

## Immigration Law and the Border

### Course Description

This course exposes students to immigration issues that transcend the U.S.-Mexico border. Students enrolled in the class will be exposed to policy and current legal issues, and gain practical skill in client representation. As part of the course, students are required to attend a one-week intensive trip to El Paso, Texas, over Spring Break. During the trip, students will engage in a variety of activities including visiting the border, ICE detention centers and the Executive Office of Immigration, located in El Paso. Students also will work closely with a local nonprofit, United Neighborhood Organization (“UNO”), to conduct consultations, legal research, and make in-court appearances on behalf of migrants facing removal from the United States. **Students enrolled in the course must be available from Sunday, March 4, to Saturday, March 10, for the trip to El Paso, Texas.**



UNO staff member Jacobett Rivera with LLS student Anibal Valdez-Ortega '17, preparing for a court appearance.



LLS students and an LIJC staff attorneys visiting the U.S.-Mexican Border.

**Units:** Students may enroll for 1 or 2 units.

- 2 Units: The course will include a seminar class that meets once a week for 90 mins, instruction during the trip to El Paso, and two classes following the trip.
- Students enrolled in the Immigrant Justice Clinic also enrolling in this course will receive 1 unit of credit.

**Students Enrolled:** 12 maximum. Students will be assigned cases in pairs. Immigration law is a required pre-requisite, but students enrolled in this course may take Immigration Law concurrently. Students must complete an application process to be a part of the class. The application will include a statement of interest and transcript. Students enrolled in the course must cover their travel, accommodation and meal costs. Professor approval is required for enrollment in the course. To apply for this course, please send a statement of interest (maximum one page in length) and a resume to [lijc@lls.edu](mailto:lijc@lls.edu). **Rolling applications will be accepted until Friday, October 13, 2017.**

*“The law cannot fully be understood without seeing how it affects real people. The trip to El Paso was an invaluable experience for me because it transformed how I think about the law. The academic learning in law school alone could not have given me this perspective.”*

– Lorraine Hall '17