



2022 SPRING TERM

COURSE NAME: CLINICAL CRIMINAL LAW (OR CRIMINAL CLINIC)
COURSE NUMBER: LAW 490.001

INFORMATION SHEET

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY MARCH 12, 2021

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Criminal Clinic is offered in the Spring Term to a maximum of sixteen JD students. The Clinic's purpose is to provide students with an understanding of the procedures and skills required in the practice of criminal law. Each student will be assigned to a lawyer but students are expected to pair up with another student and work on their files collaboratively. The respective lawyer/principals will facilitate this. Only 2 students will be assigned to Crown Counsel and this is usually determined by lottery at the orientation session. Under the supervision of their principal, students will represent (or prosecute) defendants in summary conviction cases.

Court appearances are usually scheduled weekly, with specific days/times and court locations to be discussed between the principal and his/her students. A weekly seminar is held at 222 Main Street with Judge Joseph Galati, the Clinic Director and Course Instructor, every Wednesday beginning at 5 pm to discuss the cases which were heard that week. Attendance at this weekly Wednesday seminar is mandatory.

A Criminal Clinic orientation session will be held in the 2021 Fall Term (usually in September)*. Attendance at this orientation session is also mandatory.

**Only if COVID-19 restrictions allow.*

CLINIC DIRECTOR/INSTRUCTOR – BRIEF BIO

Judge Joseph Galati embarked on the practice of law, primarily in the areas of criminal and civil litigation, after graduating with his law degree from UBC. Judge Galati's criminal law experience was both as a Prosecutor and Defence Counsel. He was appointed to the Provincial Court bench in 2004 and sits regularly in the Criminal Courts at 222 Main Street in Vancouver. Judge Galati was himself a student in the Criminal Clinic and he has been involved as the Clinic Director and Course Instructor for many years.

ELIGIBILITY

JD students who will be in their second or third year of studies in the 2021-2022 academic year are welcome to apply.

PREREQUISITES

Successful completion of two Law courses—Evidence (Law 476) and Advanced Criminal Procedure (Law 400)—by December 31, 2021.

COURSE UNITS AND GRADING

6 credits graded on a Pass/Fail basis.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Final acceptance into the Criminal Clinic is conditional upon your being granted “Temporary Articled Student” status by the Law Society of British Columbia. If selected for the course, you must complete the Temporary Articles Enrolment Form and the Temporary Articles Agreement Form to sign with your principal at the orientation session in the Fall term. These forms are available on the Law Society’s website. The temporary articling period does not count towards your regular articles.

Please note that the status of “Temporary Articled Student” confers upon you the same responsibilities to the Court, to the profession and to your clients, as other members of the profession. Withdrawing from the course after the start of the term may place your clients in jeopardy and could result in your being reported to the Law Society for unprofessional conduct.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students do not register for this course by the normal route, but apply for entry via the [Clinic Application Form](#).

Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 Criminal Clinic. Please direct any questions by e-mail to the Clinic Coordinator at payette@allard.ubc.ca.

As the Clinic Director and Course Instructor, Judge Joseph Galati will review all applications and make all final decisions regarding the sixteen students to be accepted into the 2022 Criminal Clinic. Applicants are notified of Judge Galati’s decision by email.