

ENROLLMENT REQUEST FORM

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

Instructions: Interested students must both rank the clinic in the lottery system and submit an application to the clinic no later than **noon on Wednesday, October 4, 2023**. If you are selected in the clinic application/lottery selection process, you will be automatically enrolled. ONCE YOU ARE ENROLLED IN THE CLINIC, YOU MAY NOT DROP. To apply, please forward a resumé, an unofficial transcript and a brief letter explaining your interest in the ELC to Rahul Keshap (rk3e@virginia.edu) no later than **October 4**. Selected students will have the clinic posted to their schedules before the commencement of the regular course lottery process. Please complete the following:

Name: _____ ID #: _____

Current address: _____

Current city, state, zip: _____

Current telephone number: _____

Current email address: _____

Please include via email the following items with this request form:

- 1) A current resumé and an unofficial transcript.
- 2) a brief written discussion (**no more than one page**) of your interest in the clinic, any relevant background experience, where you have interned while at the law school and where you plan to work after graduation.

About the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic:

The Entrepreneurial Law Clinic will involve instruction and practical training on advising startup companies and drafting basic corporate documentation. As part of the clinic, students will work with entrepreneurs who are starting new companies.

As preparation for advising startup companies, students will participate in a series of class sessions over the first half of the semester covering the topics most frequently encountered by startup businesses, including, pre-venture counseling, entity choice, formation documents, shareholder agreements, IP protection, etc. Then, students will receive first-hand experience in

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working with real startup companies under the supervision of the course instructor and their attorney supervisor. The students will take the lead role in working with the entrepreneurs, including conducting interviews, performing research, providing a legal plan for the business, identifying documents to be drafted, and drafting documents. **Please note that we will NOT provide counsel on:** litigation, patents and other intellectual property matters, labor and employment, real estate, securities regulation, tax and accounting matters, mergers or acquisitions, cross-border transactions, foreign (non-U.S.) legal advisory or international trade.

This course will meet throughout the semester. During the first few weeks, class sessions will consist of a substantive overview of the areas of law and issues most frequently encountered in working with start-up companies. Over the remaining weeks, we will hear from industry experts, entrepreneurs and investors and focus on the clinical portion of the class. In the clinical portion, you will be asked to: (i) meet client companies and conduct interviews to assess nature of business, (ii) assess legal issues and needs of client companies and prepare summaries of issues, (iii) provide client companies an initial overview of legal issues associated with the business and provide a suggested course of action as to initial documents to be prepared, (iv) draft documents to meet client needs, and (v) consult with your supervising attorney to provide client companies the final legal plan and documents.

You will be spending considerable time outside of the classroom meeting with your clients and your supervising attorney and preparing drafts and final versions of legal documents.

Certification: I hereby certify by my signature below that I have read the course description; understand that, if accepted for the clinic, I must be enrolled during the Spring 2024 semester; and, most importantly, that once enrolled in the clinic, ***I may not drop the course.***

- 1) Space in the clinic is limited, and not all applicants are guaranteed acceptance to the clinic.
- 2) In addition to a classroom component, students will participate in the representation of clients. Because all clinic work will constitute actual representation of clients, it is expected to be completed in an attentive and timely manner and with professional quality. There will be periods during which a significant time commitment will be required.
- 3) Students may receive three (3) credits for the clinic, assessed as Honors/Pass/Fail.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____