



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**15th Session – February 21, 2023  
GPSG  
D.B. #10**

Sponsor: Iowa Student Bar Association Delegates Riley Truax and Rhianna Lightle  
GPSG Action: **Passed**/Failed/Tabled

**AN ACT**

Regarding funding allocations for The Iowa Legal Defense Clinic

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**Section 1: Short Title**

“Allocation of Funds for The Iowa Legal Defense Clinic of Iowa”

**Section 2: Discussion**

**WHEREAS**, The Iowa Legal Defense Clinic is a student-run organization at the University of Iowa which aims to provide legal representation for low income individuals and their families.

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Iowa Legal Defense Clinic is a valuable way for Iowa law students to gain real life legal experience and practice their legal skills while still in law school.

**WHEREAS**, in a 2016 study, the Iowa State Bar Association found that almost 48 percent of Iowans could not afford legal representation.

**WHEREAS**, The Iowa Legal Defense Clinic provides estate planning for families in the Iowa City community.

**WHEREAS**, The Iowa Legal Defense Clinic provide legal representation for low income individuals in the Iowa City community in civil matters.

**WHEREAS**, The Iowa Legal Defense Clinic provides legal representation for juvenile and adults in deportation proceedings.

**WHEREAS,** The Iowa Legal Defense Clinic partners with grassroots organizations, non-profits organizations, and businesses to advance racial, economic, and social justice in Iowa.

**WHEREAS,** The Iowa Legal Defense Clinic needs additional funding to continue to provide legal services to the Iowa City community and to cover the travel expenses of volunteer student attorneys.

**Section 3: Action**

***Be it Enacted,*** the sum of \$2,000 is hereby allocated to The Iowa Legal Defense Clinic, to be used for the provision of legal services and the purchase of necessary items to support the organization's mission of providing legal assistance to those that are in need and of training the future generation of Iowa lawyers.

**Section 4: Enactment Clause**

**THEREFORE,** be it enacted by the University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government upon the signature of the President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

*Grace Bryant*  
Cabinet Director

APPROVED:

*Amber D. Crow*  
GPSG President

February 21, 2023

Date