Elder Law Field Placement

Application for Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

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 are encouraged to enroll in the Elder Law Externship (LAW 901) in both the fall and spring semesters, consecutively. However, students may enroll in only one semester. Please indicate your current enrollment thoughts on the application. The Elder Law Externship is a 3-hour course each semester. Introduction to Elder Law is encouraged, but not required.

The 8:10 a.m. class session will meet for only 7 weeks. The class portion is taught by Marilyn Harp, Executive Director, Kansas Legal Services, an attorney with more than 30 years experience in elder and general poverty law areas.

The clinic placements will be working out of the Topeka or Kansas City, KS offices of Kansas Legal Services, Inc. (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. At each of these sites, you will be directly supervised by an attorney working with similar clients. You must complete at least 110 hours of internship work as semester, for 3 hours credit. This means about 14 days of work, 8 hours a day.

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. Students need a code for enrollment approval, so a completed application is required. Because we are putting you in contact with clients, we want to know a little about you. There is no deadline for application, but there is limited enrollment.

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
Elder Law Externship Application Fall 2017 – Spring 2018
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 2017 semester. __________

Number of semesters you will have completed before the fall 2016 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? (not required) __________

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?

I currently plan to enroll (circle one)  Both semesters  Fall 17 only  Spring 18 only

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
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 as soon as possible to mmharp@ku.edu. (You can cut and paste this in to an email or just answer the questions in narrative.)