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

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

SMULLaw Clinies

- 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

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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