

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL PROGRAM

What is a clinical?

A clinical is an unpaid work placement with a barrister, solicitor, U.S. law firm or legal organization. Work must be supervised by a lawyer.

In order to gain one credit unit you will need to:

- Complete 60 hours of unpaid work, or for two credit units you will need to complete 120 hours of unpaid work
- Attend all required lectures and tours
- Receive a positive evaluation from your clinical sponsor
- Return all required evaluation forms to the office
- Submit a weekly e-journal

Why should I do a clinical in London?

- Clinicals give students an opportunity to gain valuable legal experience
- It will help you decide the sort of legal career you wish to pursue – or perhaps do not wish to pursue – once you graduate
- An ever-increasing number of American law firms are opening offices in London and having an international experience will enhance your resume – particularly if you decide you might want to pursue an international legal career
- In addition, you will be able to visit important institutions that have played a significant historical role in the development of the law in the United States. Past visits include the British Parliament, the Royal Courts of Justice, a Magistrates' Court, the House of Lords, and the Old Bailey

How are students matched with clinical sponsors?

We try to match a student's interests to a clinical position – for example, whether you prefer a small firm or a large organisation, or you wish to gain more experience in a particular area of law such as immigration or entertainment law. Working with a barrister would be of particular interest for those students interested in advocacy and observing court work.

Please give us as much information as possible about your skills (including language skills and any other relevant experience) so we can search for a suitable clinical placement for you. Obviously, to some extent, the opportunities vary and may also be limited by the law firms that offer internships from year on year.

Am I guaranteed a clinical placement?

The answer is, unfortunately, no. It is up to the clinical sponsor who they hire and there are not a set number of internships available for students to fill. Some firms prefer to interview two or three students and only take one. Sometimes they may take none. This is not necessarily a reflection on you but does create a “shake down” process that may require some patience on your part. We will do what we can to secure second or third interviews for students, but the nature of law firms’ discretion in hiring means **we cannot guarantee either interviews or placements.**

What do I need to do before I leave the US in order to prepare for the clinical?

- Ensure that you have **registered with the Registrars Office. We do not begin to process clinical applications until we receive notification from the Registrar’s Office that you have registered for the clinical program. The deadline for clinical applications for the Summer session is 2nd May 2005, the deadline for clinical applications for the Fall session is 1st July 2005.**
- **APPLY via email** to Glyn Trevillion the London Programme Co-ordinator at Glyn.Trevillion@pepperdine.edu – send
 - a completed copy of the application form
 - a resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV) as it is known in England
 - a writing sample - some sponsors require one
(bring a backup copy of CV and writing sample with you on disk to London)
- Ensure your resume is up-to-date (We recommend that you go over it with Career Services before you send it to us!)
- Consider what sort of placement you are looking for. What might be advantageous to your career goals? When you fill out the clinical application form make sure you indicate your interest(s) in a specific area and detail your background (if any) in that area. It can also be helpful if you state where you would like to work once you graduate (in terms of geographical location, as well as industry area)
- Pack business dress – you will need to wear professional clothes to interviews with potential sponsors, for work, and for our court visits

CLINICAL APPLICATION FORM

E-mail to: Glyn.Trevillion@pepperdine.edu (based in London)

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Term applied for:

Name:

I am interested in a (delete as appropriate)

- One unit clinical placement
- Two unit clinical placement
- Either one or two units. I'm flexible

I am interested in the following areas of law:

Do you have any previous experience or have you taken any courses in your area of interest:

I am not interested in the following areas of law:

After I graduate I am considering working in the following location(s):

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH TO YOUR APPLICATION YOUR RESUME AS A WORD/WORDPERFECT/PDF ATTACHMENT