



UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURSHIP LAW AND POLICY CLINIC (ELPC)

Information for Prospective Students

Bring your values to the practice of business law while representing entrepreneurs

Take primary responsibility for transactional matters under faculty supervision. Help entrepreneurs whose legal needs might otherwise go unmet develop ventures that create economic opportunity, pursue meaningful purposes, and reflect their values.

Representative work in the ELPC includes:

- Interviewing and counseling clients
- Advising on business formation and governance
- Drafting and reviewing contracts and organizational documents
- Researching transactional law questions and managing client matters
- Providing community legal education and engaging with relevant policy issues

Develop your identity as a lawyer

The Clinic centers the whole person: both the entrepreneurs students represent and students as developing lawyers. Students learn to understand ventures as human enterprises and transactions as relationships. Through practice, seminar, supervision, and reflection, students develop the skills and judgment to navigate uncertainty, work compassionately with clients, and connect transactional practice with human flourishing and solidarity.

Connect practice and policy

In ELPC I, students establish a foundation in client representation and community legal education. In ELPC II, students continue representing clients with greater independence and undertake policy advocacy informed by entrepreneurs' experiences, including policy issues affecting access to capital for startups and small businesses.

Course information and course pre-/co-requisites

The ELPC is designed as a two-semester sequence, and students are expected to enroll in both semesters of the clinic: ELPC I (5 credits) and ELPC II (2-3 credits). ****In Spring 2027, a two-semester commitment is not required.**** Business Associations and Professional Responsibility must be completed before or taken concurrently with ELPC I. Public interest coursework or experience is strongly recommended. Contact Professor Choike about ELPC II enrollment, pre-/co-requisites, and launch year arrangements.

Learn More

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