



FELN Clinics Survey 2021

Thank you for completing this survey of FELN clinic members. The results will help FELN and other clinics send potential clients and matters to each other (including you!), as well as give us all an understanding of how the clinics in the network operate.

Each section identifies how the relevant information could be shared. Some answers may be shared with other FELN members, while all answers may be shared in the aggregate within the network or publicly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Josh Moore at jmoore@rcfp.org.

General

Clinic Name:

Affiliated College/University:

Year Clinic Was Founded:

Your Name & Title:

Your Email:

Substantive Focus & Clients — *answers could be shared with other FELN members or publicly on the FELN website*

1. What is the clinic's **primary substantive focus**, as best described by the categories below?

[Dropdown]

- First Amendment
- Government Transparency
- Administrative Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation
- Appellate
- Asylum/Refugee
- Bankruptcy
- Children & the Law/Children's Rights
- Civil & Criminal Litigation/General Litigation Clinic
- Civil Litigation/General Civil Clinic
- Civil Rights
- Community/Economic Development
- Community Justice/Lawyering
- Constitutional Law (Broader than First Amendment)
- Consumer Law
- Criminal Defense
- Criminal Prosecution

- Death Penalty/Post-Conviction
- Disability/Special Education
- Domestic Violence
- Employment/Labor Law
- Elder Law
- Entrepreneurship/Small Business
- Environmental
- Family Law
- Health/Medical Legal Partnership
- Housing
- Human Rights
- Immigration
- Indian Law
- Innocence
- Intellectual Property/Technology
- Legislative/Public Policy
- Prisoners' Rights
- Securities
- Tax
- Transactional
- Veterans
- Wills/Trusts/Estates
- Other

2. Which of the following **subject matters** does your clinic address? (Check all that apply.)

[Checklist]

- Federal FOIA
- State Public Records
- Defamation/Libel
- Subpoena Defense
- Court Access
- Open Meetings
- General Newsgathering Issues (Access to places, arrests, etc.)
- Prior Restraints/Gag Orders
- Privacy
- Intellectual Property
- Contracts
- Nonprofit Governance
- Campus Speech Issues
- Other General Speech Issues
- Other: _____

3. What rough percentage of your docket this semester will be devoted to matters relating to free speech, free press, or public records in each of the following **types of legal work**? (Please answer so that all options add up to roughly 100% of your

docket. If you do not anticipate doing any of a particular type, please enter 0%.)

[Each answer will have a text field]

- Direct litigation
 - Amicus support
 - Pre-publication review/advising
 - Subpoena defense
 - Research/guides/white papers
 - Training programs
 - Matters not related to free speech, free press, or public records
 - Other (please provide description and percentage) _____
4. Please list the **states** from which your clinic generally accepts clients and/or matters. (You may also answer with “Nationwide.”)
[Text box]
5. Please list the **states** in which any clinic attorney is licensed.
[Text box]
6. Please describe any parameters or limitations on the **type of clients** you support. (For example: only filmmakers, only students, only nonprofit organizations, etc.)
[Text box]
7. Are there **recent examples** of matters that illustrate the type of work you would like to do more of? Please feel free to provide links or a description.
[Text box]
8. Are you interested in receiving **referrals** of potential clients from FELN and other clinics? If so, what is your preferred in-take process? (For example, should FELN email you directly? Instruct the potential client to email you? Direct the potential client to an in-take form on your website?)
[Text box]

Clinic Structure & Funding — *only shared in the aggregate*

9. What is the **length** of your clinic?
[Multiple choice]
- One semester/quarter
 - One semester/quarter with option to continue
 - Full-year commitment
 - Other: _____
10. What is the **default or typical number of credits** students earn per semester?
[Dropdown, options of 1-10]
11. If your students have **flexibility in the number of credits** they earn per semester, what options do they have (assuming they meet any requisite criteria)? (Check all that apply.)
- No flexibility; the answer to Question 10 is their only option
 - 1
 - 2

- 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - 10
12. How many **students** do you have currently?
[Dropdown, 0-30]
13. How do you **admit students** into the clinic?
[Multiple choice]
- Do not select particular students; students enroll without our input
 - Select students based on an application specific to this clinic
 - Select students based on a general application shared among multiple clinics
 - Other: _____
14. Which of the following **pedagogical components** does your clinic employ? (Check all that apply.)
[Checklist]
- Weekly or biweekly class/seminar
 - Bootcamp-style session at the beginning of the year or semester/quarter
 - Weekly (or otherwise regular) case team meetings
 - Individual one-on-one meetings with students
 - Other: _____
15. If your clinic receives **outside funding**, which of the following activities does that funding support? (Check all that apply.)
[Checklist]
- Staff salary
 - Staff supplements (conference travel, etc.)
 - Litigation/case related costs
 - Communications/marketing
 - Administrative support (including administrator salaries)
 - Other: _____
16. If your clinic receives **funding directly from the university**, which of the following activities does that funding support? (Check all that apply.)
[Checklist]
- Staff salary
 - Staff supplements (conference travel, etc.)
 - Litigation/case related costs
 - Communications/marketing
 - Administrative support (including administrator salaries)
 - Other: _____

Staffing — *only shared in the aggregate*

17. How many individuals are on the **teaching staff** of the clinic?
[Dropdown, 0-10]
18. Of the teaching staff of the clinic, how many are **tenure or tenure-track faculty**?
[Dropdown, 0-10]
19. Of the teaching staff of the clinic, how many are **clinical faculty with protection similar to tenure (or on track for such protection)**?
[Dropdown, 0-10]
20. Of the teaching staff of the clinic, how many are **lecturer, instructor, adjunct professor, or similar positions without security of position**?
[Dropdown, 0-10]
21. Of the teaching staff of the clinic, how many are **staff attorneys**?
[Dropdown, 0-10]
22. Of the teaching staff of the clinic, how many are **legal fellows**?
[Dropdown, 0-10]
23. Of the teaching staff of the clinic, how many are **funded directly by the University or other “hard” funds**?
[Dropdown, 0-10]
24. Of the teaching staff of the clinic, how many are **funded by term-limited funds or outside “soft” funds**?
[Dropdown, 0-10]

Capacity, Diversity & FELN — only shared in the aggregate

25. On average, how often do you need to turn down journalists or news organizations as potential clients because of a lack of **capacity on your docket**?
[Multiple choice]
 - At least once per week
 - Two or three times per month
 - Monthly or bimonthly
 - Rarely, perhaps one to five times per year
 - Never, we actively seek out journalists and news organizations for additional matters
 - Other: _____
26. What are your **biggest challenges** this year in accomplishing your mission?
[Textbox]
27. What specific measures do you take to promote **diversity** in staff hiring, student admission, and/or case selection?
[Textbox]
28. What additional support, if any, could you use in promoting diversity in staff hiring, student admission, and/or case selection, and from whom (e.g., your school, FELN, other clinics, funders, etc.)?
[Textbox]

29. Have you **collaborated** recently with other FELN members? If so, please briefly describe the collaboration(s).
[Textbox]
30. Would you like to collaborate more with other FELN members in the future? If so, what types of matters or situations do you have in mind? How could FELN help facilitate those?
[Textbox]
31. In addition to the FELN listserv and annual Access and Accountability Conference, what other ways, if any, would you like to be **connected with other clinics**?
[Textbox]
32. What **other types of FELN programs or resources** would be useful for you or your students?
[Textbox]
33. Is there anything else you would like to share?
[Textbox]