MEMORANDUM

TO: 1L, 2L and Advanced Degree Students
FROM: Juliet M. Brodie
DATE: May 19, 2016
RE: Applying to SLS Clinics

So glad you are planning to apply to the clinical program! We strongly believe there’s a great match for every SLS student in our clinics. Whether you’re planning to be a trial lawyer, policy analyst, entrepreneur, business leader, or intend to have a career in one of the many other positions that an SLS education can lead to, we are confident you will be more ready to launch if you have spent a quarter in one of our full-time clinics. Regardless of subject matter or mode of lawyering, each clinic offers an environment where you will make the essential pivot from student to professional.

Whether in litigation or transactions, and whether with individual or entity clients, in clinic you will experience top-flight, one-on-one supervision, and will learn:

- what it means to have a client,
- the difference between thinking like a student (or a judge) and thinking like an advocate, and
- how to do the things that lawyers do above and beyond reading cases.

No matter where you are headed, you will never get another chance for the kind of mentorship you’ll get in the clinic, where the teachers are ready to give you the types of projects and supervision that will build your confidence and help you start to see the parts of your education come together. We call it connecting the dots—you’ll see the core doctrinal and analytical aspects of your classroom education take on a new meaning and value as you put them to use to solve an actual problem for an actual client.

Applying is easy. Just go to the Mills Legal Clinic home page, scroll down to 2016-17 Clinic Registration and click on the Apply Now button. Begin by reviewing and editing your profile page, and proceed to the applications for each of the clinics. At the end you’ll be asked to rank in your order of preference all the clinics, by quarter, to which you have applied. Clinic instructors will review the applications, but won’t see the rankings when selecting students. At the end, the system will match you to the clinic you ranked highest to which you were accepted. (To maximize your chances of matching, we strongly recommend that you apply to either four distinct clinics or at least six distinct clinic quarters.)

All the best with your applications! Please be in touch with me or any clinic faculty or staff member should you have questions.