

OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

CENTRAL FLORIDA LEGAL SERVICES EXTERNSHIP

OBJECTIVE I Obtain necessary skills and develop proficiency in interviewing and counseling.

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1. Observe, and later conduct under supervision, initial interviews and follow-up meetings with clients.
 2. Review and critique performance with supervising attorney.

OBJECTIVE II Obtain necessary skills and proficiency in negotiating.

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1. Plan a negotiation strategy with supervising attorney.
 2. Conduct negotiation session with opposition.

OBJECTIVE III Assess client needs as it relates to the facts and law of each case.

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1. In reference to landlord/tenant problems, become familiar with lease agreement and applicable law.
 2. In reference to family problems, advise clients on injunctions and attend temporary hearings on support.
 3. Investigate facts and develop theories based on those facts.

OBJECTIVE IV Obtain necessary skills and proficiency in legal drafting.

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1. Draft, under supervision, pleadings such as:
 - a) Original petitions
 - b) Answers
 - c) Affirmative defenses and counter claims
 - d) Motions

- OBJECTIVE V Develop necessary skills in discovery.
- METHOD 1. Draft or conduct, under supervision, discovery such as:
- a) Interrogatories
 - b) Depositions
 - c) Motions to Produce
 - d) Request for Admissions
 - e) Responses to the above
- OBJECTIVE VI Develop the necessary skills to prepare and, if feasible, conduct an evidentiary trial/hearing.
- METHOD 1. Observe and later conduct, under supervision, pre-hearing/pre-trial activities such as:
- a) Witness interviews
 - b) Preparation of pre-trial stipulations
 - c) Anticipation of possible evidentiary problems and preparation of response
 - d) Preparation of trial notebook
2. Depending on the scheduling of cases, students may also have the opportunity to observe and later participate in administrative hearings, trials, or post-trial activities.
- OBJECTIVE VII Evaluate final judgment and consider appellate proceedings if appropriate.
- OBJECTIVE VIII Act as advocate at injunction hearings for clients such as victims of abuse and individuals involved in child custody conflicts.
- OBJECTIVE IX Maintain awareness of progress in the externship program.
- METHOD 1. Make daily entries in daily learning journal.
2. Send journals to faculty supervisor weekly and discuss progress with supervising attorneys.
3. Write final report analyzing externship.