FAMILY PROTECTION CLINIC
ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF COURSE REGISTRATION

The Bette and Wylie Aitken Family Protection Clinic provides legal services to domestic violence survivors as well as to survivors of other crimes such as sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. The Family Protection Clinic offers students the opportunity to represent real clients with real legal problems, to take responsibility for clients’ cases, and to learn lawyering skills that are transferable to virtually any area of law. The Family Protection Clinic offers students individualized instruction in representing victims in protective order petitions and related matters.

The Family Protection Clinic is housed at the Orange County Family Justice Center (OCFJC). The OCFJC is a secure facility in Anaheim, California. Due to the nature of the clinic’s cases and the dangerous situations in which many of our clients live and/or work, all client interviews for the Family Protection Clinic must occur at the OCFJC.

In order to protect client safety and to ensure security at the OCFJC, we ask that all students interested in enrolling in the Family Protection Clinic answer the following questions. A “yes” answer to any of the below questions does NOT necessarily disqualify a student from participation. However, failure to fully disclose all relevant information would be deemed a violation of the University of Chapman, Fowler School of Law’s Honor Code and could subject the student to disciplinary action.

Student Name:

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Please answer the following questions. Use as much space as you need.

1. Have you ever had any involvement in the criminal justice system or been the subject of a police investigation in this country or any other country? If so, please provide all relevant details.

2. Have you ever been the petitioner, respondent, victim, or defendant in a protective order or other domestic violence related proceeding? If so, please provide all relevant details.
3. Have you been the subject of a disciplinary action at an educational institution in the past five years? If so, please explain.

4. Is there some other circumstance in your background which, in candor, should be disclosed because it may cause difficulty to a client, the OCFJC, or the Family Protection Clinic? Please explain.

5. To avoid any conflict of interest, please list any externships, internships, paid work, or other activities you will have or have had with any law office, legal organization, court, or government agency. Please provide the name of the legal entity, a description of the work you did or will do, and the time period in which you worked or will work. If you intend to take or may take an internship, externship, or paid employment during your clinic semester, please email Professor Seiden right away to discuss. If you later consider an externship during your clinic semester, please alert Professor Seiden ahead of time.

Please submit your completed application to Professor Seiden at seiden@chapman.edu as soon as possible. You may register for the course, but enrollment is only finalized with faculty approval, after completion of this application. Because FPC enrollment is limited, we would appreciate timely completion of this application. Remember, a positive answer to any of these questions does not mean you won’t be accepted to the Clinic.

Thank you!