

DePaul University
Asylum & Immigration Clinic

Megan Davis

Director of Legal Services at Erie Neighborhood House

Megan Davis joined Erie House in August 2017 as an immigration attorney with the Citizenship and Immigration (now Legal Services) department. As Director of Legal Services, Megan provides legal representation to immigrant clients, as well as oversees and supervises the legal staff. Erie's Legal Services program focuses on providing access to justice for immigrants and their families, to help them obtain lawful status, family reunification, or protection from deportation. Prior to coming to Erie House, Megan was a staff attorney at Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors (NIJFON). Education DePaul College of Law, cum laude BA: International Studies and Spanish, Missouri Southern State University



*Clinic Participation:
2012-2014
Graduated:
2014*

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

During my time in the asylum clinic, my clinic partner, Marie Silver, and I were working on a case for an unaccompanied youth. We would regularly meet with her on Sunday afternoons to prepare her case so that she wouldn't miss school during the week. Her case was ultimately granted, and it was one of the most rewarding and meaningful experiences of my law school career.

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

The training and experience I received from DePaul in each clinic have carried over into my career as an attorney, particularly in the field of asylum law. The lessons I learned in the clinic have guided me in analyzing legal eligibility, preparing client declarations, researching and assessing country conditions, and preparing supporting evidence.

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

I am still very close friends with my former clinic partner. After joining Erie House, I was able to participate more closely in the DePaul CBO meetings and roundtables, which has helped me develop close relationships with colleagues at other agencies.

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

I would encourage any DePaul students with an interest in immigration to take full advantage of the clinic to develop and deepen their advocacy skills. It was a core part of my DePaul experience and helped prepare me for my career in immigration law.

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

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

Thank you for the support provided over 25 years! The clinic has had an immeasurable impact on many fellow immigration advocates. I'm fortunate and grateful for the experience I gained as a DePaul alum and the relationship I still have with DePaul as a CBO partner..