Thanks so much for your interest and enthusiasm about this new course. A number of people have asked for details. As you know, registration starts tomorrow, June 25, 2013.

The LAW CLINIC can be used to satisfy 3 credits toward your 9 credits General Law Electives

**APPLYING:** Like the internship, students must apply to register for the course. Applications will be available starting 6/25/13 in Rm. M127 West Campus. It will only take a few minutes to complete the application.

Students must have successfully completed LEGL 120 and 121 with at least a 3.0 prior to enrolling in the Law Clinic. There are additional GPA requirements as with the Internship course. These requirements are listed in the application material.

All applications MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY JULY 9 to be considered for the clinic. Additional applications may be accepted if the seats for the course are not filled by July 9. Students will be notified beginning July 10, or as soon as possible thereafter, as to whether they've been approved for the course. There are a limited number of seats this first semester. Additional seats may be added Spring Semester, depending on how things develop with the clinic.

**WHAT YOU’LL DO:** Clinic students will work out of the Legal Services of South Central Michigan office for 9 hours per week beginning the second week of the semester. There will be opportunities for day and evening hours. Prior to starting the clinic, students must sign a confidentiality statement, agreeing that they won't disclose any facts related to the cases to which they're exposed as a consequence of working at Legal Services.

**BOOT CAMP:** The first week of the semester, students will have “boot camp,” where they'll be given background on the substantive law with which they'll work. And, they'll be provided information on office policy and procedure.

**CASE STAFFING: (At LCC)** Once per month during the semester, clinic students will meet with the instructor as a group for two hours. These sessions will give all the opportunity to review substantive law and discuss cases that you're working on. It is also an opportunity to share tips and feedback.

**CREDITS AND GRADING:** The Clinic is a 3 credit course and it will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis.

I'm sure that questions may arise as we move forward. As with all new projects, things may have to be tweaked as we move forward.

*Thanks so much for all of the interest in the course!*

*Deb Keene, J.D.*

*Paralegal Program Coordinator*