experienced arbitrators and mediators who use their expertise to help parties having a misunderstanding to bury their hatchets, proffer workable solutions and avoid litigation.

- 5. CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS: the ABUAD College of Law academic community boasts of seasoned researchers who empower stakeholders and policy makers in the community through workshops and seminars, in constructing, adopting and implementing policies that would serve the purpose of the general good of citizens in the immediate community.
- VISIT TO POLICE STATIONS TO ASSIST IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION: Clinicians use this medium to offer free legal services to alleged offenders detained in Police custody by counselling them and possibly resolving conflicts with complainants without recourse to avoidable criminal prosecution in minor cases.
- POLICY DEVELOPMENT: ABUAD Law Clinic, utilizes its strength in research to help policy makers develop policies that make intervention of government effective.



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THE ABUAD LAW CLINIC

The Law Clinic is situated strategically at the ground floor of the College of Law. This gives clients easy access to the Clinic and protects their privacy.

The Law Clinic has a large reception where prospective clients are welcomed and put at ease by clinicians. The clients' biodata and requests are documented before the actual interaction with them. The Clinic also has four clients' interviewing rooms that ensure confidentiality and a favourable atmosphere for interaction between them and clinicians.

OUR MISSION

To facilitate access to Justice for the less priviledged Members of the society

• **OBJECTIVES** •

- To provide free legal services to indigent people in the immediate community through student-supervised participation.
- To expose students to live clients and cases.
- To instil integrity, value of *pro bono* services and discipline in Law students of the Afe Babalola University.
- To train students to use Alternative Dispute Resolution methodologies in proffering solutions to cases without recourse to litigation.
- To foster peaceful coexistence and decongest the Courts.
- To promote peace and progress in the immediate society through strategic collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

CLINIC ADMINISTRATION

The Law Clinic consists of a Clinic Director, an Administrator, Staff-Clinicians and Student-Clinicians. The Student-Clinicians administer and coordinate the activities in the Clinic. The Staff-Clinicians are Lecturers in the College of Law, Afe Babalola University, who have been trained in clinical practice and the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

CLINICAL WORK

Clinical work is a component of the mandatory 400 level course titled, **'Introduction to Legal Practice'** (4 units per semester). This is a compulsory course for all fourth

year students in the College of Law, ABUAD.

The Clinic exposes students to the practical application of the theoretical package given to them during the class course work and engages them in clinical work undergone during the academic session.

The Introduction to Legal Practice also has a Chamber attachment component which constitutes of a four-week attachment to a Law Firm immediately after their third and fourth years of study. Students proceed to a four-week supervised and monitored chamber attachment during their long vacation (July-September). Each student presents a report on the Chamber attachment in the form of a power point presentation which is evaluated and constitutes part of their course assessment.

ACTIVITIES OF THE LAW CLINIC

- 1. LEGAL ADVICE: Clinicians receive complaints and offer legal advice which has been found useful in avoiding disruption in Law and Order.
- 2. LETTER WRITING: Student Clinicians, under the supervision of Staff-Clinicians, write legal letters in furtherance to complaints received from clients.
- 3. OUTREACHES: the Law Clinic organizes outreaches to the immediate community to sensitize and inform them about their rights and duties as good citizens.
- 4. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: this is an avenue whereby clinicians encourage complainants to discuss their grievances with a view to settling their disputes out of Court. The staff-clinicians are all carefully selected from the academic staff of the Law College. Staff-Clinicians are