

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW
Elder Law Externship (Clinic)

Application for Fall 2009 - Spring 2010

Please read this carefully before applying for the Externship. By submitting an application for the Externship, you are indicating your understanding of the requirements set out below and your commitment to conform to them. Applications must be submitted to Marilyn Harp's mailbox (in the Main Office) **by 5:00 p.m., Friday March 14, 2007**. In addition, you are encouraged to email the application to harpm@klsinc.org or mmharp@ku.edu. We have limited enrollment, so please don't procrastinate!

The University of Kansas Elder Law Externship provides free civil legal services to Kansas residents age 60 and over, regardless of income. Because clients are not restricted by income, and because of the wide variety of case types the Externship accepts, it approximates the general practice of law. Representative case types include planning for incompetence, surrogate decision-making, guardian/conservatorship, simple estate planning and probate, landlord/tenant, consumer protection, collection defense and Chapter 7 bankruptcy, Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, elder abuse, and long-term care issues. Because of the nature of the work and level of supervision, this clinic is open to 2L and 3L students.

You must enroll in the Elder Law Externship (LAW 901) in both the fall and spring semesters, consecutively. You may not drop the course without my express permission and the permission of your supervising attorney. **You are required to enroll concurrently in the companion course, Elder Law Research Project (LAW 902), in which you will explore new ways of doing legal research and prepare bibliographies on a legal topic relevant to senior citizens.** The Elder Law Externship is a 3-hour course each semester. The Elder Law Research Project is a 1-hour course held each semester.

Class does not meet every week. In addition to class lectures, several class sessions are spent discussing issues encountered with cases handled in your placement. You will be working out of the Topeka or Kansas City, KS offices of Kansas Legal Services, Inc., the Lawrence SRS office and the Kansas Department on Aging. (It is possible to arrange an internship at KLS offices in Emporia, Manhattan or Wichita, if a student is interested in those placements.) You will be expected to arrange for your own transportation to your placement office. We intend to honor requests for assignment to a particular office as much as possible, but reserve the right to make assignments consistent with our need to manage the Externship effectively. You must keep regular office hours in your assigned office, an average of 8 hours per week, although the amount of time you spend will, of course, be dictated by your caseload. Regardless of how many hours you work in the Externship, you are responsible for meeting deadlines in the cases to which you are assigned. At each of these sites, you will be directly supervised by an attorney working with similar clients.

If you have any questions or special problems relevant to application for or enrollment in the Elder Law Externship, please don't hesitate to contact me at:

Marilyn Harp, Kansas Legal Services 785-233-2068 or by email: mmharp@ku.edu

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Please complete answers on reverse or additional sheet, if necessary.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Number of credit hours you will have completed before the fall 2008 semester. _____

Number of semesters you will have completed before the fall 2008 semester:

Summer semesters _____ Regular semesters _____

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

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

Do you plan to earn the Elder Law Certificate?

Please briefly explain your reasons for wanting to participate in the Elder Law Clinic:

Have you or do you intend to apply for any other clinics for next semester?

If so, is the Elder Law Clinic your first choice? Second choice? Bottom of the barrel? Why?

I am most interested in an externship placement at: KLS office in KC, KLS office in Topeka,
KLS office in Wichita, KLS office in Emporia, KLS office in Manhattan
SRS office in Lawrence, Ks Department on Aging in Topeka
I just don't know enough now to choose (circle one)

Indicate reason for preference:

There will be another opportunity to learn about and select a site. This is just to get you thinking about the placement and for KLS to know what the placement needs might be

Signature: _____ Date submitted: _____

Email info by March 14 to mmharp@ku.edu. You may also place it in Marilyn Harp's box in law school office.