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Community Economic Development Clinic

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

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What is the Community Economic Development Clinic?

The Community Economic Development Clinic is an in-house small business transactional clinic designed to provide students with a broad study of the growing area of community economic development law.

Services include legal business, policy and regulatory considerations that underlie efforts to enhance the economic viability of low-income communities through the development of entrepreneurship and affordable housing.

Who is Eligible?

Assistance may be provided to groups that promote community and economic development in the following areas: community preservation, development and empowerment; drug prevention; homelessness; literacy; micro-enterprise development; social welfare; youth and teen development entrepreneurship; and creating and maintaining low-income and affordable housing.

SKILLS:

Students receive practical experience in creating legal structures for new businesses. Students guide individuals and area entrepreneurs through the legal regulatory requirements necessary to start a new business, whether it is non-profit or for-profit. In particular, students learn to handle matters involving short term counseling in a broad range of small business matters such as corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, contracts, community groups, community legal education, non-profit organizations and Florida statutes. The work for non-profits generally involves counseling the client; educating the client; assisting the client in choosing and creating an appropriate entity for the individual client or organization’s program; drafting legal documents such as articles of incorporation, bylaws, agreements and contracts; applying for income tax exemptions; and, providing basic tax and business counseling. Students have opportunities to perform research, develop quality writing, power-point, brochures and make presentations to board of directors and community based agencies.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The Community Economic Development Clinic is committed to serving the community. The clinic is comprised of a faculty member and is supported by law students who are dedicated to serving the community with excellence and caring. We provide legal services to all surrounding communities in the Orlando, Florida area. Should you need assistance in any small business matter, please call our legal clinic today.

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