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Heirs Property and Estate Planning Clinic

- Why Should the County Support this Clinic?
 - Keeping people in their homes is an important solution to the affordable housing crisis
 - There are over 1700 parcels of heirs' property land in Alachua County and 1400 parcels of land with a deceased co-owner at risk of falling into heirs' property
 - 200 people on waiting list at Three Rivers Legal Services
 - The longer people wait to probate their property the more likely they are to lose it and the more expensive it will be to clear title
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What is CGR currently doing to help?

- CGR has partnered with the Alachua County Property Appraiser's Office to participate in the Estate Planning Summits
- CGR has partnered with BLAAC (Bailey Learning and Arts Collective) to help inform community members of the risks of heirs' property
- CGR faculty provide outreach and educational events on estate planning
- CGR helps organize students to volunteer with the Self-Help Center at the Alachua County Courthouse



What could we do if we had an HPEP Clinic?

- Undertake 8-12 complex probate proceedings for qualified county residents
- 16-24 summary probate proceedings and/or homestead determinations for qualified county residents
- 50 simple estate plans (ladybird deeds, wills, joint tenancy deeds)
- Background preparation on 50 heirs' property cases for TRLS or other legal partners
- Provide more community education and outreach
- Organize students for the Self-Help Center to staff it 52 weeks/year
- Sponsor internships at Three Rivers Legal Services and the Federation of Southern Cooperatives
- Provide a model for other law schools in the state and region

What would it cost?

- \$80,000 to \$100,000 to hire a clinic director
- \$24,000-\$30,000 for fringe and benefits
- Overhead at \$30,000 (administrative support, office space, malpractice insurance)
- \$10,000 travel
- \$10,000 computer and supplies
- Total - \$180,000 annually
 - \$60,000 - Alachua County
 - \$60,000 - City of Gainesville
 - \$60,000 - Levin College of Law Matching Funds