

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW
Elder Law Field Placement

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. Students may increase that for up to 6 hours of credit in a single semester. Introduction to Elder Law is encouraged, but not required.

The class sessions will meet for only **7 weeks**. The class portion is taught by Marilyn Harp, Executive Director, Kansas Legal Services, an attorney with more than 40 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 127.5 hours of on-site internship work each semester, for 3 hours credit. This means about 16 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
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 applying _____

Expected date of graduation _____ Law School GPA _____

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:

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 only Spring 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.