Policy Title:
Clinic Policy on Conflict of Interest

Policy Number:
6-002

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I. POLICY STATEMENT AND RATIONALE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a standard to prevent conflicts of interest between the Law Center's "Clinical Faculty" and "Non-Clinical Faculty/Professors of Law" directing and supervising a legal clinic, and the clinic's clients.

Southern University Law Center's "Clinical Faculty" and "Non-Clinical Faculty/Professors of Law" shall not, at any time, for their own pecuniary interest, provide private legal services to any client that originates from the clinical client data base maintained by the Southern University Law Center Clinic.

II. POLICY SCOPE

The Scope of this policy extends to the entire law center. This policy applies to all Law Center "Clinical Faculty" and "Non-clinical Faculty/Professors of Law" directing and supervising a legal clinic.

III. POLICY COMPLIANCE

Violations or failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, termination, under the appropriate handbook or policy for faculty.

IV. POLICY DEFINITIONS

CLINICAL FACULTY: Full and part-time faculty employed to work with or within the Office of Clinical Legal Education.

NON-CLINICAL FACULTY/PROFESSORS OF LAW: Full and part-time faculty not employed to work with or within the Office of Clinical Legal Education, but who have the approval of the Southern University Law Center to set up an independent legal clinic.

V. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

Policy Development, Review and Approval Process: The responsibility for the periodic development, review, and approval of this process shall lie with the Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Accountability and Accreditations. Policy changes shall be made with the guidance of the Director of Clinical Legal Education and three full-time clinical faculty members designated by the Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Accountability and Accreditations.

Policy Post-Approval Procedure: The Responsible Official shall forward the approved and signed system policy to the Campus's Office of Strategic Planning, Policy, and Institutional Effectiveness for posting on the Campus website.

VI. POLICY RELATED INFORMATION

ABA Model Rule 1.7 governs Conflicts of Interest: Current Clients. *See* https://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/rule_1_7_conflict_of_interest_current_clients.

VII. POLICY HISTORY AND REVIEW CYCLE

The effective date of this policy is determined by the approval dates and signature of the Chancellor of the Southern University Law Center. This policy was created on July 11, 2017. The policy was reviewed and updated on January 8, 2020. On June 29, 2026, the policy was updated to conform to the most recent version of the SUS Policy Template. The responsibility for periodic review lies with the Vice Chancellor for Institutional

Accountability and Accreditation. This is an administrative policy and does not require review or approval of the faculty. The policy is on a five-year policy review cycle.

VIII. POLICY URL

The policy is published on the SULC website at https://www.sulc.edu/page/sulc.

IX. POLICY APPROVAL

This policy was approved by:

Alvin Washington
Chancellor, Southern University Law Center

07/07/2026
Effective Date