## PACE ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION CLINIC

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

## Spring 2015

Below is the application for the Spring semester of the Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic. Please submit this application to Jennifer Ruhle electronically at jruhle@law.pace.edu or deliver a hard copy to the E-House, Room 106. Applications for the Spring semester are due by 5:00pm on Monday, November 24th. 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 major client of the Clinic is Riverkeeper, Inc. Amicus curiae briefs in significant national environmental litigation are also prepared.

In addition to the 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.

The Environmental Litigation Clinic requires a substantial time commitment. The minimum time commitment outside of class is 20 hours a week. Clinical students 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. Environmental Survey is recommended. (Prerequisites may be waived by the professors.) 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 Spring semester.

**Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic**

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**Spring 2015**

1. 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.)

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

3. Register for the Spring 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 Spring 2015 must be submitted by**

**5:00pm on Monday, November 24th**

**Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic, Inc.**

**APPLICATION FOR SPRING 2015**

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| **Email Address:** | |  |

**Current Phone Numbers:**

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**Phone Numbers where we can call you after the Fall ‘14 semester (if different):**

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

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

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| Thursday |  |
| Friday |  |

**Class you entered 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? How do you see a clinical course 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 Spring semester 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. Are you applying for any other internships/externships for the Spring 2015 semester? 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)