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INNOCENCE CLINIC SUCCESSFUL IN PAROLE BOARD GRANTING RELEASE

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Almost twenty years ago, Innocence Clinic client Edward Ates was sent to prison for murder—a crime the Innocence Clinic believes he did not commit. He received a ninety-nine-year sentence, and has been in prison ever since.

Ed has been eligible for parole a few times over the years. But, time and time again, parole was denied. Ed was unwilling to “accept responsibility” for his crime and admit guilt, so he remained in prison. When Ed came up for parole again at the beginning of the year, the Clinic went to work on campaigning for Ed’s release without him admitting guilt, a feat virtually unheard of in the parole world. The Clinic enlisted the aid of Roger Nichols, a well-respected Texas parole attorney and TTU Law School alum.

Janet Moreno, who was the student attorney on Ed’s case, along with the Clinic Professor Allison

Clayton, first went to visit Ed in prison and to meet with Mr. Nichols to discuss Ed’s case for parole. A few weeks later, Janet wrote up the memo to the Parole Board in support of Ed’s release. Mr. Nichols and Professor Clayton then hand-delivered the memo, along with multiple letters of support, to the Parole Board at a meeting discussing Ed’s case, his consistently exemplary performance as an inmate over two decades, and his release.



Two days later, the Parole Board granted Ed release on Parole—placing him on the fastest track to release. By the end of summer, Ed should be released into the waiting arms of his wife and children – who have been by his side for the last twenty years. The Innocence Clinic will continue to fight for Ed’s exoneration, but it nevertheless joins in with the celebration for Ed’s release.

CHARLSIE MOORE ADR AWARD

The Dispute Resolution Center of Montgomery County, Inc., a non-profit, volunteer organization in Conroe, Texas originally formed by the Montgomery County Bar Association which provides mediation and conflict resolution training to individuals, businesses, agencies, and the courts, funded a scholarship award in honor of a long-time member of their Board of Directors, Charlsie Moore, to recognize the top student in the Advanced ADR Clinic for their demonstrated mediation skills. The recipient of this award, selected by the faculty teaching the Advanced ADR Clinic, and recognized during the Honors and Awards Ceremony, was **Christopher A. Wright**. Christopher will receive a scholarship award and have his name inscribed on a permanent plaque displayed in the law school.



On behalf of the Clinical Programs Faculty and Staff we thank the students for everything they have done and providing high quality representation to their clients! For more information on the Clinical Programs, please visit:
<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/law/clinics-and-externships/clinics/index.php>



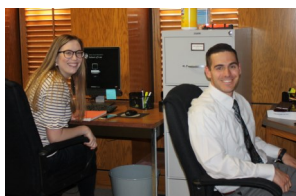
From the Desk of Larry Spain - Director of Clinical Programs and Civil Practice Clinic

I had an incredible group of students this year in the Civil Practice Clinic (**Ruby Boone, Shelby Broaddus, Jesus Cano, Rachel Holland-Hadjis, Ryan Mitchell, Chase Price** and **Allie Winkle**). These students took very serious their professional responsibility for representing their clients and worked extremely hard as advocates to accomplish their client's objectives. It is gratifying to observe the development of their lawyering skills while participating in the Clinic that they will carry forward throughout their professional careers while, at the same time, becoming more confident in their abilities. I have enjoyed working with each of them and expect great things from them in the future.

Over the course of the spring semester, a total of 20 new client cases were undertaken, 32 cases were completed and closed and 16 cases remain open and will be carried over to the next

academic year. Each of the students, in addition to being exposed to varied legal problems of low-income clients through the evening Pro Bono Clinics, participated in the Night Court Divorce Project and were kept busy with an individual caseload of 4-5 clients at most times throughout the semester and assumed primary responsibility for the representation of clients in matters involving family law, disability claims, wills and other estate planning, consumer disputes, and other civil matters.

I also wish to acknowledge the valuable assistance of Terri Morgeson, Elma Moreno, and Irma Shepler and their contributions to the success of the Civil Practice Clinic and their service to students. In addition to directing the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, Terri has worked closely with each of the students in the Civil Practice Clinic, making herself available for questions and individual assistance, supervising them on select individual cases, and accompanying them to court or mediations when necessary. And, of course, Elma Moreno and Irma Shepler have provided valuable administrative support for the students in all of the Clinical Programs. Irma will be retiring this summer and we wish her well in this next phase of her life.



Pictured L to R:

Back Row: Professor Larry Spain, Shelby Broaddus, Allie Winkle, Rachel Holland Hadjis, and Chase Price

Front Row: Ryan Mitchell, Jesus Cano, and Ruby Boone

CIVIL PRACTICE CLINIC

- Focuses on development of professional skills and values in a closely supervised clinical setting
- Students will assume individual responsibility for representing actual clients in all phases of client representation in social security disability claims, family law, wills and advance planning, housing issues, consumer and civil rights claims and other civil cases of interest to students
- Classroom component will provide instruction in substantive and procedural law applicable to cases handled by the Clinic as well as ethical issues and professional values; professional skill development; and case rounds
- Students have individual supervisory sessions with faculty and maintain a reflective clinic journal.



"People do not come to lawyers because all is right with the world. People come to lawyers when life presents problems that need fixing. The clients that reach out to the clinical programs are those that would typically be unable to obtain legal services. As I leave Tech Law and the Civil Practice Clinic, I am excited to carry with me the knowledge that has been imparted, but I take with me something much more valuable—the memories of those we have helped along the way."

Chase Price

Congratulations to the following students selected for the ***Civil Practice Clinic*** for the 2018-2019 academic year:

Kiley Aycok, Darrian Matthews, Megan McIntyre, Elliott O'Day, Kyle Reding, Christal Roethlein, Blake Scott, Eduardo Sosa, and Spencer Young



From the Desk of Wendy Tolson Ross - Family Law and Housing Clinic Director

This semester has been an exciting semester where we had lots of fun. The students in the clinic this semester were: **Vinnie Del Mundo, Julia Handt, Desiree Hemphill, Nicole Ordonez, Chloe Reyes, Peter Shuler, Taylor Smith, and Jennifer Wallace.**

We have had several contested family law cases that we completed this semester. We had 12 divorces with children, 14 divorces without children, and 2 modification of custody cases. A few of the divorces with children resulted in settlements, where the parents ended up with an agreement for the benefit of the children involved. We had 2 name change cases to change the surname of the child to match the father. Finally, we had 2 Protective Order cases. In one of these Protective Order cases, we were able to secure a Protective Order for a client, whose husband had been assaulting and stalking her at work.

We had 3 Adoption cases this semester. This was a case where the maternal grandparents were seeking to adopt the grandchildren they had been raising since the children were infants. We were able to complete the terminations for two of the children.

We have started a new partnership with the Office of Dispute Resolution. We will help to

resolve visitation issues for parents who are paying child support through the Dispute Resolution Center. This semester we had 2 visitation cases. One of these cases, we were able to go to mediation. For the other case, we were successful in obtaining visitation for the father without the need for mediation.

Advocacy in the housing cases in this clinic increased tremendously and the students saw a lot of success this semester. We had about 11 housing cases. We had 2 clients get their security deposits returned from the landlord. We were also able to write several letters to the landlord for repairs, and we wrote letters to assert constructive eviction to end the lease for tenants. Two of these housing cases resulted in the filing of a suit in Justice of the Peace Court for repairs. We were able to obtain a hearing for one of the repair cases. We are still waiting for the Code Inspector's Report in order for the Court to render a decision. We are hopeful we will obtain the repairs for the client.

The highlight of the housing cases involved a couple of students representing the tenant in an eviction case. The students were able to successfully show that the landlord was retaliating against the tenant for calling the City of Lubbock Code Inspection Department.

Finally, three (3) students, Peter Shuler, Chloe Reyes, and Taylor Smith, participated in the West Texas JPCA Judicial Education Training Program. The Family Law and Housing students were invited to help in the eviction simulations before the Justice of the Peace Judges for this region. The students did a great job!

FAMILY LAW and HOUSING CLINIC

This is a full-year 12 credit hours (6 per semester—2 for classroom component and 4 for case work) course limited to 8 students. Students accepted into the clinic must be registered for both Fall and Spring semesters.

Students assume primary responsibility under faculty supervision of all phases of representation in assigned cases in family law and housing matters. The course focuses on the development of professional skills and values in a closely supervised clinical setting, including interviewing and counseling, case analysis and planning, problem solving, fact investigation, negotiation and mediation, document drafting, written and oral advocacy.

Classroom component will provide instruction in substantive and procedural law applicable to cases handled by the Clinic as well as ethical issues and professional values; professional skill development; and case rounds.



Pictured bottom to top:

Left Row: Vinnie Del Mundo, Taylor Smith, Julia Handt, and Jennifer Wallace
Right Row: Nicole Ordonez, Chloe Reyes, Peter Shuler, Desiree Hemphill, and Professor Wendy Ross

Words from Family Law/Housing Clinic Clients

"I obtained all my objectives. Jennifer Wallace did wonderful. I think the manner in which the services were provided were awesome. There was always communication."

"I am very happy with the results of the outcome of this case! Thank you all." (Vinnie del Mundo handled case)

Congratulations to the following students selected for the **Family Law/Housing Clinic** for the 2018-2019 academic year:

Ashley Cossio, Kaylee Long, Paige Lyons, Emily Montoya, Maria Oviedo, and Pooja Patel



From the Desk of Terri Morgeson - Director, Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

We had another successful year in the Texas Tech School of Law Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC). The students and I volunteered at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance center (VITA site). VITA is a local non-profit who provides income tax preparation to low income people of Lubbock County. In total, we volunteered over 420 hours at the VITA site. In 2017, the VITA site assisted over 1500 taxpayers. Those taxpayers received over 1.5 million dollars in refunds.

Volunteering at VITA allows the clinic to educate taxpayers on problem areas such as earned income credits, child tax credits, and identity theft. This year we educated taxpayers on how a change in the tax system is going to change their 2018 federal income tax return. At the VITA site we also show videos in the taxpayer waiting room to educate taxpayers on filing status, dependent exemption and earn

income credit.

Although the LTC service area is large, we only see a disproportionate number of clients from Lubbock and surrounding counties. To increase our visibility outside of Lubbock, this February I traveled to El Paso to represent the clinic at the El Paso tax court. I had the opportunity to counsel clients at the El Paso dockets. Hopefully next year we will have cases on the El Paso docket.

Nancy Mojica intensified her recruiting efforts outside of Lubbock County. As a result of her efforts, LITC doubled the number of citizens served in the surrounding areas. Since Nancy's employment with the LITC the number of intakes has tripled. Without Nancy we would not have a clinic.



Our case load has tripled. This year we closed 36 cases saving our client approximately \$230,000. A special thanks to the hard work of my students, **Payton Beggs, Abbey Coufal, John Davis, Kate Foley, Sergio Herrera, Chris Mitchell, Alex Pennetti, and Joshua Radabaugh**. **Christopher Mitchell** won the *Marilyn Phelan Award*.



Pictured L to R: (top to bottom):

Christopher Mitchell, Joshua Radabaugh, Abbey Coufal, Alex Pennetti, John Davis, Kate Foley, Clinic Director/Instructor Terri Morgeson, Sergio Herrera, and Payton Beggs



"Clinic was a great experience for me because it was the most hands-on experience I had in law school. I learn by doing things, and Terri was a great teacher and mentor throughout the process. I learned a lot more than just tax law. I learned how to interact with clients, office decorum, and tons of great practical information on what to expect after law school."

John M. Davis

LOW-INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC

This is a full-year 10 credit hours (5 per semester—2 for classroom component and 3 for case work) course limited to 8 students. 2-4 students can possibly be accepted for both summer sessions and students earn a total of 4 credit hours (2 per session).

The Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic was formed in April 2000 to provide professional skills training to law students and to provide law students the opportunity to gain practical experience in administrative proceedings before the Internal Revenue Service and in judicial proceedings before the United States Tax Court. The clinic serves residents in the West Texas Panhandle area of Texas and Eastern New Mexico by offering representation to taxpayers who are unable to obtain professional tax counsel. Students develop important lawyering skills by interviewing and counseling clients, conducting factual investigations, legal research and analysis, negotiating compromises, drafting documents and litigating.

Students are responsible for their own caseloads but are closely supervised by the clinic director. The director of the clinic assists the students in all phases of their clinical education.

Congratulations to the following students selected for the **Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic** for the 2018-2019 academic year:

Peyton Cannedy, Andrew Craven, Paige Foster, Alexa-Rae Grattan, Stephanie Grissom, Michael Hirsh, Mason Leal, Cassy McGinnis, and Holton Westbrook



From the Desk of Patrick S. Metze - Director, Criminal Defense Clinic

As is our custom, the students in the 2017-2018 Criminal Defense Clinic were busy all year representing real people in real cases in real time. This year, the students handled 137 cases for 94 clients. Of these cases, 49 are still pending, 39 were disposed of through some type of negotiated plea, and 49 cases were dismissed. Cases consisted of 112 misdemeanors and 25 felonies. This is an average student case load of over 13 clients per student and almost 20 cases per student, which is well in excess of the clients and cases promised in the clinic catalogue. Students handled all phases of representation from initial interview through appearance in court.

Members of the clinic represented clients in the Lubbock Municipal Court, before the Justice of the Peace, in the Magistrate Court, in both Lubbock County Courts at Law, and in all three felony District Courts of Lubbock. Clinic students during the Spring semester were:

Marta Acosta, Case Donovan, Rikki Earnest, John Garcia, Bailey McGowan, Andrea

Nfodjo, and Uzochukwu Okonkwo. Please congratulate every one for all their hard work. These students are trained and ready for the practice of criminal law. During the school year, these students performed well in excess of 3000 hours of pro bono representation of the poor.

I am grateful for the tireless and invaluable help of Professors Dwight McDonald, Donnie Yandell and Terri Morgeson who helped guide the students all year. The wide variety of cases along with the collaborative nature of our clinics gives the students exposure to the daily challenges of the criminal defense practitioner well in advance of graduation. Most students agree their clinical experience ranks among their best experiences in law school. During the weekly two-hour classroom component, students shared with each other their accomplishments on their cases, their goals, fears and concerns. By freely sharing and participating in these open class discussions, students assisted each other in the learning experience and helped formulate strategies, themes and theories of their cases, while learning to perform very complicated and sophisticated legal analysis. Collaborative class discussions were often very spirited and were always an enjoyable exchange of ideas. We are there to learn and enjoy our work.

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CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

This is a full-year 12 credit hours (6 per semester - 2 for classroom component and 4 for case work) course limited to 8 students.

Students accepted into the clinic must be registered for both Fall and Spring semesters. The CDC provides a community service by representing defendants in criminal cases who would otherwise be unable to afford their own legal representation.

Cases involve misdemeanors, felonies, and juvenile offenses in Lubbock County and the surrounding metropolitan area.

Prerequisites include: Students must be 3L status, not be on academic probation, and have taken Evidence, Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility.

Recommended 3L courses include Texas Criminal Procedure, Trial Advocacy, and/or moot court or mock trial experience.

Students may not be concurrently enrolled in this class and another clinic or externship; all other qualifications being equal, students with no prior clinical or externship for credit experience are given preference for placement in the CDC; students may not have outside employment if enrolled in this clinic, however, exceptions can be made; and students may not sit for the February bar exam.



Pictured L to R

Standing:
Professor Pat Metze, Uzo Okonkwo, Rikki Earnest, Case Donovan, Marta Acosta, John Garcia, and Instructor Dwight McDonald

Sitting:
Andrea Nfodjo and Bailey McGowan

Congratulations to the following students selected for the **Criminal Defense Clinic** for the 2018-2019 academic year:

Brianna Argueta, Kasey Chester, Matthew Johnson, Makenzie Keene, Mitchell Leonard, Brittany Scee, Ellen Sorrells, and Theodore Wenske

From the Desk of Patrick S. Metze - Director, Criminal Defense Clinic (continued from page 5)

Several learning environments are available to the students, including mandatory office hours leading to collaborative learning. The students work in close proximity, sharing ideas and developing strategies while keying off the knowledge of their peers. It is my hope this becomes a custom that will follow them into practice as the criminal defense bar freely shares knowledge and experience with younger attorneys. Other experiential learning was courtesy of the criminal defense bar from throughout Texas and the United States. In April, the CDC participated in the Law School's annual chili cookoff ~ a departmental tradition. The CDC continues with bragging rights that it produced the "best real chili" at the cookoff—even though the judges were wrong AGAIN.

The Clifford Brown Award for 2018 was awarded to Bailey McGowan for her "excellence

in the art and science of criminal defense advocacy." I only wish I had awards for all the students, they all deserve one. There was significant effort and professionalism shown this year by all members of the Clinic. I hope the experience was meaningful and a jumpstart to a successful practice in criminal law.



Additionally, all my students showed a real interest in pro bono work and I know that such a commitment to the poor will continue throughout their entire careers. Or, at least it better. Also, it is my sincere wish that each student remembers Texas Tech Law fondly with particular affection for their clinical experience.

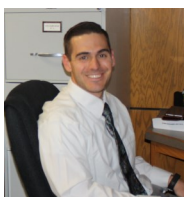


As I tell the students, practicing law is about treating each client as a valuable individual, doing their very best for each client one at a time, representing that client to the best of their ability, and ethically seeking Justice by holding the State to their burden. Preparation is the key. Remember to RGDS and all you need is that Gold Card. While studying for the Bar this summer, no drama, pass the Bar and stay in touch. Come back often.

ADVANCED ADR CLINIC

- Students receive intensive mediation and conflict resolution skills training and course qualifies as the 40 hour basic mediation training
- Students will have the opportunity to observe mediations, co-mediate and solo mediate actual disputes through the Lubbock County Dispute Resolution Center
- Class format will consist of a combination of lecture, class discussion and interactive participation, skills exercises, mediation role plays, videotape review
- The course will provide students with the opportunity to develop skills essential to effective problem-solving that can be integrated in the practice of law as well as advise, counsel and prepare clients for mediation.

RECENT CASES OF INTEREST

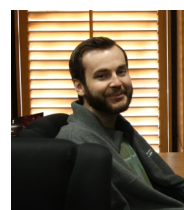


Chase Price obtained a default judgment on a Deceptive Trade Practices Claim for \$5,871.00 and an award of attorney fees of \$1,437.50 against the seller of a motor vehicle to his client for \$1,100 who did not have title to the vehicle and failed to deliver a certificate of title despite repeated demands.

Ryan Mitchell was able to obtain the cancellation of more than \$16,000 in charges for a client's care in an assisted living facility after filing an appeal with the Texas Health &

Human Services Commission denying Medicaid coverage when it became apparent that the assisted living facility had failed to get preauthorization before he was admitted.

Three students in the Civil Practice Clinic (**Ruby Boone**, **Shelby Broaddus**, and **Chase Price**) will have had an opportunity to represent clients and conduct a hearing before an administrative law judge including the ability to cross-examine expert witnesses.



Congratulations to the following students selected for the *Advanced ADR Clinic* for the 2018 Fall semester:

John Casper, Amanda Coburn, Garrett Coppedge, India Fender, Jose Angel Gutierrez, Addison Kirk, Jesse Kizewski, Mathew Marquez, Laurie Means, Blanca Milan, Matthew Morris, Edward Nealy, Jodee Rankin, J Riggs, Grace Steinhurst, Alesha Walker, Andrew Walston, Phillip Wildman, Jr., Hilary Wilkerson



From the Desk of Donnie Yandell - Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic

The 2017-2018 Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinical student attorneys will soon graduate, bringing an end to another year of the program. The graduating students are Kaitlin Gates, Jason Judd, George Manning, Bailey McShane, Kelsey Robbins, Erika Sparkman, Travis Warner and Camille Youngblood. This year the student attorneys handled 143 cases and closed 59.

The students represented clients in all manners of cases including Driving While License Invalid, Driving While Intoxicated, Criminal Trespass, Deadly Conduct, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, Assault, Failure to Identify, Rioting, Resisting Arrest, Sexual Assault, Interference with a 911 Call, Theft by Check, Burglary of a Habitation, Fleeing, Evading Arrest, Engaged in Organized Criminal Activity, Hindering Apprehension, Aggravated Assault, Unlawful Restraint, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a felon, Forgery, Possession of a Falsification Device, Domestic Violence Assault, Injury to the Elderly, Cruelty to Animals, Terroristic Threat, Stalking, Criminal Mischief, Tampering with Evidence and Tampering with a Witness.

Of the 143 cases assigned to student attorneys, 40 were felonies, 100 were misdemeanors and 3 were juveniles (all three juveniles were charged

with felonies). Overall, the students have closed 59 cases, or 41% of the 143 cases. They closed 45% of their felonies, 38% of their misdemeanors and 100% of their juvenile cases.

Several of the cases handled this year were extremely interesting. For example, a student attorney was able to get a sexual assault with a juvenile defendant dismissed, most if not all of the students were introduced to handling mentally challenged clients but possibly the most interesting case currently being resolved is a simple theft case. The interesting part is the student attorney, working with two or three local private attorneys and our Innocence Clinic is attempting to get a conviction overturned. If

successful, this case has the potential of affecting the entire state.

All of these students have done an excellent job and have worked a lot of hours, often on

their own time in an attempt to represent their clients to the best of their abilities. This is reflected in the results they have obtained for their clients as well as the fact that the office is constantly getting mail and phone calls from defendants and their family members requesting Caprock Regional Public Defender Office represent them concerning their criminal charges. We have discovered some of these defendants even have retained counsel and are asking for our help.

In closing, I would like to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed this year's clinical students and wish them the best on their finals and the bar exam. I look forward to hearing from them when they get out in the world and are doing this on their own. Good luck Class of 2018!



CAPROCK REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER CLINIC

This is a full-year 12 credit hours (6 per semester - 2 for classroom component and 4 for case work) course limited to a maximum of 8 students. Students accepted into the clinic must be registered for both Fall and Spring semesters. The CRPDO provides a community service by representing defendants in criminal cases who would otherwise be unable to afford their own legal representation. Cases involve misdemeanor and juvenile offenses in a 10 county region. Students are closely supervised by Donnie Yandell.

Prerequisites include: Students must be 3L status, not be on academic probation, and have taken Evidence, Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility.

Recommended courses include Texas Criminal Procedure, Trial Advocacy, and/or moot court or mock trial experience.

Students may not be concurrently enrolled in this class and another clinic or externship; students may not have outside employment if enrolled in this clinic, however, exceptions can be made; and students may not sit for the February bar exam.



Pictured L to R: Chief Public Defender Donnie Yandell, Travis Warner, George Manning, Bailey McShane, Kaitlin Gates, Camille Youngblood, Jason Judd, Clinic Fellow Dwight McDonald, Kelsey Robbins, Erika Sparkman, and Professor Pat Metz

Congratulations to the following students selected for the **Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic** for the 2018-2019 academic year: **Tashika Curlee, Allyson Fuller, William Harrell, Melissa Reyes, Logan Sawyer, Rees Scruggs, Alexandra Taylor, and Keltin VonGonten**



From the Desk of Allison Clayton - Director, Innocence Clinic

The Spring Semester at the Innocence Clinic has been full of excitement and hard work. The Clinic's students **Ryley Bennett**, **Kristen Gavigan**, **Janet Moreno**, and **Chris Nisttahuz** continued working on their respective dockets. Each student carried an average of seven cases this semester. The cases range from brand-new, incoming cases to fully developed cases involving litigation. The majority of our casework has been in murder cases.

We currently have litigation pending in one federal circuit court and one federal district court. Before the end of the semester, we will be initiating still more litigation in two different

state district courts. We have also done case work in non-courtroom settings this semester, including the Forensic Science Commission and the Board of Pardons and Paroles. We additionally have evidence from our cases at two different labs for DNA testing. More of our case evidence is currently with three separate forensic experts for a complete analysis of the validity of trial testimony.

Because of our work, one of our clients was approved for release on parole. Given this client's case and sentence, parole approval was highly unlikely. However, after our work with the Parole Board, our client received approval and should be home with his family by the end of the summer.



These students are leaving behind a legacy of outstanding dedication to their clients and to justice. The innumerable things they have learned this year will undoubtedly remain with them as they each begin their legal careers.



Pictured L to R :

Professor Pat Metze, Chris Nisttahuz,
Janet Moreno, Instructor Allison Clayton,
Kristen Gavigan, and Ryley Bennett

Congratulations to the following students selected for the **Innocence Clinic** for the 2018-2019 academic year:
Joelle Gonzales, Stephen Grant, Weston Mumme, and Megan Soliz



"One year ago, I was completely oblivious of the impact that participating in the Innocence Clinic would have on my life; today, I am beyond grateful for that immense impact. Little compares to the realization that your work has the potential to not only help an innocent individual and their family reclaim their lives, but also to transform the criminal justice system as we know it."

Christian Nisttahuz

INNOCENCE CLINIC

This is a full-year 12 credit hours (6 per semester - 2 for classroom component and 4 for case work) course limited to 4 students.

Students accepted into the clinic must be registered for both Fall and Spring semesters. The *Texas Tech Innocence Clinic*, working in conjunction with the Innocence Project of Texas, provides a clinical opportunity to students interested in post-conviction appellate criminal law. The Texas Tech Innocence Clinic provides legal representation and investigative services to individuals seeking to prove their innocence of felonies for which they have been convicted.

Prerequisites include: Students must be 3L status, not be on academic probation, and have taken Evidence, Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility.

Recommended 3L courses include Texas Criminal Procedure, Trial Advocacy, and/or moot court or mock trial experience.

Students may not be concurrently enrolled in this clinic and another clinic or externship; all other qualifications being equal, students with no prior clinical or externship for credit experience are given preference for placement in the clinic; students may not have outside employment if enrolled in this clinic, however, exceptions can be made; and students may not sit for the February bar exam.



From the Desk of Patrick S. Metze - Capital Punishment Clinic

The Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases office welcomed it's tenth Capital Punishment Clinic this past Spring semester. This office is the only statewide defender for capital cases with eight regional offices throughout Texas. Our clients are, each of them, in the unenviable position of prolonged incarceration, generally single celled, alienated from family with little hope of eventual release. This semester four students were chosen from those that completed the Fall 2017 Capital Punishment Seminar. Completion of the seminar indoctrinates the chosen students into the unique world of the capital defender. The students chosen this year were **Savannah Edwards, Nicole Amos, Amanda Gunn and Kyra Thornton Leal**. They were immediately assimilated into the framework of not only the capital trial teams assigned to each case, but into the entire fabric of the office. They were instructed in the various office protocols, as well as the roles of the fact investigators, the mitigation specialists, and the line attorneys. With that limited exposure, they were quickly utilized by all of the RPDCC staff and morphed immediately from observer to valued contributor. Assignments included the mundane (research and drafting motions), spending time with clients in jails, the nerve wracking, and the exhilarating (resolution of a client's case with a sentence other than death). Biweekly office staffings are a critical communication technique utilized by the RPDCC. Each case is thoroughly discussed, and various strategies vetted with all staff

members participating. These student attorneys not only attended the staffings, but were regular contributors to the development of the mitigation and litigation plans for each client.

As a capital trial began this semester, students were utilized in the most important jury selection process and were able to watch the trial as it progressed into punishment. This is a very unique opportunity given to only a few to view a capital trial from the defense perspective. Whereas the RPDCC focused on the "how to" aspect of defending the capital case, many discussions emphasized the "why" aspect - why the defense teams function in a particular way. Methodology and its underlying foundation is critical to the success of the capital defense practitioner, and is literally a matter of life and death for the client. During the semester the students saw a non-death capital case and a capital case both tried to verdict and participated in both trials as members of the trial teams.

As a result of winning the 2013 University Departmental Award for Teaching Excellence given by the University Teaching Academy and the University Provost, each year we treat the school to lawyers, teachers, storytellers, and activists committed to the rights of the individual. In September 2017, attorney Tyrone Monciffe from Houston, Texas, spoke to the students on *The Power of the Story: A Guide on Storytelling for Lawyers* and worked with the clinical students one on one. In April 2018, the four Criminal Defense Clinics in association with the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association were honored to present Allison Clayton, instructor for our Innocence Clinic and Tech Law grad (2007), to speak on her appellate practice of law with an emphasis on actual innocence.

WORDS FROM OUR STUDENTS

Clinic was easily the most rewarding experience of my law school career. It instilled in me a confidence to go out in the legal profession and make a living.

Uzochukwu Okonkwo
Criminal Defense Clinic

Clinic has been by far the best experience I've had in my law school career. The knowledge and experience you gain is invaluable.

Bailey McGowan
Criminal Defense Clinic

Applying for the Criminal Defense Clinic was by far the best decision I made in law school. Pat and Dwight are excellent mentors who help you learn what it's like to be a lawyer in the professional world. The privilege of getting to work with clients and make a difference in their lives is a life changing experience, one which taught me life lessons and the realities of the criminal justice system. I will forever remember my year of participating in the clinic and the friends I made in the process.

Case Donovan
Criminal Defense Clinic

My clinic experience has been by far the most rewarding and practical part of my law school career.

Marta Acosta
Criminal Defense Clinic

Participating in the Capital Punishment Clinic was by far, the most life changing and educating experience of my law school career. The clinic led me to grow both in a professional and personal way.

Kyra Leal
Capital Punishment Clinic



Pictured L to R:

Professor Pat Metze, Kyra Leal,
Amanda Gunn, Nicole Amos, Savannah
Edwards, and Attorney Dennis Reeves

CLINICAL PROGRAMS HONOR STUDENTS DURING ANNUAL RECOGNITION EVENT



The annual *Student Recognition Event* was held on April 18th in the Lanier Auditorium. A total of 66 students were recognized with a *Certificate of Appreciation* for their dedication and

participation in the clinical programs. Dean Jack Nowlin welcomed and congratulated the students on another successful year.

Although the Clinical Programs has been in existence since the Fall of 2001 (with the Tax Clinic implemented in 2000), this event marked the 13th year that students have been recognized by the Clinical Programs for their participation, dedication, and



commitment to representing low income individuals in the community who cannot otherwise afford to retain the services of an attorney.

Since the inception of the clinical programs which began with the LITC in April 2000, a total of 1135 students have participated in the programs and contributed thousands of student hours.

Students recognized participated in the *Advanced ADR Clinic, Tax Clinic, Civil Practice Clinic, Family Law and Housing Clinic, Criminal Defense Clinic, Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic, Capital Punishment Clinic, and Innocence Clinic.*

LOW-INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

by Nancy Mojica, Community Outreach Coordinator



This semester, I had the opportunity to assemble IRS educational videos on specific topics and provide them via internet to taxpayers at the Volunteer Income Tax

Assistance Program during the tax season. Taxpayers had the opportunity to view the following topic videos during their wait time at the VITA Program.

- Filing Status;
- Premium Tax Credit: Changes in Circumstances - Introduction;
- Individual Shared Responsibility - Overview;
- Security Summit Identity Theft Tips - Overview;
- Dirty Dozen;
- Tax W-2;
- Claiming the Health Coverage Tax Credit;
- Amending My Return;
- Phishing - Malware;
- Owe Taxes But Can't Pay; and
- Miscellaneous Income.

On February 12, 2018, I attended a workshop in Amarillo, Texas at the Kids, Inc, Bivin's Room to provide information to community partners within our service area. Each vendor had the opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about each others program and the services provided as well as exchange each other's program materials. This event was not open to the community public. There were over 20 vendors on hand with great information and material.

I attended the WIC Community Resource Fair in Levelland, Texas, on March 2, 2018. This event was sponsored by the South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.

Direct outreach to several outlining counties in our service area as well as the Lubbock area was also conducted during the Spring semester. Community outreach has played a very important role in reaching out to taxpayers in our service area and increasing the LITC caseload.

PRO BONO DIVORCE NIGHT COURT CLINIC

This project is co-sponsored by Texas Tech University School of Law Clinical Program, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, and Lubbock County Courts.

Law students meet with the qualified applicants and help them file for a divorce under the supervision of the Civil Practice Clinic and Family Law/Housing Clinic professors. Law students prepare the paperwork, file it with the courts, and finalize the divorces before the Honorable Leslie Hatch.

Clinics are held once a month from August thru November during the Fall semester and January thru March during the Spring semester. Clinic offices are used for the interviews and all prove-ups are held in the Don Hunt or Allison Courtrooms.

For an individual to qualify for these services they must meet the following requirements:

- Meet the income guidelines which are based on family size;
- Must not have children of the marriage;
- Minimal to no property;
- No physical abuse during the marriage; and
- Be a Lubbock County resident.

LANWT screens all individuals and schedules the appointments.

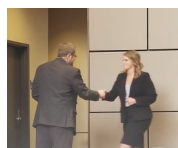
CONGRATULATIONS CLINIC STUDENTS HONORED DURING HONORS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Several clinic students were honored on April 17th during the Texas Tech University School of Law Honors and Awards Ceremony. As a disclaimer, these do not include all the recognitions and awards received during other events!

Recipient of the **Professor Marilyn Phelan Tax Award** was **Christopher Mitchell** (Tax Clinic). One award is given in honor of Horn Professor Emeritus Marilyn Phelan by Michael Denham ('99) to a graduating student who "has excelled in the Tax Clinic".



Abbey Coufal (Tax Clinic) was the recipient of the **Edward R. Smith and Norton Baker Tax Award** which is an award presented to a student who intends to practice in the tax area and is permanently endowed by Karl Clifford ('72) and Steve Krier ('77).



Congratulations to **Kevin Parish** (ADR Clinic) for also being recognized by the **Academy for Leadership in the Legal Profession**.

Ruby Boone (Civil Practice Clinic) was recognized as a Senior Fellow by the **Academy for Leadership in the Legal Profession** and the **Elma Moreno Graduating Pro Bono Student of the Year** (more information on page 13).

John Garcia (Criminal Defense Clinic) was the recipient of the **Linda J. Kamp Service Award**. The award is presented to a graduating law student whose service to the law school best represents the dedication, service and spirit of Linda Kamp. The award is named in honor and loving memory of Linda Kamp who served the law school community for twenty-one years and was the Registrar from 1991-2002. The award was established and is funded by the Class of 2002.



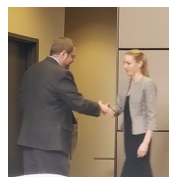
The **Robert J. and Ann Burbridge Criminal Clinic Award** was presented to **J. Bailey**

McShane (CRPDO Clinic). This is an award created through an endowment given by Ann Burbridge who was a long-time registrar at the law school. It was created in memory of her husband and is given to a third year law student in a criminal defense clinic who has provided zealous advocacy for those accused of committing crimes in rural or underserved communities of Texas.



The **George W. and Sarah H. Dupree Award** was presented to **Ryley Bennett** (Innocence Clinic) and **Shelby Broaddus** (Civil Practice Clinic). This award is an endowed award given to the member of the graduating class who, in the opinion of the student's colleagues, best exemplifies the ability desired in one soon to join the legal profession. **Shelby Broaddus** was also recognized with the **Student Wellness Advocate of the Year Award**.

Rachel Holland-Hadjis (Civil Practice Clinic) was the recipient of the **State Bar Appellate Section Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy** for her demonstrating the most potential to excel in appellate advocacy upon graduation.



Bailey McGowan (Criminal Defense Clinic) was the recipient of the **Clifford W. Brown Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Award** (this award recognizes excellence as a student attorney in the Texas Tech Criminal Defense Clinic and is funded by the Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association).

Jason Judd (CRPDO Clinic) was the recipient of the **William R. Moss Award** which is an award presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in a trial advocacy course. The award was created by William R. Moss and continued by his son Mitch Moss ('92).

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Lauren Arredondo (Civil Practice Clinic 2016-2017) – is an attorney with the U.S. Small Business Administration in Fort Worth, Texas.

Kendra Naranjo (Family Law/Housing Clinic 2016-2017) is practicing with the Whittenburg Law Firm in Amarillo, Texas.

Kylie Corson (CRPDO 2016-2017) – is an Assistant District Attorney with the Denton County District Attorney's Office in Denton, Texas.

Erin Garza (Criminal Defense Clinic 2016-2017) is practicing law with the law firm of Walters, Balido & Crain LLP in Dallas, Texas.

Eric Matthews (Tax Clinic 2016-2017) is practicing law in the areas of business, oil & gas, and real estate with the law firm of Sprouse, Shrader, Smith PLLC in Amarillo, Texas.

Joseph Higgins (Advanced ADR Clinic – Fall 2016) – is an attorney with the U.S. Small Business Administration in Fort Worth, Texas.

Brenda Johnson (Family Law/Housing Clinic 2016-2017) is an attorney with Hamilton, Hull & Byrd and an adjunct Professor at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas.

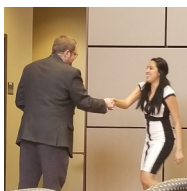
Mario Moreno (Capital Punishment Clinic Spring 2017) is an assistant trial attorney with the Law Offices of the Public Defender in San Antonio, Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS CLINIC STUDENTS HONORED DURING HONORS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

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Paige Lyons (ADR Clinic) was recognized with the *U.V. Jones Excellence in Legal Research Award* for completing the Program with the highest average scores in her classes. Congratulations to all who completed a minimum of thirty hours of legal research instruction and assessment.

Congratulations **Christian Nisttahuz** (Innocence Clinic) for being named the recipient of the *Excellence in Service Award* which is donated by Donna L. Courville ('94) and Judge Lee Ann Reno ('94) to recognize a third year student who is a member of any law review and who has excelled in overall service to the law school.



The *Grimes Family Service Award* was presented to two students, **Erika Sparkman** (CRPDO Clinic) and **Jennifer Wallace** (Family Law/Housing Clinic), for providing outstanding service to the Law Library. The award is given in honor of the Grimes Family.

Ryan Mitchell (Tax Clinic) was awarded the *Professor Dean G. Pawlowic Award* which is an award established by former students of Professor Pawlowic, Michael Denham ('99), R. Lee Barrett ('00), and Wade King ('03).



Congratulations also to **Julia Wisenberg** (ADR Clinic) for being the recipient of the *American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence* and to **Rachel Holland-Hadjis** (Civil Clinic) for being recognized and inducted into the *2018 National Order of the Scribes* for excelling in legal writing.

Congratulations to the following clinic students who were also recognized with the *Pro Bono Honors Award* for completing at least 60 hours of pro bono work over three years where at least half of their hours were legal-related pro bono:

Advanced ADR Clinic: Chrystian Gonzalez and Jessica Robertson

Civil Practice Clinic: Michael Chase Price and Allison M. Winkle

Family Law/Housing Clinic: Vinnie M. Del Mundo and Julia Handt

Criminal Defense Clinic: John D. Garcia

Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic: Kelsey J. Robbins

Tax Clinic: Payton Beggs

Congratulations to the following clinic students who were also recognized with the *Pro Bono Achievement Award* for completing at least 150 hours of legal-related pro bono work over three years:

Advanced ADR Clinic: Chet Southworth (Dec'17), Michael Gomez and Julia Wisenberg

Civil Practice Clinic: Ruby Boone, Shelby Broadus, and Ryan Mitchell

Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic: Kaitlin Gates, Jason Judd, George Manning, and Travis Warner

Criminal Defense Clinic: Rikki Earnest and Andrea Nfodjo

Innocence Clinic: Kristen Gavigan and Janet Moreno

Finally, congratulations to all the students recognized by the *Law Journal Executive Boards*, *Board of Barristers Executive Board*, *Student Bar Association Executive Board*, and *Student Ambassadors*!



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
THE CLINICAL PROGRAMS VISIT:
<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/law/clinics-and-externships/clinics/index.php>

THANKS TO FACULTY AND STUDENTS SUPPORTING *PRO BONO*

Thanks to the following faculty who assisted at Pro Bono Clinics co-sponsored by the Law School faculty and held in conjunction with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas during the spring semester: Professors **Gerry Beyer** (2 clinics), **Vaughn James** (3 clinics), **Tracy Pearl** (1 clinic), **Wendy Ross** (1 clinic), and **Larry Spain** (6 clinics); Law Library Faculty **Jamie Baker** (1 clinic), and **Marin Dell** (1 clinic); Clinic Supervising Attorney **Dwight McDonald** (2 clinics); and Career Services Staff **Nathan Leake** (4 clinics).

The Law School faculty co-sponsored two Pro Bono Clinics held at St. John's United Methodist Church during the month of February as well as assisting with three Pro Bono Clinics during the Spring semester that various law students participated in that were coordinated by Elma Moreno,

Director for Pro Bono Projects. In addition, all students in the Civil Practice Clinic and Family and Housing Clinic participate in the Pro Bono Clinics as part of their clinical work. The following law students assisted at the Pro Bono Clinics during the spring semester as part of their pro bono requirements:

Alexa Lunsford, Norma Molinar, Elliott Oday, J. Riggs, Sheena Teague, Harrison Wier, Garrette Foote, Lorenzo Garcia, Matthew Joeckel, Ginnison Matula, Cassy McGinnis, and Katherine McKinley

If you are interested in participating in a future Pro Bono Clinic, contact Director for Pro Bono Projects **Elma Moreno** at elma.moreno@ttu.edu for more information.



This year was an appropriate time to combine and award the Pro Bono Student of the Year with the Elma Moreno Pro Bono Service Award. The Elma Moreno Pro Bono Service Award was created in 2000 by Timothy and Daisy Floyd and is named in honor of Elma Moreno, original coordinator for the Private Attorney Involvement Program for Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, current Legal Assistant/Office Manager for the TTU School of Law Clinical Programs, and current Director of Pro Bono Projects. This award recognizes a law student whose pro bono activities best exemplify the lawyer's obligation to ensure equal access to justice. The award is currently funded by the first award recipient and managing attorney at Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Tamara Duncan (2000).

Congratulations Ruby Boone (Civil Practice Clinic) who was selected as the recipient of the *Pro Bono Graduating Student of the Year Award* which recognized her with the *Elma Moreno Pro Bono Service Award* for demonstrating a steadfast commitment to pro bono work throughout her time in law school.

NIGHT COURT DIVORCE PROJECT

Since 2007, the Civil Practice Clinic and the Family Law & Housing Clinic of Texas Tech University School of Law has partnered with the Lubbock County Courts to address the large numbers of pro se litigants in divorce cases which resulted in increasing demands on the time and resources of the courts, court staff, and the clerk's office. The Night Court Divorce Project was implemented to streamline the process of intake, referral, filing, and completion of simple divorces of parties without children that were financially eligible for services through Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas but were not a priority for their office as a result of insufficient staff



resources. As part of the project, one of the judges would conduct final hearings in the evening at the Law School to allow clients the convenience of not having to take time off from work or who might have difficulties with child care. From the



beginning of the project, Judge **Judy Parker** was the judge who on a regular basis volunteered to conduct the hearings during Night Court until she was appointed as a Justice on the 7th Court of Appeals.



This academic year, Judge **Les Hatch** of the 237th Judicial District Court, has volunteered to assist with the Project. We thank both Justice Parker and Judge Hatch for their efforts in providing greater access to the justice system by low-income individuals.



CCAV HONORS LAW STUDENTS WHO ASSISTED LOW-INCOME TAXPAYERS DURING TAX FILING SEASON

2018 marked the 15th year the *Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers* (a partner of the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic) has administered the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. An estimated 123 volunteers were certified using the online training provided thru Link N Learn which is an IRS provided training site. Luncheon began with welcoming remarks from Elma Moreno (CCAV Board of Directors Secretary).



Terri Morgeson, LITC Director, accepted the following awards on behalf of the students:

“Law School Volunteer of the Year Award” awarded to Christopher Mitchell (Tax Clinic); and

“New Volunteer of the Year Award” awarded to Abbey Coufal (Tax Clinic).



As a result of the efforts of sponsors, students, and community volunteers a total of **2,846** families whose average income was **\$17,864** had their tax returns prepared for free at the VITA site. This saved them approximately **\$426,900** in tax preparation fees. The low income residents helped received an estimated **\$2 million** in Earned Income Credits and more than **\$4 million** in refunds were returned to families within the community. An appreciation luncheon was held on May 4th at Skyviews Restaurant honoring all volunteers.



Law students, Tax Clinic director, and staff contributed a total of 742.25 hours and were recognized with **Certificates of Appreciation** for taking time to assist in tax preparation and the quality review process. The law students who volunteered during tax filing season included all students enrolled in the Tax Clinic, as well as the following law students: **Jessica Clouse, Clint Dye, Maira Gonzalez, Blanca Milan, Elizabeth Oliveros, David Penn, Tracie Pettus, J. Riggs, Grace Steinhurst, and Jacob Wisdom.**



Awards presented to law school volunteers and students included the following:

“Site Coordinator of the Year Award” presented to Elma Moreno;

Nancy Mojica (LITC Community Outreach Coordinator), **John Davis** (Tax Clinic Student), and **Maira Gonzalez** were recognized with special plaques for their Assistant Site Coordinator roles. Nancy has been an assistant site coordinator for 6 years, Maira for 4 years, and this was John's first year.

All community partners, VITA sponsors (including the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic accepted by Clinic Director, Terri Morgeson) as well as luncheon sponsors were recognized with a plaque or certificate.

The site would not have been able to operate without the assistance of all these volunteers. Thank you for representing Tech Law!

*If you are interested in volunteering next year,
please visit the CCAV website at:
<https://www.ccavlubbock.org/>*

or

Contact Elma Moreno at elma.moreno@ttu.edu

This is a great opportunity for law students to earn law-related pro bono hours to meet the Public Service Graduation requirement!

*Thanks to all our student volunteers, community volunteers, and sponsors
CCAV had another successful year!*



WORDS FROM OUR STUDENTS

"I'm so fortunate to have been a student attorney in the Caprock Regional Public Defender Office. The experience improved my confidence and allowed me to apply what I've learned in the classroom to real cases impacting the lives of real people. I don't feel like I would be as effective as a "practice ready" attorney without having had this opportunity."

Kaitlin Gates
CRPDO Clinic



"Clinic has been my favorite part of law school. It taught me the skills to handle cases competently, efficiently, and successfully."

George I. Manning
CRPDO Clinic

"Clinic was a great experience that opens your eyes to the world of real legal practice. Also, the world of real lawyers. The sink or swim attitude is definitely the best way to learn."

Bailey McShane
CRPDO

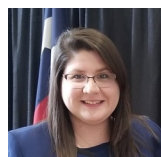
"The clinical program does a great job of teaching students how to juggle very different matters, such as journal, classes, and client cases simultaneously. Working in the Tax Clinic was an excellent experience that opened my eyes to much more than just Tax because of the collegial office environment the clinical program enjoys as a whole. I'm grateful for this opportunity and it was the highlight of my 3L year."

Sergio Herrera
Tax Clinic

"I feel fortunate to have been able to participate in the Family Law and Housing Clinic. It has been a rewarding experience assisting clients with their legal matters and helping them through a difficult time in their lives. I will walk away from this experience more knowledgeable in the law, more confident in my abilities, and better prepared to face any challenge."



Jennifer Wallace
Family Law and Housing Clinic



"In clinic, I learned about my strengths and weaknesses as a future attorney, and was able to develop my own practice style."

Ruby Boone
Civil Practice Clinic

"The Criminal Defense Clinic has been an amazing experience from beginning to end. The ability to practice law while still in school has been invaluable. I feel more than prepared to enter the workforce with the skills and knowledge Pat and Dwight have given us. I'm also thankful for the Clinic because of the professional relationships and friendships I've made over the last year. I am so proud to be a member of CDC and I am excited to pass on the torch to the next outstanding group."

Rikki M. Earnest
Criminal Defense Clinic

"This semester I held my first evidentiary hearing in front of a Judge. Even though my clinic professor was in the courtroom with me, when the judge called my case number, I was running the whole show. I won my motion that day and Professors McDonald and Metze were there to congratulate me. I was prepared for anything that day because my professors showed me how to be ready for anything."

John D. Garcia
Criminal Defense Clinic



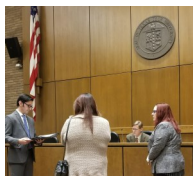
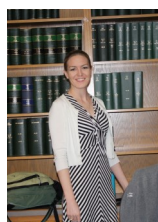
"During your three years in law school, you have many options to further your education such as intern, be a research assistant, or clerk for a judge. However, in the Caprock Regional Public Defenders Clinic, students are given the opportunity to practice law with their 3L Bar Cards. Each clinic student will walk their clients from intake to dismissal. Because the clinic is so hands-on, students learn a special skill set not taught in a classroom. Clinic teaches you how to sit down with real clients and learn their story, write real motions, and stand before a judge with confidence."

Erika Sparkman
CRPDO Clinic

"My experience being in the criminal defense clinic has been amazing. I have learned so much about the law, myself, and people in general. This is an opportunity like no other. I think the best part about what we do, is our ability to connect with people. We share ideas about cases and that is often what helps the most-hearing about your case from another person's perspective. I have also enjoyed learning more about my clients. We have the opportunity to show the government that our clients are more than just defendants, they are people. The ability to be able to tell someone's story is so valuable, and such a great responsibility, and I am thankful for this opportunity."

Andrea Nfodjo
Criminal Defense Clinic

Snapshot Corner



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CONGRATULATIONS MAY GRADUATES!
Good luck with the Bar Exam!

***Congratulations to all students who passed the
February Bar Exam!***
Job well done!!!

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