



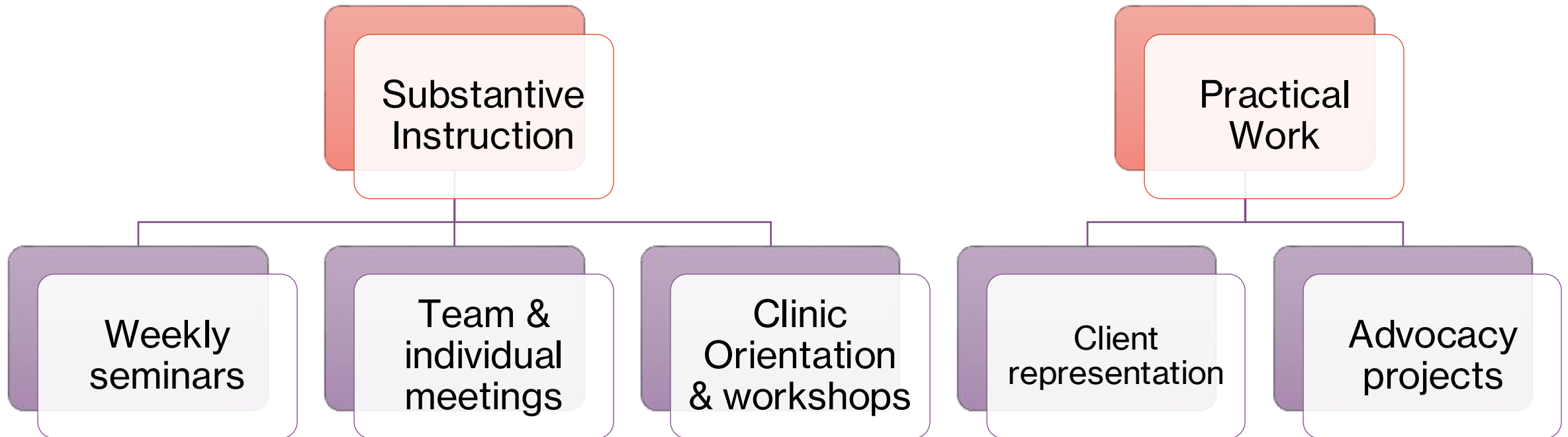
1L Immigration Law & Advocacy Clinic

Info Session for 1Ls

October 8, 2025

- Professor Jaclyn Kelley-Widmer
- Teaching Fellow Ezra Brown
- Path2Papers Legal Director Krsna Avila
- 1L Clinic alumni Adriana Gonzalez and Carina Suarez

Clinic Structure



Seminar Sessions

- Weekly readings
- Substantive law
- Current events in immigration
- Case rounds
- Multi-clinic trainings
- Guest speakers



Case Work



Partners and/or teams

- You will meet regularly with your partner
- You will have regular supervision meetings with the teaching team

Case Types for Spring 2026

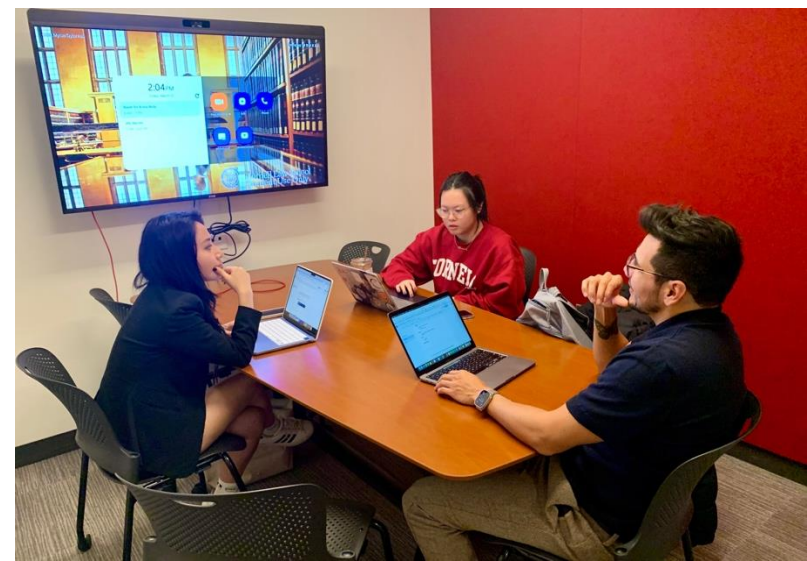
- Work visas for Dreamers
- Asylum cases
- Intakes for undocumented clients and other in vulnerable status

Clients

- Cornell staff, students, faculty
- Asylum seekers living in upstate NY
- DACA recipients and Dreamers

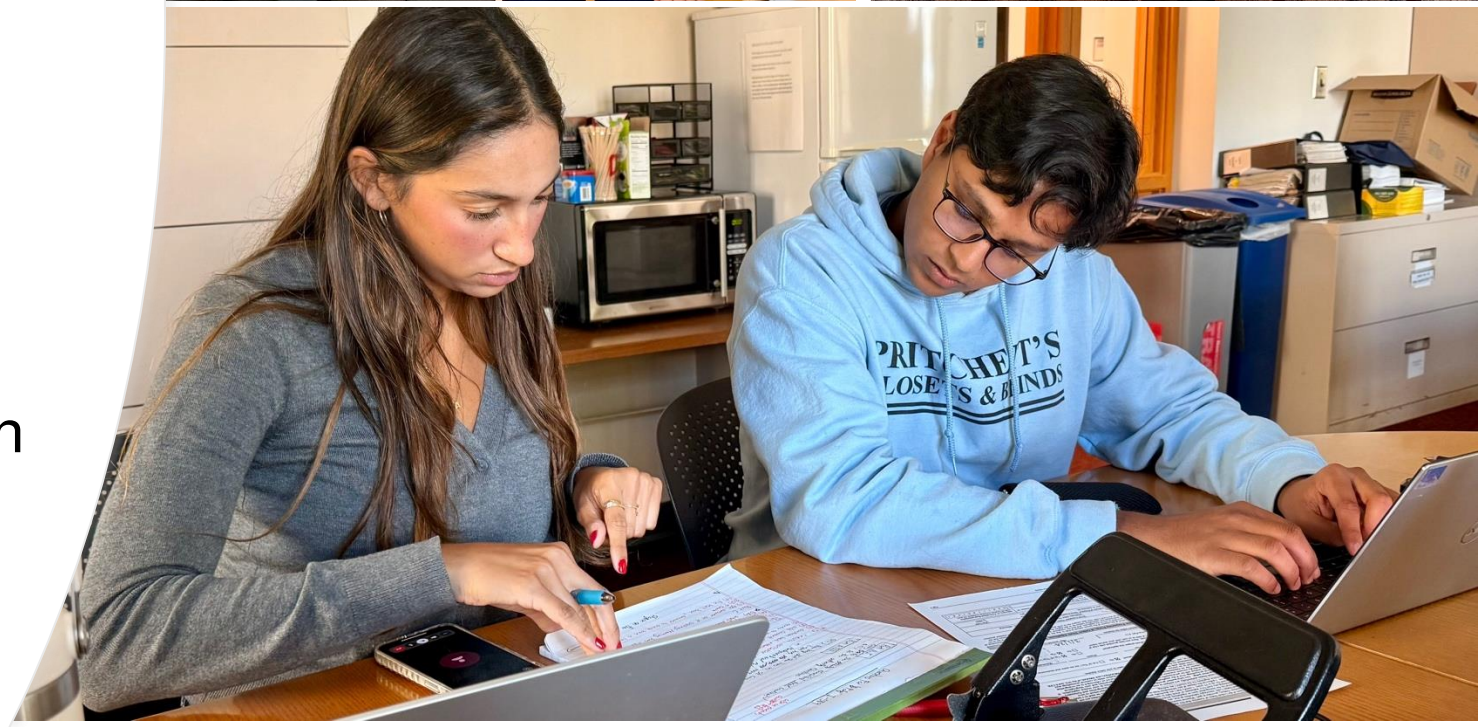
Advocacy Projects

- Know Your Rights
- Community Education
- Emerging Legal Issues
- Work with Community Organizations
- Detention Center Work



Skills and Goals

- Facility in practical application of substantive immigration law
- Client interviewing and communication
- Written and oral legal analysis
- Public speaking
- Multicultural lawyering
- Understanding of current events in immigration law

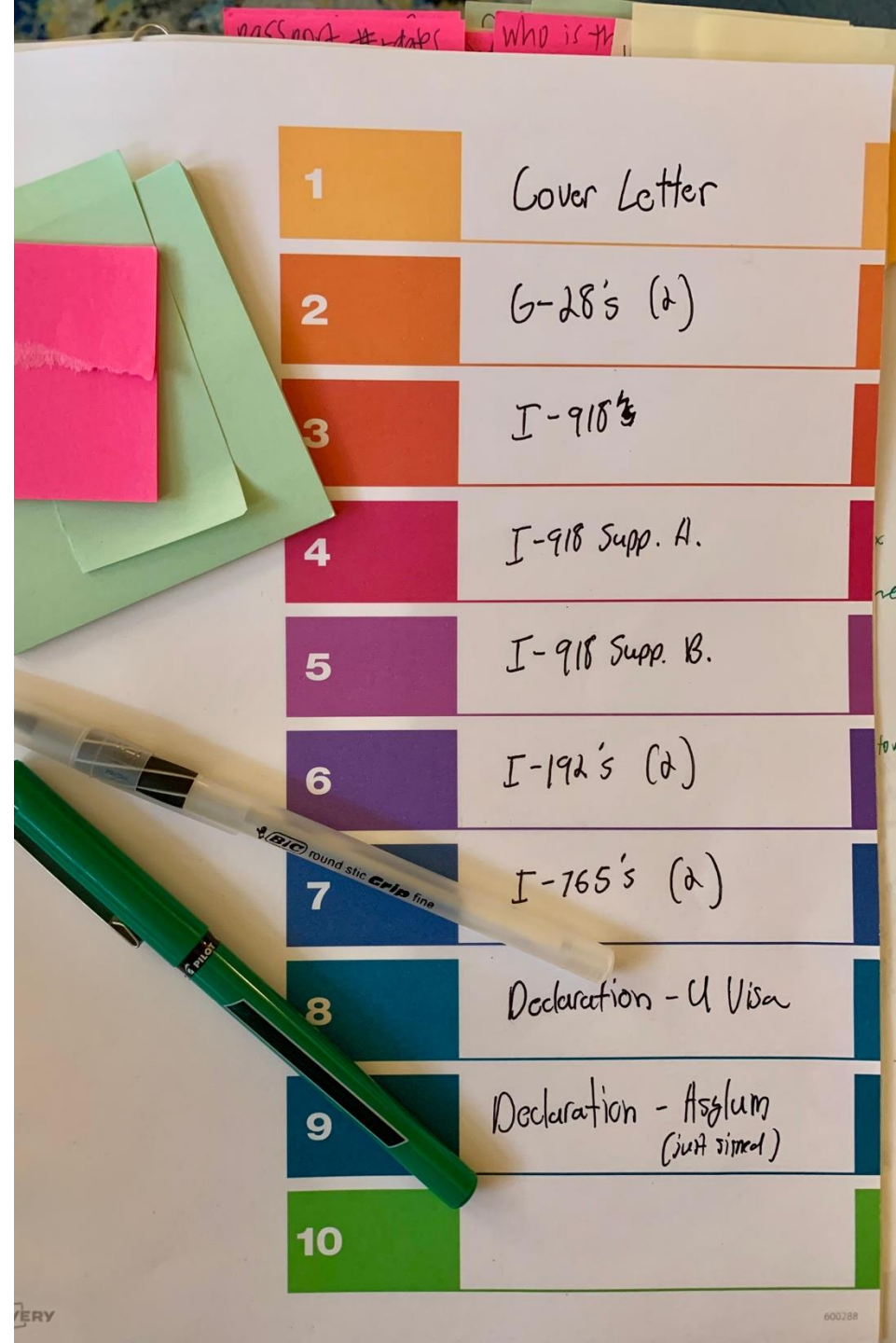




Student Experiences

Clinic Policies

- Additional application materials are required for consideration
- Complete clinic pre-registration process to apply
- You cannot add/drop the course after the first session
- Course is graded on a curve



Application Materials

Personal Statement

- Why do you want to take the clinic, particularly in your first year?
- What relevant personal or professional experiences do you have, if any?
- What are your career goals?

Resume/CV

- Please state level of language proficiency (can you converse without an interpreter?)
- No non-English language requirement
- Include your 1L Section

Application Process

Pre-registration for clinics

- Apply to 1L Clinic through Registrar Launchpad Clinic Registration Portal
- Clinical course applications will be available under the Law School **'My Information'** tab
- Students must upload their application to the My Information – Clinic Registration page and follow all provided instructions, ensuring all required materials are submitted.

Application Review & Selection for 1L Clinic

If you decide not to take the clinic, you must notify the faculty

Teaching team reviews all application materials and selects pool of qualified students

Use of randomized selection technology to choose final group of 4-8 students (plus 2 waitlist)

Students will show in Student Center system as admitted, waitlist, or denied enrollment

Some students may be notified directly about their application process from the clinic

Q&A

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