

IN HOUSE CLINICS



HARVARD LAW SCHOOL CLINICAL AND PRO BONO PROGRAMS

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CLINICAL SKILLS MATRIX 2017-18

In-House Clinic	Description	Work & Skills	Placement Location
Criminal Justice Institute <i>Deblia Umunna</i>	Handles misdemeanor and felony cases in court and represents juvenile clients in administrative and school hearings. Placements are limited to 3L students.	Criminal defense work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging in factual and legal investigations Interviewing witnesses and defendants Arguing motions and conducting trials 	On-campus and Roxbury District Court, Juvenile Court in Boston
Crimmigration Clinic (HIRC) <i>Phil Torrey</i> <i>By application and permission of instructor</i>	Seeks to protect the constitutional and statutory rights of immigrants' who are facing detention and deportation due to alleged criminal activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise criminal defense counsel on the immigration consequences of criminal charges Draft amicus briefs in state and federal litigation Conduct legal research and writing to advance policy and legislative initiatives 	On-campus placements at Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program
Cyberlaw Clinic <i>Christopher Bavitz</i>	Engages in cutting-edge Net issues including governance, intellectual property, privacy, and content control.	Civil litigation and client counseling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Client-centered policy and amicus advocacy Substantive focus on cutting edge tech law & policy issues 	On-campus
Domestic Violence and Family Law Clinic (LSC) <i>Nnena Odim</i>	Represents clients in divorce, domestic violence, paternity, child and spousal support, adoption, and guardianship proceedings.	Civil litigation in state family court: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factual and legal research Client interviewing and counseling Court work is primarily a motion practice 	WilmerHale Legal Services Center (LSC) in Jamaica Plain, Boston
Education Law Clinic/Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative (TLPI) <i>Michael Gregory</i>	Provides representation to families in special education cases on behalf of children who have experienced adversity, and pursues systemic remedies to improve the educational system.	Special education advocacy and policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factual and legal research Handling hearings with Boston public schools Interviewing clients and experts Working on education policy 	On-campus
Emmett Environmental Law and Policy Clinic <i>Wendy Jacobs</i>	Students focus on environment, energy, public health and social justice issues. They develop litigation strategies that are pursued in state and federal administrative and judicial forums; prepare legislative and judicial testimony; comment on proposed federal and state regulations; propose legislative and regulatory reforms through white papers, petitions to agencies, and drafting of model statutes and regulations; provide legal advice to non-profit and government clients on a wide spectrum of environmental, energy and social justice issues.	Environmental advocacy and policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factual and legal research Client conferences and advising Drafting legal memoranda and briefs Writing guidance manuals for non-lawyers Preparing comments on rules Writing model statutes/ordinances Drafting policy papers Oral presentations (to courts, governments, NGOs, others) 	On-campus or with Boston area nonprofit and government organizations
Federal Tax Clinic (LSC) <i>T. Keith Fogg</i>	Students represent low-income taxpayers in controversies with the IRS, both before the IRS and in federal court. They represent taxpayers involving examinations, administrative appeals, collection matters and cases before the United States Tax Court and Federal District Courts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax practice and procedure at the agency level and in federal court Administrative law Client interviewing Fact investigation Negotiation Evidentiary hearings 	WilmerHale Legal Services Center (LSC) in Jamaica Plain, Boston
Food Law and Policy Clinic of the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation <i>Emily Broad Leib</i>	Works to increase access to healthy foods, assist small farmers and producers in participating in food markets, and reduce waste of wholesome food.	Policy work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factual and legal research and writing Drafting of legislation and policy papers for different constituencies Community education and organizing 	On-campus
Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program <i>Deborah Anker</i>	Represents applicants for U.S. refugee status, asylum, and related protections in conjunction with Greater Boston Legal Services.	Asylum refugee advocacy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative hearings Client interviewing and counseling Legal research and writing Drafting asylum petitions, legal memoranda, and policy papers 	On-campus or with Greater Boston Legal Services (Boston)

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Harvard Legal Aid Bureau <i>Esme Caramello</i> <i>By application and permission of instructor</i>	Students represent low-income clients with housing, family law, and other civil legal issues; run by a student board. HLAB is a two year commitment.	Civil litigation and administrative hearings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factual and legal research • Client interviewing and counseling • Drafting legal memoranda and court work 	On-campus
Harvard Negotiation and Mediation Clinical Program <i>Robert Bordone</i>	Involves dispute resolution skill-building to prepare students for complex, multilevel negotiations.	Dispute resolution skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client interviewing and counseling • Developing teamwork and collaboration skills 	On-campus
Health Law and Policy Clinic of the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation <i>Robert Greenwald</i>	Students work to expand access to high-quality healthcare for vulnerable populations, to reduce health disparities, and to promote more equitable and effective healthcare systems through federal and state law and policy reform and litigation.	Policy and litigation work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factual and legal research and writing • Interviewing and counseling • Community education and organizing • Amicus briefs, Office of Civil Right complaints, motions, trial preparation, legislative drafting 	On-campus
Housing Law Clinic (LSC) <i>Maureen McDonagh</i>	Represents tenants facing evictions, often through litigation in the Boston Housing Court.	Civil litigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client counseling • Factual and legal research • Legal Research and Writing • Significant trial preparation 	WilmerHale Legal Services Center (LSC) in Jamaica Plain, Boston
International Human Rights Clinic <i>Tyler Giannini</i> <i>Susan Farbstein</i>	Works to protect the human rights of clients and communities around the world through a range of strategies and approaches, teaching students the responsibilities and skills of human rights lawyering.	Human rights advocacy, litigation, and policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact-finding investigations, documentation, and reporting • Factual and legal research and writing • Drafting briefs, legislation, treaties, reports, and policy papers • Interviewing clients and witnesses • Working in partnerships and coalitions 	On-campus
Making Rights Real: The Ghana Project <i>Lucie White</i> <i>By application and permission of instructor</i>	Works with the Ghana Legal Resources Center on social and economic rights for a high-poverty population. Students travel to Ghana over Winter term.	Civil Litigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client counseling • Factual and legal research • Significant trial preparation 	On-campus and Ghana
Predatory Lending & Consumer Protection Clinic (LSC) <i>Roger Bertling</i> <i>Toby Merrill</i>	Enforces consumer rights by bringing impact litigation against predatory lenders including for-profit colleges and representing individuals in debt-related lawsuits.	Complex civil litigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client interviewing and counseling • Factual and legal research • Brief writing • Significant trial preparation • Strategic and impact litigation • Agency, state, and federal court litigation 	WilmerHale Legal Services Center (LSC) in Jamaica Plain, Boston
Transactional Law Clinics <i>Brian Price</i>	Provides legal services to small businesses, nonprofit organizations, real estate parties, individuals and companies in the arts and entertainment industry, and community development organizations and neighborhood residents.	Transactional Law Practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transactional representation and negotiation Client interviewing, communications, and counseling • Drafting and reviewing documents and contracts • Transactional deal analysis, issue identification, and deal strategy • Statutory and regulatory research • Case management • Ethical practice considerations 	On-campus
Veterans Law and Disability Benefits Clinic (LSC) <i>Daniel Nagin</i>	Students work to protect the rights of veterans and their families and persons with disabilities. Students can select among three substantive areas: (1) representing veterans in administrative and federal court appeals to challenge wrongful denials of federal and state veterans benefits and in systemic reform efforts; (2) representing veterans and their families in estate and financial planning matters such as wills, trusts, advanced directives, guardianships, and conservatorships; or (3) representing clients in administrative and federal court appeals to challenge wrongful denials of Social Security disability benefits.	Administrative Hearings, Complex Civil Litigation, Policy Advocacy, Estate Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client Interviewing • Fact Investigation • Working with experts • Administrative appeal hearings • Federal and state court litigation • Drafting estate planning documents • Policy advocacy 	WilmerHale Legal Services Center (LSC) in Jamaica Plain, Boston