

**\*This program is not run by the SEMI ARC.**

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The Clinic's outreach program into the broader community provides free legal assistance to individuals from Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne counties who live at or below the national poverty guidelines. Just recently, the Michigan State Bar Foundation granted the Clinic \$10,000 to assist clients with financial issues including credit card debt, identity theft, eviction and foreclosures.

The Clinic:

- > Ensures legal representation for needy people
- > Addresses an unmet need – no other legal aid service is offered as part of a comprehensive, rehabilitation program
- > Educates clients with regard to their legal rights and obligations
- > Eliminates legal problems as causal factors preventing individuals from re-entering society as gainfully employed responsible citizens who have broken the cycle of poverty and dependency.

The Clinic offers unique educational opportunities through its externship program.

The Clinic utilizes Student Staff Attorneys from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Wayne State University Law School and Ave Maria School of Law who work as law school externs and receive course credit or work part-time for a minimal stipend. The students conduct interviews, do research and are allowed to appear in court under the direct supervision of a member of the State Bar of Michigan. Additional staffing is provided by former students who volunteer their time without receiving credit and pro bono attorneys.