legal skills and an understanding of the rules of professional responsibility.

¹ All filing fees and certain other costs will be the responsibility of the client.

THE CLINIC'S STRUCTURE

In addition to interviewing clients at the Clinic's office, Clinic students interview homeless individuals at the Coalition for the Homeless, the Women's Residential Counseling Center (WRCC), and potential clients that contact the clinic. Under the supervision of clinical faculty, students assess the problems presented by these individuals and determine which cases should be accepted by the Clinic. Students then counsel the clients, negotiate on their behalf and represent them in court when necessary.

The Homelessness and Legal Advocacy Clinic may be able to provide assistance with the following legal matters:

- Family law:
 - ✓ Divorce;
 - ✓ Paternity;
 - ✓ Child Support;
 - ✓ Custody; and
 - ✓ Visitation



- Landlord / Tenant
- Consumer law:
 - ✓ Obtaining a copy of your credit report
 - ✓ Creditor harassment
 - ✓ Credit bureaus that refuse to correct information after receiving proof of error
 - ✓ Disputing incorrect debts on credit report
- Applying for government benefits:
 - ✓ Social Security
 - ✓ Disability
 - ✓ SSI
 - ✓ Medicare
 - ✓ Medicaid
 - ✓ Food Stamps

Possible assistance with other legal issues may be available.

Please ask.

