

WORKERS' RIGHTS CLASS AND CLINIC: MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND GAIN PRACTICAL LEGAL SKILLS

The Katharine & George Alexander Law Center offers a unique 2-unit Workers' Rights Class and Clinic that combines substantive instruction in employment/labor law and application of the law in a clinical setting.

- ! The class meets on six Thursday evenings and covers such topics as wage and hour rules, discrimination and leave act law, legal issues surrounding termination including wrongful termination, statutory, and contract claims, unemployment insurance regulations, ERISA, state disability and Workers' Compensation law, workplace torts, immigration and national origin issues in the workplace, and union and labor issues.
- ! The Clinic meets on Tuesdays evenings. Students interview and advise low-income clients under the supervision of an attorney.
- ! Students gain practical experience and work with local employment law practitioners. Students develop skills in interviewing clients, issue spotting, and legal analysis.
- ! Students make a difference in the lives of low-income clients who might otherwise have no access to lawyers or legal advice.

YOU CAN REGISTER FOR THE WORKERS' RIGHTS CLASS & CLINIC AS KGACLC #463.
More Information on the Alexander Community Law Center is Available at www.scu.edu/law/kgaclc

Here is what former students are saying about the Workers' Rights Class and Clinic:

The Workers Rights Clinic had a profound impact on my career. Not only did I learn to collect information and analyze the law, but I learned to empower my clients, giving them the tools to defend their rights. Also through the Workers Rights Clinic, I met an amazing group of practitioners who became mentors, friends, and colleagues. Without question this was my most rewarding experience in law school.

Jacquetta Lannan, SCU Law Class of 2006

There is no doubt in my mind that my participation in SCU's Workers Rights Clinic was the most practical legal experience I received in law school. Not only did it help me develop skills in interviewing clients, issue spotting and legal analysis, but I was able to provide valuable assistance to people in need of advice. When I entered the job market, I found that potential employers were far more interested in my work at the clinic than in my lecture classes. My only regret is that I did not get involved until my final semester as a 3L. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Carmela Woll, SCU Law Class of 2005

Taking the Workers Rights Interviewing and Advising clinic was the best decision I have made while in law school! It is an opportunity to help real people with real problems and have the support of practicing attorneys while doing so. No only do you practice and improve your interviewing skills, but you also meet and brainstorm with attorneys practicing in the field on a weekly basis. The class consisted of substantive training by the instructor and by attorney guest speakers. I highly recommend the Workers Rights Interviewing and Advising Clinic to any student who wants practical experience, wants to see the law at work, and wants to serve the community.

Sonya Wickliffe, SCU Law Class of 2008

The KGALC Workers Rights Interviewing & Advising Clinic was one of my best experiences in law school. Beyond substantive employment and labor law, I learned important interviewing and problem solving skills that will serve me through my career. The Clinic's process of having students interview and discuss client concerns with experienced attorneys is an opportunity not to be missed. I would take the course again if it were allowed.

Daniel Melendez, SCU Law Class of 2008

At the Workers Rights Clinic, I put my legal studies to use. The most rewarding part of the Clinic was sitting with clients and hearing their stories and problems. Then, after a discussion with the supervising attorney, I was able to explain to the clients what they could do to solve their problem or help their situation. To see the gratitude and relief on their faces makes the experience worthwhile and really made me understand what I could do as an attorney to help those in my community. The Clinic gives students the opportunity to explore a new type of law and put it to use while giving back to the community.

Ketrina Lemmen, SCU Law Class of 2008

The Workers Rights Clinic was a great experience for me because I obtained hands on experience in employment law and helped the community at the same time. The clinic was a perfect adjunct to the study of employment law since I was applying what I learned in employment law class to the problems of real life clients. It was also a great way for me to develop skills in interviewing clients about their legal questions and counseling them about their rights and how they should proceed. The interaction with practicing attorneys who specialize in employment law was also helpful because I learned how they approached issues and decided the merits of an individual's case. This class was the best and most beneficial two-unit course I have taken in law school, plus it was a lot of fun.

Suzanne Yang, SCU Law Class of 2008

Working in a KGACLC clinic is a unique opportunity. These law school courses are the only ones that allow you to meet with clients one-on-one and counsel them about their legal issues (with a lawyer's help, of course). Not only did I learn a lot about employment law through the clinic, but I also gained a sense of gratification knowing that my work had helped someone solve a real-world problem.

Asa Pittman, SCU Law Class of 2008

After a year of playing the law school game, my head was swimming with implausible hypotheticals populated by unsympathetic "people" whose actions and motivations were completely alien to me. I was seriously reconsidering my decision to practice law. The Workers' Rights Clinic restored my resolve by giving me an opportunity to help real people with real problems.

Patrick Stokes, SCU Law Class of 2008

The Workers Rights Clinic is one of the most important activities I participated in as a Santa Clara University Law Student. The clinic will provide you with substantive legal knowledge and the opportunity to interact with real people who have real legal problems. A great attorney must hone his or her listening skills and learn to ask the right questions in order to help solve a client's legal problems. The Workers' Rights Clinic is where you can learn and practice these skills and come away with confidence that you can do the job of an attorney and do it well.

Alicia Poon, SCU Law Class of 2005

The Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center gave me the exposure to help me decide exactly what area of law I want to practice and was one of the most valuable experiences I had in law school. Having the ability to advise and/or represent clients will give you an inside look at the practice of law that you cannot get in the every day law school classroom. The supervising and volunteer attorneys are helpful not only in assistance as you advise or represent clients but also in providing insight into the legal profession by sharing their experience.

Ian Silvers, SCU Law Class of 2006