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Appetizers, wine and dessert are provided by All Things Cake, Barnes & Noble, Bodean Seafood Restaurant, India Palace, KEO Asian

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Carpenter, from 1

low-income families in Tulsa.

"Ultimately, the clinic goal is to provide services to the community and teach lawyering skills to TU students to prepare them for practice.

"We want to give them an intensive hands-on experience representing a client and handling a case from start to finish. Students will receive intensive supervision in that process."

A limited number of students — eight — will be admitted to the clinic each semester. That means a total of 16 law students will participate during an academic year.

The immigrant rights clinic is oversubscribed with more students wanting to participate than available space.

"Students recognize that in today's legal market they must have experience on the ground before they can go on the job market," Carpenter continued. "TU has a really great externship program. It ties together. Students can do an externship, then do an internship. Then some will qualify for the clinic during their second or third years in law school. This gets them ready for the job market."

Carpenter feels welcome as she begins her new job.

She has been in contact with DIVIS, Women In Recovery, Legal Aid of Oklaho-

community and where the Lobeck Taylor Clinic will best fit.

"I am incredibly impressed with the quality of social service work in Tulsa," she said. "There are a lot of really great organizations and passionate people doing the work. It's exciting to be part of that."

Carpenter has no fear about duplicating services.

"When it comes to civil legal services, it is hard to overlap because there is so much need," she said. "Americans across this country lack representation in civil legal matters. There is an endless amount of need, especially in the areas affecting family and poverty law — and other issues.

Cuisine, Mimi's Café, Oliveto Italian Bistro, Panera Bread, Pepper's Grill, Ranch Acres Wine & Spirits, Reasor's, Toni's Flowers & Gifts, Tulsa Library Trust and Whole Food Market.

The 2013 "Chapters" committee includes: Nancy Born, Nancy Cox, Mary Dotson, Ros Elder, Linda Farquharson, Lynette Hardy, Leanne Helmerich, Roy McClain, Marty Laughlin, Jessica Magness, Loretta Raschen, Farryl Stokes, Emily Taylor, Louan Torres, Tracy Warren and Lynn Peacher, chair.

Authors' books will be available for purchasing with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service. Call 918-549-7364 for more information or to make a reservation. «

Students that have talked with Carpenter are excited about another clinical opportunity.

ma and others.

With each meeting she gets a better understanding of what is needed in the Tulsa

"I couldn't ask for anything more in terms of the reception," Carpenter said. "I am thrilled to be here." «

Clinic, from 1

Advocacy Clinic by providing high-quality legal services to low-income individuals and underserved populations, and will meet non-legal needs through problem-solving, support and referrals.

Every student that participates in the Lobeck Taylor Family Advocacy Clinic will receive intense, individualized supervision from the clinic director, she said. Their work will be observed, reviewed, evaluated and feedback will be offered on

all aspects of their effort.

"My goal as clinic director will be to maximize each student's learning and development," Carpenter said.

Required weekly seminars will be presented.

A variety of topics will be taught including, but not limited to:

- Substantive Law
- Evidentiary Rules and Court Procedure
- Local Judicial and Legal Systems
- Professional Ethics

- Client and Witness Interviewing
- Fact Investigation and Development
- Client Counseling and Communication
- Negotiation
- Litigation Skills and Trial Advocacy: Case Theory, Trial Planning, Opening and Closing Statements, Direct and Cross Examination, Oral Argument, and Motions Practice
- Professional Communication and Collaboration Skills «



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