

Get Schooled!

What's Happening in Law-School Clinics

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What is a “clinic”?

- Real cases with real clients facing real challenges
- No simulations
- No hypotheticals
- No mocks
- No moots
 - except when mooting advocates about to argue real cases

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What types of clinics exist at UT and SMU?

Texas Law Clinics

- Actual Innocence, Capital Punishment
- Children's Rights, Civil Rights
- Criminal Defense, Disability Rights
- Domestic Violence, Entrepreneurship
- Environmental, Housing
- Human Rights, Immigration
- Juvenile Justice, Law & Religion
- **Supreme Court**, Transnational Workers

SMU Law Clinics

- Child Advocacy
- Civil/Consumer
- COVID19 Helpline,
- Criminal, Crime Victims
- Family Law
- Family Immigration Detention
- Federal Tax, **First Amendment**
- Innocence, Patent
- Small Business & Trademark

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What do classes look like?

- **Academic** Component
- **Practice** Component
- Types of Assignments Vary
 - Background reading
 - Case research
 - Record review
 - Outlines
 - Drafts
 - Citechecks

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Texas Law Supreme Court Clinic

• Sampling of Recent cases

- *Ramirez v. Collier* (8-1 win March 24, 2022)
 - Co-counsel for petitioner on the merits; death-row/religious liberty
- *Elhady v. Bradley* (filed May 25, 2022)
 - Co-counsel for petitioner, cert. stage; *Bivens*/interlocutory jurisdiction
- *McCall v. United States* (cert. denied May 2, 2022)
 - Co-counsel for petitioner, cert stage; imprisonment based on acquitted conduct
- *Becerra v. Gresham* (dismissed as moot April 18, 2022)
 - Counsel for Amici Texas MLPs at the merits stage; Medicaid work requirements
- Mooted 4 Advocates for OT21 Arguments

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Texas Law Supreme Court Clinic: Take a Peek



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