



APPLICATION FOR THE AMICUS PROJECT PRACTICUM ROLLING ADMISSION BY INVITATION ONLY

The Amicus Project Practicum (APP) is an independently scheduled course in which a student commits to undertake and complete a pro bono amicus brief under a specified timetable. The APP is 2 units and graded. Students may be accepted into the APP during one semester, but course enrollment will be designated during the semester in which the work is scheduled to be completed. A student invited to participate will research and draft the brief under the supervision of a faculty member or licensed practitioner. The Amicus Project will match a student with a case and a supervisor. Once the student completes the practicum, the supervisor will have the option to file the brief in association with The Amicus Project. If the brief is filed, the student writer will be given written credit within the brief, as permitted by court rules. Students interested in the APP must have a demonstrated interest in a specific area of the law, a strong academic record and proven writing ability.

The APP is open to full-time students after their first year and to part-time students after their second year. While the APP does not have upper-division prerequisites, advanced writing courses are recommended, as well as previous or concurrent enrollment in courses relevant to the case being briefed. Once an accepted applicant is matched with a case, the student will be invited to enroll under a completion timetable that may be determined by the calendaring requirements of the court in which the brief will be filed. If necessary, an invited student will be permitted to enroll in the APP after a semester's drop/add deadline.

Please submit this application with the following attachments:

- Writing sample
- Letter of recommendation from a member of the Southwestern Faculty
- Letter of recommendation from a member of the public interest community
- Undergraduate and law school transcripts
- Current resume

Complete applications must be submitted in hard copy and should be addressed to the attention of the Amicus Project Director, Professor Michael Epstein, and submitted to Faculty Support on the 4th floor of the Bullocks Wilshire Building. Professor Michael Epstein may schedule interviews with student applicants.

**APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED ON A ROLLING BASIS
PREFERENCE GIVEN TO SUBMISSIONS COMPLETED IN JULY OR OCTOBER**

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NAME: _____ STUDENT ID #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PROGRAM: Day Evening Part-time Day PLEAS SCALE

YEAR (at time of proposed participation in the APP): 2nd 3rd 4th

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: _____

LAWS GRADES DURING YOUR FIRST YEAR: FALL: _____ SPRING: _____

LAWS PROFESSOR: _____

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1. What type of case are you interested in briefing? (Check all that apply)
 State court Federal Court Criminal Civil Administrative
Other (Please specify) _____

2. Please specify your preferred legal topics (e.g. Telecom, Land Use, Crim Pro, etc.).
You may choose up to three topics:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

3. (*Optional*) Is there a particular case that you know you would like to brief? If so, on a separate sheet of paper, please identify the case and describe the specific issue you would like to argue.

4. Please describe any work, externship or volunteer experience (past and present) related to your preferred legal topic(s) or appellate law. Include the name of the organization, the relevant dates and a brief description of your work and responsibilities. Please respond on a separate sheet of paper. *Students without such experience are not precluded from enrolling in the APP.*

5. Please list your extra and co-curricular activities during the semester in which you are enrolled in the APP (e.g., SBA, Moot Court, Law Journal, JIMEL, TAHP) and include the hours per week you expect to spend on each.

6. If you plan to work or extern, or enroll in a clinic or other practicum, state the days and times for your work. If you have certain dates or days and times of the week that you will not be available, please note that information next to the listed activity.

7. Why are you interested in the Amicus Project Practicum? Include the reasons for your interest in appellate law, your preferred legal topic(s) and your interest in participating in a law school practicum. Please respond on a separate sheet of paper.

In submitting this application, I understand that it does not guarantee admission to the APP. I further authorize Southwestern to release my transcript, including electronically, in the event I am placed with a supervisor external to Southwestern.

Signature _____ Date _____