

Indiana University School of Law
Bloomington
B710 Independent Clinical Project
Supervising Attorney Information for B710

The Independent Clinical Project allows students to create their own clinical project and experience. The student must identify a member of the law school faculty willing to supervise the academic portion the work and must provide a written description of the project. The project must include some established and regular communication among the supervising faculty member, the student, and the supervising attorney.

Students are supervised by a faculty member at the law school and by an attorney at the internship site. A critical component of the internship is the academic component assigned by the faculty member that is designed to encourage students to think reflectively and critically about the practice of law and the ethical issues it poses. The student's work at the internship site is done under the supervision and direction of the supervising attorney.

One of the goals of the program is to facilitate critical thinking about the professional skills of law practice, so students are required to write weekly analytical and reflective essays about their experience. If you have any questions, please contact the faculty member. The schedule of work may be arranged in whatever manner you wish. We require that the student work 50-60 hours at the internship site for each hour of academic credit.

In addition to supervising the legal work of the intern, we ask you to do three things:

- Complete a mid-semester evaluation of the student. An evaluation form is available on-line and will also be mailed to you. Please discuss your evaluation with the student and the supervising faculty member.
- Complete an evaluation of the student at the end of the internship, using the same form. Please send this evaluation to the supervising faculty member.
- Describe one specific example of the student's professional skills performance in some detail. Discuss this with the student and the supervising faculty member.

Some people serving as supervising attorneys have asked what the law school expects of them. A supervising attorney's role is to:

- Provide learning tasks and opportunities for observation that will further the student's legal education.
- Provide constructive feedback to the intern and insights on the nature of your workplace to broaden the student's understanding of the context of the work.
- Using one's knowledge and experience, teach skills and provide insights into practice.

- Make a commitment to take the time to work with the intern.

For more information, please check our website at http://law.indiana.edu/curriculum/programs/clinics/independent_project.shtml. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julia Lamber, Associate Dean for Clinical Education, 812-856-5536, lamber@indiana.edu.