Certified Limited Practice Students in the Prosecution Clinic prosecute misdemeanor cases in the Justice and City Courts within Maricopa County. Students are responsible for a full range of trial-related tasks. Initially students are assigned minor trials and as the semester progresses are assigned more difficult cases.

The goal of this clinic is for each student to receive the maximum amount of in-court trial experience. Students are placed in various offices and work under the supervision of experienced prosecutors. Criminal cases are assigned to students who are responsible for preparing the case for trial and trying it if necessary. By the end of the semester students may have the opportunity to participate in a jury trial.

Course Information
The Prosecution Clinic is a one semester course.

- Credits: 6 Total credits; 3 graded credits and 3 pass/fail.
- Grading Criteria: Grades are based on weekly classroom participation, performance in classroom mock exercises, work within the students’ assigned agency, and meeting all time commitments and requirements.
- While it is strongly recommended that students complete Evidence before taking this clinic because the student will be better prepared for the courtroom, students may take Evidence during the same semester as this clinic.
- The seminar addresses issues that students are encountering in court. In class topics include ethics for prosecutors, victims’ rights, and trial advocacy.
- Background checks are required.

Time Commitment
Students are expected to work a minimum of 260 hours at their agency during the semester.

Fall/Spring Semesters
Agency – Students should be able to commit to working 20 hours each week at their agency during the semester. Must be available all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays plus one additional half day during the week.
Seminar - 26 hours of instruction, 13 total seminar classes - two evening class sessions for the first month and 1 class per week for the remainder of the semester

Summer Semester
Agency – Students must be able to work 40 hours a week with their assigned agency from the end of May through July.
Seminar - 26 hours of instruction , 13 seminar classes - two evening class sessions each week from the end of May to mid-July.