Bankruptcy Externship
Course 270

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Syllabus

This is a new course added to the Spring 2016 schedule.

Bankruptcy Externship (Law 270) (1 credit)

In January 2016, Adjunct Professor Craig B. Young and Jeffrey M. Sherman, Esquire, members of the Bankruptcy Bar in Northern Virginia, in conjunction with the Office of the United States Trustee, will begin a Bankruptcy Assistance Clinic to help individual consumers prepare for filing voluntary petitions and the other papers that must be filed to initiate a bankruptcy case. These will be individual consumers who cannot otherwise afford to pay for an attorney to help them prepare the necessary papers.

Through the externship, students will participate in the clinic by conducting the initial interviews of the individual consumers in order to identify for the attorneys the help the individuals need. This is an opportunity for students to have direct client contact and counseling along with experienced bankruptcy lawyers.

Course Schedule: The course will meet in the Office of the United States Trustee at 115 South Union Street, Suite 210, Alexandria, VA 22314 on the 2nd and 4th Friday of January, February, March and April between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. The first meeting on January 8, 2016 will be a classroom training session conducted at the Office of the U.S. Trustee.

Course Prerequisites: Students must have previously taken a course in Bankruptcy Law or must receive permission to participate from Professor Young. Special permission will be granted to students who have not taken Bankruptcy Law but have clerked for or otherwise worked for a bankruptcy lawyer or a bankruptcy judge.

Credit and Grading: Students completing the course will receive one out-of-class credit and the course will be graded “CR/NC.”