**ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION LAW CLINIC**

**Clinic Registration Information & Application**

Mission: The Entrepreneurship & Innovation Law Clinic (EILC) provides free, transactional legal assistance to support economic development in West Virginia. Our clients are nonprofits, community organizations, small businesses, and individual entrepreneurs interested in starting or growing local enterprises.

Who should take the Clinic? Students interested in business law, tax, government, or public interest work should take the EILC. The clinic helps prepare students for work with organizational and entrepreneurial clients. Clinic students work on a variety of transactional matters in a dynamic, live client practice. The clinic can satisfy the Law School’s Capstone requirement. Additionally, it is a recommended course for JD/MBA students.

Client Services provided by Law Students Supervised by Faculty: EILC students represent clients on a range of transactional legal services, including:

1. Assist in creating entities, including corporations, nonprofits, limited liability companies, associations or other type of organization in the state of West Virginia;
2. Draft a variety of types of agreements, including employment agreements, nondisclosure agreements, non-compete agreements, intellectual property agreements and independent contractor agreements;
3. Draft a variety of organizational documents, including bylaws, shareholder agreements and operating agreements;
4. Research a variety of topics for clients, including: Intellectual property matters; choice of entity; tax exempt status and maintenance; contract matters; licenses; and a state or federal rules or other requirements;

Student Credit Hours: The EILC is a year-long course. Students receive 14 hours of credit for participation, 7 each semester.

Course Components: The EILC has a seminar that meets twice a week. The seminar covers substantive topics like corporate structuring, contract drafting, and intellectual property. In addition to seminar, students are required to complete 15-18 hours of clinic case work on client matters each week. You will be responsible for interviewing and counseling clients; planning your matters; drafting legal documents, memos and correspondence; and managing relationships with your clients and others. You will identify the legal issues, research them, consider different alternatives, negotiate agreements, and implement client decisions.

Application to Enroll the EILC: Prospective students can apply by completing the attached EILC law student application and returning it to angie.haught@wvulaw-eilc.net

**West Virginia University College of Law**

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LAW STUDENT APPLICATION FOR THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

**Instructions and Process:** To apply for the clinic, please complete the application below. Completed applications should be submitted by email to EILC Administrator Angie Haught angie.haught@wvulaw-eilc.net. Please attach the following additional documents to your completed application:

* **Transcript**
* **Current Resume**

Once your application has been received, it will be reviewed by the EILC director. If selected to participate in the EILC, you will be notified by April 13th. Students enrolling in the EILC will be required to sign a letter of commitment. This letter confirms your interest in enrolling and ensures our clients have dedicated legal representatives.

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Expected Graduation Date:

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1. Please compose a statement of interest (no more than 500 words) explaining why you would like to enroll in the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Law Clinic. If you have a particular interest in our field of work or a compelling personal experience that motivates you in working with enterprises, we encourage you to include this in your response.

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1. Have you taken any courses that you believe are relevant to the work of the Clinic? If yes, please list them. You may also include any courses you will take concurrently with the EILC.

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1. We are interested in learning about specific skills, educational history, employment, or other experiences that would make you an asset to our clients and our clinic. This includes volunteering or your sparkling personality – anything that contributes to a positive EILC experience for you and your clinic colleagues.

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