

**University of Massachusetts School of Law – Dartmouth
UMass Law Clinical Programs**

Immigration Law Clinic
STUDENT APPLICATION
(Updated 03/24/2021)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please feel free to add additional pages, if necessary.

Why do you want to enroll in the Clinic?

Are you fluent (or nearly so) in a language other than English? If so, which language(s), and explain how you gained fluency.

What experiences have you had with the immigrant community that you feel are relevant to participating in this Clinic?

Do you expect to miss any time from school this semester except for official school holidays (vacation, anticipated surgeries, etc.)? If so, when (how long) and why? As missing time will affect your case work, this may disqualify you from participation. Failure to disclose an expected absence may result in a failing grade.

What is your estimated graduation date?

Are you available for an Orientation that will be scheduled, based on the students' and Professor's schedules, during the first week of classes?

What other courses (with credits) will you be taking during the semester you will be enrolled in the Clinic?

Please list and explain any other activities inside or outside of law school in which you will be participating during your time in the Clinic (including, but not limited to, law review, student organizations, volunteering, appointments etc.)

Will you be working during your semester in the Clinic? If so, where and how many hours weekly?*

Have you ever been convicted of a crime?*

If yes, please give details of the date of conviction, when the crime was committed, and the outcome:

Other than law school exams, how many times have you had to submit individual assignments for your courses? Did you meet all of the deadlines for those assignments? If not, describe why you did not meet the deadline.

What is your experience with punctuality, whether in law or other school, work or other endeavors? If you have had a problem with it, please describe the circumstances, how you handled it, and what you did to address it.

What are your habits when it comes to responding to emails? Have you had a course and/or other experience in which you were expected to respond promptly to emails? If so, explain how you made sure that you responded in a timely manner. If you did not respond in a timely manner, describe the circumstances in which that happened and how you addressed it in order to avoid the issue in the future.

Have you had an experience in which a professor, employer, or other person expressed dissatisfaction with the quality, quantity, or other aspect of your work? If so, describe the circumstances, how you responded, and how you may have changed your habits following that experience.

One of the important aspects of this clinic is time and keeping track of it. If you have had experience doing that either at work or in another course, describe it. What were the expectations? Did you follow them? Did you ever fail to? What were the consequences and how did you change your behavior following that experience?

The requirements for this clinic include an average of 18-20 hours per week. Did you know that when you started filling out this form? If you did not, how have you informed yourself about the expectations of this Clinic?

Have you ever been accused by a teacher, professor, employer, coach, or similar acquaintance of lying/deceiving/falsifying any information? If so, please describe fully the circumstances, how you responded, and how you changed your behavior afterwards, if you did.

Student Signature: _____

*If your work situation changes at any time from the date of submission of this questionnaire, please inform Prof. Scharf as soon as possible.

**We work with DHS-ICE detainees at the Bristol County House of Corrections, which executes clearance checks on everyone entering their facility. It has the discretion to preclude entry of those with a criminal background; this may prevent your participation in this Clinic. If you have this issue, you and Professor Scharf will have a confidential discussion about the details, and come to an appropriate resolution.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FULL AND COMPLETE ANSWERS TO ALL THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE A KEY ASPECT OF YOUR APPLICATION TO THE CLINIC. FAILURE TO ANSWER FULLY WILL PREVENT ADMISSION. IN ADDITION, FAILURE TO BE CANDID MAY RESULT IN YOU BEING TERMINATED FROM CLINIC PARTICIPATION, IF THESE FACTS BECOME EVIDENT ONCE THE CLINIC SEMESTER BEGINS.