

# Veterans Clinic Design

Digging Deeper with Curriculum and Examples

# Panelists

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# Clinic Design – University of Denver

- **Began:** August 2015
- **Types of Cases:** Veterans Disability Compensation Appeals and Discharge Upgrades; focus on Colorado Veterans, homeless and low income Veterans
  - **Structure:**
    - Students: 8 new students each semester; also Advanced Students
    - Attorneys: Director, 2 adjunct professors who help with seminar and clinic work; volunteer attorneys
    - Credit: 6 credits graded; 3 seminar and 3 clinic work
  - **Training / Course Prerequisite:**

# Clinic Design – University of Montana

- **Began:** August 2016
- **Types of Cases:** Veterans Disability Compensation Claims & Appeals; Discharge Upgrades; focus on Montana Veterans, Rural Veterans
- **Structure:**
  - Students: up to 2 or more students per semester
  - Attorneys: Director (full-time law faculty; part of workload, but currently overload)
  - Cases assigned:
    - All aspects of Benefits Claims & Appeals: initial claims, NODs, DRO hearings, Form 9's, BVA hearings, CAVC cases
    - All aspects of Discharge Upgrades
- **Training / Course Prerequisite:**

# Clinic Design – University of Arizona

- **Began:** 2013
- **Types of Cases:** Veterans Treatment Courts, discharge upgrade cases, veterans benefits cases, and policy and outreach work relating to military service
- **Structure:**
- **Training / Course Prerequisite:**