



Amy Ahrens Earns Kansas Association for Justice Raymond Spring Award

The Kansas Association for Justice established an award in remembrance of Raymond Spring, '59, former professor and dean of the law school. This award is given to the Law Clinic



Amy Ahrens

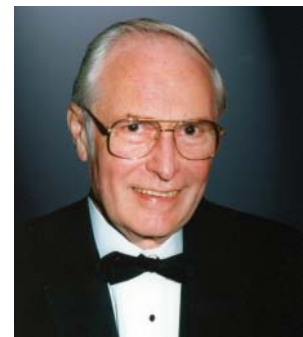
intern who has demonstrated the highest commitment to providing legal services to clients in need.

While in clinic, Amy represented clients in a variety

of domestic and criminal cases. In one case, Amy worked long hours on a post-conviction petition that remained pending beyond her clinic semester. Amy wanted to see the case through, so she volunteered her time in the clinic during the holiday break and spring semester in order to fulfill her professional responsibility to her client. Professor Aliza Organick, Amy's supervising attorney, remembers Amy as "dependable, hardworking and, overall, a terrific student."

Amy currently represents clients through her general practice office in Tonganoxie, Kansas.

Raymond Spring graduated from Washburn University School of Law in 1959 and worked in private practice for six years afterward. In 1965 he began teaching at Washburn and in 1970 he became the dean of the law school. He drafted the grant proposal and conducted negotiations with the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (CLEPR) which awarded Washburn University a \$35,500 grant in 1969 to establish a legal clinic program.



Raymond Spring, '59

Law Clinic Offered During Winter Intersession

During the 2012 Winter Intersession, the Law Clinic offered a directed internship to those interns who just completed the Fall 2012 semester. Ellen Grennier and Adam Poole were selected to continue their work on cases through the holiday break. As most students were either



Ellen Grennier

heading out of town to see family or staying close to campus to celebrate the holidays, Ellen and Adam worked a minimum of 40 hours to earn one credit hour during the break.

With the change to a 13-week semester, the winter intersession break was extended, which allowed the Law Clinic to offer a directed internship between the semesters. By enrolling in the directed internship, both interns were able to represent their clients to the conclusion of their cases.

Adam wrote a trial brief and presented oral arguments in a habeas corpus case on Jan. 8 in Leavenworth County. Ellen completed three

immigration cases and filed them with the INS, and brought a divorce action to conclusion.

“The opportunity to stay on as a directed intern over the Winter Intersession was a benefit to me as well as to my client. If I wouldn’t have been able to present oral arguments in early January, we would have had to ask for a continuance for the hearing and assign a different intern when the spring semester began. The client would then have had to wait several weeks to be heard. With this opportunity, I was able to see the matter to the final hearing stage, fulfilling my professional responsibility to the client, and earn a credit hour which I needed to even out my spring semester class load,” said Adam Poole, 3L.



Adam Poole

The Law Clinic expects to offer this clinic opportunity during future winter intersession breaks.

Double the Practical Experience



Nicole Johnson

“I decided to enroll in clinic twice because I wanted to continue working with excellent professionals in a real-world environment. I participated in the Small Business & Nonprofit

Transactional Law Clinic during the fall 2012 semester. My supervising attorney, Professor Janet Thompson Jackson, was a knowledgeable and supportive teacher. She helped me gain the confidence to work in many professional

environments and to push myself intellectually. After such a great experience, I wanted to enroll in clinic again! During the spring 2013 semester I enrolled in the Civil Litigation Clinic. Professor Curtis Waugh, my supervising attorney, has been a valuable resource and provides students with guidance while teaching them how to navigate legal problems independently.

“The Clinic has helped me gain a competitive advantage in this tight job market. I now have the skills and experience that allow me to step into a job and begin work the first day! I highly recommend the Washburn Law Clinic to any student who wishes to gain practical experience while working with excellent staff and faculty.”

What Should I Know About Litigation Clinic?

The most important thing to know about the Washburn Law Clinic is that everything is real - our clients are real, your court appearances are before a real judge, and the outcome of your case impacts the lives of real people. There is nothing mock going on here. Practicing in the law clinic is the best way to get a taste of what practicing after law school will be like. The only thing missing is a paycheck, but the experience you gain in law clinic will pay off great dividends later.

Interns are given a choice to enroll in either 4 or 5 credit hours. The experience of an intern enrolled in 4 credit hours will be the same as the intern enrolled in 5, but that intern may have 1 or 2 fewer cases. To receive credit for the 4 or 5 credit hours, interns must “bill” either 160 or 200 hours worth of clinic work during the semester. Each credit hour equals 40 hours of “billable” hours so the number of “billable” hours an intern must complete

depends on the number of credit hours enrolled. Everything clinic related counts toward the 160 or 200 hours: attending large group and small group classes, individual meetings with your supervising attorney, reviewing files, research, meeting with clients and witnesses, court appearances, telephone conferences regarding your case, and the 4 required court watching hours. Interns keep track of their hours on time sheets which are turned in and calculated every week.

Any cases not concluded by the end of the semester will be transferred to an intern in the next semester. Just like a law firm, the law clinic operates year round so there are opportunities to enroll in law clinic during the summer as well.

If you want more information, contact Debi Schrock at 785-670-1191, or debi.schrock@washburn.edu.

How Do I Get Involved in the Small Business & Nonprofit Transactional Clinic?

Students interested in practicing in the Small Business & Nonprofit Transactional Clinic (SBNT) should closely watch their email for the application process announcement about one month before enrollment begins. Students must complete an application and interview with Professor Janet Thompson Jackson as part of the selection process. Eight openings in the SBNT Clinic for the fall 2013 semester have already been filled.

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The SBNT Clinic does not operate during the summer session.

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Current Clinic Interns

Under the supervision of Professor Lynette Petty, these interns focus on family law and immigration matters. This semester interns have represented clients in cases such as divorce with minor children of the marriage, adoption, and paternity. Several immigration matters such as obtaining a battered spouse waiver, U-VISA, and VAWA are currently active.



Family Law and Immigration: Brandon Bieker, Marissa Frederick, Jared Love, Laura Poschen



Civil Practice: Jonathan Wood, Ginger Wells, Nicole Johnson, Joseph Frick, Brendan Lykins (not pictured: Leslie Klaassen and Jonathan Weishaar)

Professor Curtis Waugh supervises interns in the civil practice area. These interns are currently representing individuals with contract disputes, landlord/tenant issues, consumer protection, challenge of a city ordinance, and elder issues.



Criminal Defense: Maciej Sokolowski; Matthew Parker; Jacob Conard; Joshua Garrett; Ian Tomasic (not pictured: Benjamin Jackson)

Interns in the practice area of criminal defense under Professor Rebecca Woodman's supervision represent clients in both municipal and district court. Currently, these interns represent clients in a variety of cases, ranging from theft to DUI.

Judge Ossmann Presides Over Swearing-In Ceremony



Judge Ossmann was a clinic intern while attending Washburn Law.

On January 25, 2013, the spring interns were sworn into student practice by Judge C. William Ossmann, '77, one of the newest Shawnee County district court judges, a long time supporter of the law school, and a former clinic intern.

Judge Ossmann was appointed to the bench in 2012. He served as chief litigation attorney for K DADS and SRS; as Shawnee County prosecutor; and as special assistant attorney general with the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Judge Ossmann has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Kansas State University, a law degree from Washburn University School of Law, and a master of public administration from the University of Kansas. He was recognized with the Kansas Bar Association's Distinguished Government Service Award in 2009, and was named Kansas County & District Attorney Association's prosecutor of the year in 1990. He is active as a Master in the Sam A. Crow Inn of the American Inns of Court. He teaches for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and is an adjunct professor at

Washburn University School of Law, where he has been named adjunct of the year three times.

As a clinic intern in 1977, Judge Ossmann was the recipient of the Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice. This award is earned by the clinic intern who distinguishes himself by providing highly competent representation to clients. The recipient is chosen by the clinic faculty based on many factors including proven representation in a manner which exemplifies the ideals of the legal profession - "pursuit of the learned art in the spirit of a public service."

During Judge Ossmann's remarks to the clinic interns, he spoke about the role as a lawyer, which he said is to not only represent people but to also help them by doing noble and heroic work. The judge challenged the new student attorneys to be prepared, be on time, keep learning, and recognize that today is the first day to establish your reputation as an attorney.

The Law Clinic is fortunate to have prominent alumni, like Judge Ossmann, who are willing to share their expertise and time with our law students.



Judge Ossmann swears in the summer clinic interns.

While working in the Law Clinic interns have the opportunity to:

- Counsel clients
- Investigate case-related facts
- Draft pleadings and argue motions
- Negotiate with opposing counsel
- Draft charter and governing documents and business agreements
- Apply for tax-exempt status for nonprofit organizations
- Conduct hearings and trials before the Shawnee County District Court, Topeka Municipal Court, U.S. District Court, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation District Court, and various administrative tribunals.
- Interns also present appeals to the Kansas Court of Appeals, Kansas Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit.

Dreamers Dreams Come True

By Lynette Petty



A child is brought across the border, carried in the arms of his mother. The family settles in Topeka and makes a home for themselves. The child grows up speaking English, attending public schools, making friends, playing sports, learning and enjoying American culture. For all intents and purposes, the child – now a young man – is American. Except he isn't. He is undocumented and could be removed from this country and sent back to a place he does not know. He is a Dreamer. He dreams of one day being able to work and live in the United States without fear of removal.

While surveys show a majority of Americans are sympathetic to this young man's situation and would be in favor of some form of immigration relief for the Dreamers, Congress has not approved legislation to revise the immigration code. On June 15, 2012, President Obama issued a controversial administrative policy allowing Dreamers to apply for deferred action. The Department of Homeland Security was directed to exercise, as appropriate, prosecutorial discretion for those who are approved and not use enforcement resources on these low priority cases. With deferred action also comes eligibility for employment authorization.

The Law Clinic represents young people applying for deferred action as Dreamers. Eligibility requires proof of the following:

- ✓ Being less than 31 years old on June 15, 2012.
- ✓ Having come to the U.S. before the age of 16.
- ✓ Having continuously resided in the U.S. since June 15, 2007.
- ✓ Being physically present in the U.S. now and on June 15, 2012.
- ✓ Entering the U.S. without inspection before June 15, 2012 or having lawful immigration status expired as of that date.
- ✓ Having graduated from high school or obtained a GED, being in school or a GED program now, or being honorably discharged from military service in the U.S.
- ✓ Not having a felony conviction, significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors and not posing a threat to national security.

Interns in the Law Clinic help clients gather documentation to prove the elements of their case and file all of the necessary forms for deferred action. As one can imagine, it is not always easy to come up with an actual document to prove you have been in the United States every month since 2007 or even that you were actually here on the exact day of June 15, 2012. All of these documents must be organized in a logical way to make sure immigration officials will see that each element is met.

Working with Dreamers has been a rewarding experience for our interns. Our clients are grateful for the representation as they navigate an immigration system that can be very intimidating to someone who must come forward and openly reveal his undocumented status.

Directed Interns Explain Impact of Clinic Experience

After successfully completing a semester in Law Clinic, an intern may participate in an additional semester upon the approval of her supervising attorney. Directed interns enroll in 1, 2, or 3 credit hours and keep office hours according to the number of credit hours enrolled but do not attend the large group or small group classes.



“The Washburn Law Clinic has already made my dream a reality by providing me with the opportunity to work with immigrant women who are victims of domestic violence. Therefore, I decided to enroll in the Clinic as a directed intern this spring so that I can

continue practicing in the field I have always aspired to be a part of.

The students in the clinic have become very close, as we often discuss our cases either to ask for suggestions, or to gain support from one another. This way, I have learned not only about family law and immigration, but I have learned a little about criminal, civil, and small business transactions as well. One thing is for sure, we all have learned a lot about ourselves in the process. I truly believe that my experience in the clinic has given me a jump start to my career, and I am grateful for this opportunity.”

-Alisha Udhwani, '13

“Law Clinic is the single greatest source of positive feedback I have had in law school. The reassurance that a job was well done or that a skill set that was under development for years was actually utilized properly was beyond welcome. It is impossible to overstate how important such reassurances impact my confidence both in my abilities as well as my decision to come to law school in the first place.”



- Kathryn Salsbury-Kiwan, '13

“The family law clinic gave me the unique opportunity to weave together my academic knowledge with practice. It was a true demonstration that family law incorporates many different aspects of the law and rarely has clean cut, obvious answers. Throughout my year with the clinic, I have learned how to better counsel my clients, deal with difficult opposing counsel, and work with interstate issues. Working with Professor Petty on an immigration case opened my eyes to a new area of practice that is both challenging and rewarding which allowed me to network with the wealth of resources that Topeka has relating to this field.”



- Carly McPeak, '13



“I decided to become a directed intern at the Washburn Law Clinic because I felt the need to continue helping the less fortunate resolve legal matters. The Clinic allows me to fully interact with my clients

thereby giving me valuable insight into the thoughts and processes by which they have incurred legal problems. Understanding these mechanisms have allowed me to gain a greater passion for ensuring that all people have access to legal advice.”

-Bill Pak, '13



**Alisha Udhwani, Carly McPeak, Bill Pak, and Matthew McGregor
(not pictured: Kathryn Salsbury-Kiwan)**



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