

DePaul University  
*Asylum & Immigration Clinic*

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*Olivia Villegas is a senior attorney at Life Span Center for Legal Services and Advocacy where she has represented survivors of domestic and sexual violence in immigration cases for nearly 10 years.*

**What do you remember most about your time in the Clinic?**

The clients, my team members, the professors, and the fear I had for what I was doing!

**What lessons from the clinic do you still use today or have used in your professional career?**

Being organized, communicating with the client, doing my research and due diligence, and reaching out for help when needed.

**How did your involvement with the clinic help you connect with other professionals in the field?**

I made life long friends and colleagues in the clinic.

**What would you tell current or future DePaul law students about the clinic?**

If you really want to learn how to be an immigration lawyer, join the clinic. It's a must!

**Is there a message you would like to share with your fellow Clinic alums, faculty, or staff?**

I am proud to be a part of the immigration law community in Chicago.

**Is there anything else you would like to share about your clinic experience?**

Thank you for teaching me how to be a lawyer!

*Clinic Participation:  
2008-2009*

*Graduated:  
2009*