

Criminal Prosecution Clinic Summer 2009

Please read this carefully before applying for the Criminal Prosecution Clinic. It explains the commitments you must make if you are selected to participate in the Clinic. The **application form**, which you must fill out completely, is attached. In addition, you must submit a copy of your **resume** and your **unofficial law school transcript**. **All three documents must be submitted to me, Suzanne Valdez (Office 315A), or placed in my mailbox in the main office of the Law School by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009.** These documents will be reviewed by me and prosecutors in the various field offices participating in the Clinic. By submitting an application for the Clinic, you are giving your consent to review of the information you provide and you are also indicating your understanding of the requirements set out below and your intent to abide by them. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me (Office 315A, 864-9268, suzmac@ku.edu).

During the summer session, there will be two classifications of Criminal Prosecution Clinic interns. Please read the following carefully:

Internships Requiring Rule 709 status:

Students wanting to be placed with state district attorney's offices, wherein the student will typically spend time in the courtroom assisting with the many facets of criminal prosecution, must be third year law students (or the equivalent) beginning fall 2007. Students must qualify for Kansas Supreme Court Rule 709 (the student practice rule). Rule 709 requires that the student must have completed four (4) semesters of law school (or the equivalent). This may be satisfied with:

- (1) four regular semesters and at least 58 credit hours;
- (2) two regular semesters and two summer semesters and at least 50 credit hours; or
- (3) three regular semesters and one summer semester and at least 54 credit hours.

A student must also be in academic good standing (must have a 2.0 or better GPA). Please refer to "Clinic Rules" in the Law School catalog (or view the rules on the Law School website under Academic Regulations) for further information on this requirement.

Other Internships:

Students placed in the U.S. Attorney's offices or the Kansas Attorney General's Office do not typically require Rule 709 status. Additionally, there are some state district attorney's offices that may accept an intern who does not qualify for Rule 709 status. As such, students completing their first year of law school (or the equivalent) may be

considered for those internships. Please see Professor Valdez for more information on these internships.

Students selected for the Clinic during the summer program must enroll in both summer sessions. You may not drop the course without my permission and that of the field supervising attorney to whom you have been assigned. Students enrolled in the Clinic will receive three credits per semester. The Clinic is graded Credit/No Credit.

During the summer program you must work with the assigned field office at least 24 hours per week (the summer program lasts approximately 10 weeks). You must also submit a weekly journal of your activities to me, the clinic director.

You may not enroll concurrently in the Clinic and another Law School clinic. You must not hold a law clerk position with a law firm, public interest organization, or governmental agency while they are enrolled in the Clinic. You must disclose to me and the assigned field supervising prosecutor any potential conflicts of interest. You must disclose to me and the assigned supervising prosecutor any criminal convictions, arrests, or honor code charges that occur while enrolled in the Clinic and must disclose on the application for the Clinic any prior criminal convictions or honor code charges.

Thank you for your interest in the Criminal Prosecution Clinic.

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Application**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of credit hours you will have completed before the Fall 2009 semester: _____

Number of semesters you will have completed before the Fall 2009 semester: _____

summer semesters _____ regular semesters _____

Expected date of graduation _____ Law School GPA _____ Class Rank _____

Name of your small section professor or another academic reference

Grade received for the following courses. Please indicate whether completed, currently enrolled, or expect to enroll next fall. (You must have completed or be enrolled in Evidence and Professional Responsibility at the time of enrollment. It is strongly recommended that you enroll in Trial Advocacy.)

Criminal Law _____

Criminal Procedure _____

Evidence _____

Trial Advocacy _____

Professional Responsibility _____

Have you ever been convicted of any crime or charged with a violation of the Law School Honor Code? _____ If yes, please explain the circumstances:

Please explain briefly your reasons for wanting to participate in the Criminal Prosecution Clinic:

I anticipate the assignments listed below. Indicate your preferences, with "1" being your first preferences and "NO" being an indication that you could not accept an assignment to a location or locations. You may assign the same preference number to all or some of the locations.

Kansas City, KS

Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office _____

Unified Government of Wyandotte County Prosecution Office _____

United States Attorney's Office _____

Lawrence, KS

Douglas County District Attorney's Office _____

Olathe, KS

Johnson County District Attorney's Office _____

Ottawa, Kansas

Franklin County Attorney's Office _____

Topeka, KS

Shawnee County District Attorney's Office _____

United States Attorney's Office _____

Kansas Attorney General's Office _____

Lenexa, KS

City Prosecutor's Office _____

I have no preference _____

If you cannot accept an assignment to any of the offices listed or if a particular assignment would cause hardship, please explain:

If you believe assignment to a specific location or office would be particularly appropriate for you, please explain:

Applicants should understand that enrollment in this clinic will preclude simultaneous enrollment in the Judicial Clerkship Clinic, the Legal Aid Clinic, and the Defender Project. Such simultaneous enrollment would create a potential conflict. Do you have any intentions or plans to enroll in another clinic or seek legal employment?

Y _____ N _____

Selection for the Criminal Prosecution Clinic may require a brief interview with the field supervisor who is interested in having you as an intern.

Will you make yourself available for the interview? Y _____ N _____

Signature _____

Date _____