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Los Angeles, CA

## Eviction Defense Clinic

Students in the Eviction Defense Clinic build foundational lawyering skills as they effectively advocate for housing law clients under the guidance and supervision of attorneys from the Inner City Law Center.

The Eviction Defense Clinic is a five-unit course in which law students represent low-income tenants being evicted or at risk of being evicted from their homes. In general, students will attend a classroom component and engage in legal work under the supervision of Inner City Law Center (ICLC) professor and attorney, Professor Kaimipono (Kaimi) Wenger. Clients reside in Los Angeles County and most trials take place at Pasadena, Norwalk and Stanley Mosk Courthouses. For more information about ICLC visit [innercitylawcenter.org](http://innercitylawcenter.org).

### What types of cases do students work on?

In the Eviction Defense Clinic, students participate in every aspect of eviction cases from pre-litigation negotiations and the filing of an unlawful detainer matters to settlement negotiations and trial. Students work directly with clients, develop a case plan and strategy, manage deadlines, provide legal counsel and advice, prepare court forms, draft discovery and motions, and observe and participate in hearings.



I loved my time in the Eviction Defense Clinic, and it helped me discover an area of law that became a career that I am passionate about. The staff at ICLC were incredibly supportive, and instrumental in helping me learn about avenues for justice in housing law.

- Jeff Martin '22



### Class Meets:

Wednesdays, 6–8 pm



### Weekly Hours Required:

15 hours/week



### Eligibility Requirements:

Good academic standing  
Complete first year of study



## How will the Eviction Defense Clinic benefit my education and career?

The Eviction Defense Clinic teaches students the complicated area of unlawful detainers and tenant defense. Students will complete the clinic with an understanding of the summary proceedings used in unlawful detainers as well as civil litigation components such as preparing pleadings, motion practice, discovery, and trial preparation. Students will also learn trauma-informed care and client-centered lawyering.



### Did you know?

In closing arguments for a jury trial involving uninhabitable conditions, Professor Kaimi Wenger stated that the landlord's argument "does not pass the smell test" and obtained a favorable verdict for an ICLC client at risk of eviction.



### Interested in applying?

Fill out the application form on the Southwestern Legal Clinics portal page at [swlaw.sharepoint.com/sites/clinic](https://swlaw.sharepoint.com/sites/clinic) or by scanning the QR code.

For more information about the Eviction Defense Clinic, please visit [www.swlaw.edu/evictiondefenseclinic](https://www.swlaw.edu/evictiondefenseclinic).

