

Course Objectives for the Domestic Violence Clinic

- To develop an understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence
 - Historical antecedents
 - Systems of oppression and institutional support for battering behaviors
 - Options for survivors

- To develop a working understanding of domestic violence law
 - State statutes
 - Municipal ordinances
 - Evidentiary rules
 - Rules of civil and criminal procedure
 - Ethical rules

- To develop transferable lawyering skills
 - Interviewing
 - Counseling
 - Case analysis and assessment
 - Case preparation
 - Negotiation
 - Professional ethics

- To critically analyze the legal system and the lawyer's role in that system
 - Courthouse culture
 - Access to the system
 - Justice and accountability
 - Safety
 - Professional competence
 - Coordinated services