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## CIVIL JUSTICE AND NATIONAL ADVOCACY

**Listed In NYLS Catalog As: “Civil Justice And The Courts” (CRN 16247)**

**(Spring semester, 2 credits)**

- **Work directly with the Center for Justice & Democracy**, a national public interest organization that works to ensure access to the civil justice/tort system for everyday people. CJ&D’s advocacy work includes meetings with Congress and White House staff; testifying before Congress and in state capitols; producing cutting-edge materials including law review articles and studies; old and new media outreach; and, working with plaintiff attorneys and injury victims.
- **Enhance knowledge, experience and credentials while gaining valuable persuasive writing skills.** Students work on both short-term and long-term advocacy projects focusing on key issues impacting the civil justice system.
  - Students may prepare written testimony for congressional hearings; submit comments to federal agencies; prepare and distribute materials to the White House, congressional leaders and state legislators; work with plaintiff firms to identify injury victims; contribute to social media and blogs; and more.
  - Students learn how to frame issues and gain valuable career skills in fields like research, writing, communication, and presentation. Student papers may join CJ&D’s list of national publications that are widely distributed to opinion leaders, public officials, journalists, and organizations across the country.
- **Make valuable career contacts with the plaintiffs’ trial bar, state and national organizations, and participate in roundtable discussions with guest speakers.** Students hear from prominent guest speakers discussing different aspects of these issues, and have the chance to network and make important career contacts through CJ&D staff, guest speakers, and interviews with attorneys related to individual research. Students take part in roundtable discussions with CJ&D staff on current issues facing the civil justice system and “tort reform.”
- **Students will be invited to participate in a day-trip to Washington DC** to experience Congress first-hand, including visits to the offices of national lawmakers and lobbyists.

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