## PACE ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION CLINIC

Law 767A and 767B – 6 Credits (4 Clinical, 2 Academic)

## Summer and Fall 2014

Below is the application for the Summer and/or Fall semester of the Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic. Please use this application if you would like to be considered for a 6-credit Summer and/or Fall clinical internship or a non-credit Summer volunteer position.

Please submit this application to Jennifer Ruhle electronically at [jruhle@law.pace.edu](mailto:jruhle@law.pace.edu) or deliver a hard copy to the E-House, Room 106. Applications for Summer and Fall semesters are due by 5:00pm on Thursday, April 10, 2014. For additional information please call (914) 422-4343.

# Description of the Clinic

The Environmental Litigation Clinic represents public interest environmental groups bringing citizen enforcement actions in state and Federal Courts on a variety of environmental and land use issues. The primary client of the Clinic is Riverkeeper, Inc. Amicus curiae briefs in significant national environmental litigation are also prepared.

In addition to casework, two weekly seminars focus on substantive environmental law and on lawyering skills encountered in major civil litigation. Skill areas include: case planning, integration of facts and law, client counseling, negotiation, drafting legal documents, and pretrial and trial advocacy. (Please note that non-credit summer volunteers will be required to attend the weekly 767A Clinic “case review” meeting on Tuesday afternoons, but will not attend the 767B seminar on Monday afternoons)

The Environmental Litigation Clinic requires a substantial time commitment. The minimum time commitment outside of class is 20 hours per week. Legal interns and summer volunteers must continue client responsibilities throughout exams and holidays when necessary. Schedules must be planned to accommodate the demands of the program.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Environmental Litigation Clinic, you must be a second, third, or fourth year student. Students must be available for clinic work and classes during the day. We cannot accept students who work full time. The prerequisites are Evidence, Environmental Skills and permission of the professors. (Prerequisites may be waived by the professors.) Environmental Survey is recommended. Students must be in good academic standing to be considered for the clinic (and maintain that standing if accepted). Preference is given to third and fourth year students.

Though grades are important for selection into the Clinic, other factors are: 1) balance in the program of students’ skills, needs, interests and background: 2) the demands of the anticipated caseload; 3) interest in the environment and litigation as a career; and 4) quality of writing sample.

Please note that simultaneous internships/externships are not permitted while enrolled in the Clinic for the Fall semester. Simultaneous internships/externships may be permitted during the Summer semester, subject to conflict checks.

**Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic**

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**Summer and Fall 2014**

1. PELC Summer and Fall Legal Internships are 6-credit courses (4 Clinical, 2 Academic). Summer volunteer positions are non-credit experiences which do not require payment of tuition.

2. The Summer for-credit Legal Internship course is subject to sufficient enrollment. If the Clinic does not receive a sufficient number of qualified applicants for the 6-credit internship, the course will be canceled. In the event that the 6-credit Summer legal internship program is canceled, the Clinic will only accept volunteers for the Summer. As requested on the application, applicants for the summer legal internship must indicate whether or not they want to be considered for a volunteer position if the course is canceled due to low enrollment.

3. Attach a resume and brief writing sample. You must include your grade point average and class rank on the resume. (If your GPA and rank are not on your present resume, just write them on the top.)

4. If necessary, we will contact you for an interview.

5. Register for the Summer or Fall semester as if you are not taking the Environmental Clinic. If you are accepted into the clinic, you can then add the course and change your schedule, without a fee, at late registration.

6. Please e-mail your application to Jennifer Ruhle at [jruhle@law.pace.edu](mailto:jruhle@law.pace.edu) or deliver your application to Jennifer in the E-House, room 106. Do not consider your application complete until you have received confirmation of receipt from PELC (this goes for both email and hard copy submissions). If you have not heard from us with 2 business days of the deadline, please contact Jennifer Ruhle at [jruhle@law.pace.edu](mailto:jruhle@law.pace.edu).

7. Applicants are welcome to submit other information they feel will be helpful, but it must be submitted with the application and by the deadline.

**Applications for Summer and Fall 2014 must be submitted by**

**5:00pm on Thursday, April 10th**

**Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic, Inc.**

**APPLICATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2014**

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| **Please indicate which position(s) you are applying for by checking all boxes that apply:** | | | |
| **Summer** | 6-credit Legal Internship\* |  | |
| The **Summer** 6-credit Legal Internship is subject to cancelation if we do not have sufficient enrollment. If the summer course is canceled, would you like to be considered for a Summer non-credit volunteer position? | | YES |  |
| NO |  |
| **Summer** | Non-credit volunteer position |  | |
| **Fall** | 6-credit Legal Internship \* |  | |

\*Please note that payment of Pace Law School tuition is required to enroll in the 6-credit legal internship.

**Current Phone Numbers:**

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**Phone Numbers where we can call you after the Spring ‘14 semester:**

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**Current Address:**

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**Address where we can write you after the Spring 2014 semester (if different):**

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**Please list the times when you are generally available for an interview:**

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| Monday |  |
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**Class you will enter in Fall, 2014:**

3rd Year, Full Time Day  3rd Year, Equivalent[[1]](#footnote-1)1

2nd Year, Full Time Day  2nd Year, Equivalent2

**Learning/career goals:**

Why do you want to be a clinical intern or volunteer? How do you see a clinical experience relating to your learning/career goals?

What specific lawyering skills would you like to develop next semester?

Will you need to work next semester? If so, how many hours per week, and in what location, if you know?

**Prerequisites, co-requisites and related courses:** Place a check to the left of each course that you will have completed prior to the Summer or Fall semester for which you are applying and indicate in the space to the right when you took the course, your grade, and the professor. If you have not already taken the course, indicate whether and when you plan to take it.

**Prerequisites:**

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| **Course** | **Semester** | **Grade** | **Professor** |
| Evidence |  |  |  |
| Environmental Skills |  |  |  |

**Environmental Courses:**

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| Environmental Survey |  |  |  |
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**Other Courses:**

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| Professional Responsibility |  |  |  |
| Civil Procedure I |  |  |  |
| Civil Procedure II |  |  |  |
| Corporations and Partnerships |  |  |  |
| Administrative Law |  |  |  |
| Advanced Civil Procedure |  |  |  |
| Criminal Procedure - Investigation |  |  |  |
| Criminal Procedure - Adjudication |  |  |  |
| Drafting Legal Documents |  |  |  |
| Law Practice Management |  |  |  |
| Interviewing/Counseling/Negotiation |  |  |  |
| N.Y. Practice |  |  |  |
| Remedies |  |  |  |

**Clinics/Internships/Externships:**

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**Trial Practice courses:**

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**Other Relevant courses:**

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Other courses you plan to take along with the clinic:

As noted in the “Eligibility” section of this application, simultaneous internships/externships are not permitted while enrolled in the Environmental Litigation Clinic for the Fall semester. Simultaneous internships/externships may be permitted during the Summer semester, subject to conflict checks. Are you applying for any other internships/externships for the semester(s) for which you are applying for this Clinic? If so, please indicate which one(s):

Other relevant experience: Briefly describe any law school, college, personal or work-related experience that you consider relevant to your application.

What concerns, if any, do you have about participating in a clinical course?

1. 1. Part-time evening students who have completed at least 60 credits at the time of their applications are 3rd Year Equivalents.

   2. Part-time evening students who have completed at least 30 credits at the time of their applications are 2nd Year Equivalents. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)