

# Engaging Clients, the Courts and the Community : Clinical Education During Covid-19

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# UNT COL Experiential Education

Fundamentals

Community Engagement Program

Community Lawyering Center

- Client representation
- Mediations
- Community wide events and info. sessions

Joyce Ann Brown Innocence Clinic

Externship

## THE COMMUNITY LAWYERING CENTER

10,000+ LEGAL SERVICE HOURS SINCE 2017



### Bringing service to learning

Through the Community Lawyering Center (CLC), we bring targeted educational offerings and workshops, as well as representation for legal issues, to our neighbors at places and times convenient for them.

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



#### Topic-focused programs and workshops

Wills	Clean Title
Power of Attorney	Parental Rights
Advanced Directives	Class C Offenses
Expungement	Small Business Matters

### INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE IN LEGAL MATTERS



#### Free legal services for eligible residents

We assist with legal matters of housing, evictions, family law, child support, child custody, immigration, wills and probate. Cases are handled by law students and supervised by UNT Dallas College of Law faculty and experienced attorneys.

### CONVENIENT TIMES AND LOCATIONS



#### Two locations. Saturday and evening hours.

Downtown Dallas 511 North Akard St. Suite 102 Dallas, Texas 75201 (214) 855-7892	Frazier Court 4716 Elsie Faye Heggins St. Dallas, Texas 75210 (469) 351-0024
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# The Pivot to Remote Clinics

- Community Engagement
  - Remote CEP
  - Ambassadors Program
- Community Lawyering Center
- Joyce Ann Brown Innocence Clinic

# Foster Child Assistance Program

- Pre-Covid 19 and the Pandemic
- Texas statutory timeline on CPS cases
- Dallas County Courts reaction
- Everyone else's reaction
- The legal system's reaction
- Give students a seat at the table

## Clinic student, Natalie Wise brings home a victory in CPS hearing



In Experiential Education students become players in the construction of the new virtual legal system.

# 40 Hour Mediation Training



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# What's next ?

## Impact of Covid-19

### Remote clinical services

Landlord tenant

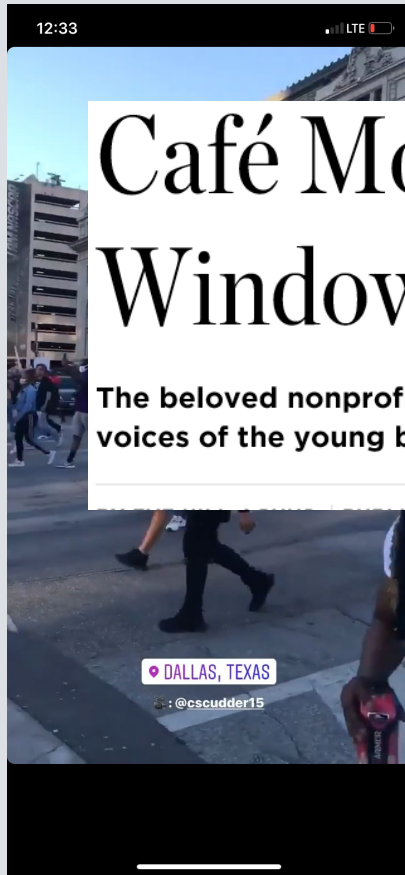
Family law

Bankruptcy

Consumer law

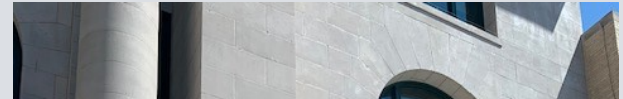
### After protest/ policy change

# Student Conversations/ Community Partners



## Café Momentum Turns Its Smashed Window Into a Discussion

The beloved nonprofit was vandalized Friday night. But the organization saw an opportunity to highlight the voices of the young black men and women who fulfill its mission.



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