



# HARVARD LAW SCHOOL CLINICAL AND PRO BONO PROGRAMS

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## CLINICS AT A GLANCE 2017-18

IN-HOUSE CLINICS	On campus clinics with HLS staff attorney supervisors in a particular subject area.
Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation (CHLPI), Health Law and Policy Clinic and Food Law and Policy Clinic	Engages in administrative and regulatory advocacy, litigation, consultation and community organizing, among other activities, to expand access to high-quality healthcare and nutritious, affordable food; to reduce health disparities; to develop community advocacy capacity; and to promote more equitable and effective healthcare and food systems.
Criminal Justice Institute (CJI)	A public defender clinic that provides zealous defense to indigent adults and juvenile clients facing misdemeanor and felony charges in the Boston criminal courts. Student practice includes case investigation, trial court work from arraignment to disposition, and interlocutory appellate representation in the Appeals Court and Supreme Judicial Court. CJI students learn to provide client-centered representation, developing their advocacy skills to help their clients both in and out of the court room. <b>(3Ls Only).</b>
Crimmigration Clinic (of HIRC)	Works on litigation, advocacy, consultation, and advisory opinions, among other activities, concerning immigration consequences of criminal convictions. <b>(By Application)</b>
Cyberlaw Clinic (Berkman Center)	Engages in litigation, client counseling, advocacy, and transactional/licensing work on issues relating to the internet, technology and intellectual property. Practice areas include Communications Infrastructure; Consumer Protection, Privacy & Compliance; Cybercrime & Youth Online Safety; General Internet Business Law; Government Innovation; Intellectual Property; Litigation and Amicus Advocacy; Online Speech, Media Law, & First Amendment; and Technology & Access to Justice.
Education Law Clinic (of the Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative—TLPI)	Provides advice and/or representation to families in special education cases and related matters on behalf of children who have experienced adversity, and pursues systemic remedies, including advocating for laws, regulations, policies, and funding streams, and conducting research to improve the educational system. The Education Externship Clinic is also offered in the Fall.
Emmett Environmental Law and Policy Clinic (ELPC)	Works on a wide variety of legal issues at the local, state, national, and international levels through litigation, participation in administrative proceedings, legislative and regulatory advocacy, and compliance counseling. Placements are mainly in-house but also include externships.
Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program (HIRC)	Advises and/or represents applicants for U.S. refugee status, asylum, and other humanitarian protections in conjunction with Greater Boston Legal Services. Some placements are on campus, some in Boston at GBLS. Engages in, among other activities, appellate litigation, amicus briefs, and policy advocacy.
Harvard Legal Aid Bureau (HLAB)	Advises and/or represents low-income clients in housing, family law, and other civil legal issues, and promotes the interests of that client community through policy advocacy, impact litigation, public education, and other law reform activities. HLAB is run by a student board. <b>(By Application)</b>
Harvard Negotiation and Mediation Clinical Program (HNMCP)	Engages in a wide range of team-based consulting projects that may include assisting clients in designing or evaluating dispute systems, creating a consensus building process, designing and delivering a curriculum, assessing a conflict, conducting mediation, facilitating dialogue, or offering strategic negotiation advice. <b>(Note: Some clinical work is not eligible for the pro bono requirement if it is in the private sector.)</b>
International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC)	Works to protect the human rights of clients and communities around the world. The clinic has a broad human rights practice and through supervised projects, students learn the core responsibilities and skills of human rights lawyering, including through litigation, advocacy, norm development, rule of law promotion, documenting abuses, and conducting fact-finding trips.
Making Rights Real: The Ghana Project Clinic	Students work in partnership with Ghanaian Human Rights and Development organizations on economic and social rights issues. For winter 2017, the work will take place primarily in Ghana's high poverty Western Region, with some activities taking place in the Accra region. <b>(By Application)</b>
Transactional Law Clinics (TLC)	Provides legal services to small businesses, nonprofit organizations, real estate parties, community development corporations, or individuals and companies in the arts and entertainment industry.
WilmerHale Legal Services Center (LSC)	The WilmerHale Legal Services Center located in Jamaica Plain: Advises and/or represents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family and Domestic Violence Law Clinic:</b> clients in divorce, domestic violence, paternity, child and spousal support, adoption, and guardianship proceedings.</li> <li>• <b>Federal Tax Clinic:</b> represents clients before the IRS and in the U.S. Tax Court, while giving students the opportunity to learn tax practice and procedure.</li> <li>• <b>Housing Law Clinic:</b> tenants facing evictions, often through litigation in the Boston Housing Court.</li> <li>• <b>Predatory Lending and Consumer Protection Clinic:</b> clients in bankruptcy matters, homeowners in foreclosure cases and litigates against predatory lenders.</li> <li>• <b>Veterans Law and Disability Benefits Clinic:</b> clients in a variety of subject areas including estate planning, all with a focus on enhancing financial stability, fostering asset accumulation, and improving access to healthcare.</li> </ul>

## IN-HOUSE STUDENT PRACTICE ORGANIZATIONS

Students gain practical experience under the supervision of attorneys.

- **Harvard Defenders (HD):** Under the supervision of an HLS Clinical Instructor, HD provides advice and/or representation to low-income defendants in criminal show-cause hearings and in District Courts.
- **Harvard Immigration Project (HIP):** Under the supervision of HIRC, HIP represents clients in administrative hearings and works on other immigration projects, including policy advocacy, advice and/or representation.
- **Harvard Law Entrepreneurship Project (HLEP):** Under the supervision of outside law firms, HLEP provides legal research and advice to projects affiliated with students at Harvard and MIT.
- **Harvard Mediation Program (HMP):** Under the supervision of HNMCP, HMP provides mediation services in landlord-tenant, small claims, harassment prevention and other cases.
- **Harvard Law Negotiators (HN):** Under the supervision of HNMCP, HN engages in various negotiation and dispute resolution projects.
- **Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project (PLAP):** Under the supervision of HLS Clinical Instructors, PLAP represents inmates in Massachusetts state prisons in disciplinary, parole board and classification hearings, in petitions for commutation, in appeals of agency decisions to higher courts, as well as providing information and referrals on sentence calculation, healthcare and other issues.
- **HLS Advocates for Human Rights (Advocates):** Under the supervision of the IHRC, Advocates work on various human rights issues.
- **Mississippi Delta Project:** Under the supervision of CHLPI, the project engages in a broad range of public policy assignments in the Mississippi Delta.
- **Project No One Leaves (PNOL):** Under the supervision of HLAB, PNOL provides information, education and mediation services to help former owners and tenants stay in their homes after foreclosure.
- **Recording Artist Project (RAP):** Under the supervision of TLC, RAP assists under-served musicians and music entrepreneurs in such matters as copyright/trademark registration and counseling, and the review, drafting and negotiation of management, recording and publishing agreements and other music industry related transactions.
- **Tenant Advocacy Project (TAP):** Under the supervision of HLS Clinical Instructors, TAP provides representation at administrative hearings at Public Housing Authorities, as well as advice on landlord-tenant issues for tenants who receive subsidies through a housing authority.

## EXTERNSHIP CLINICS

Externship clinics place students at organizations that operate independently of HLS.

<b>Capital Punishment Clinic</b>	Students are placed with organizations and/or attorneys who represent clients on death row and work on broad based criminal justice reform issues.
<b>Child Advocacy Program</b>	Educates students about different social change strategies by placing students in external organizations doing child welfare, education, and/or juvenile justice work and using one or more advocacy methods to advance children's interests, including direct services, impact litigation, legislative reform, and grassroots organizing, among others. May also include in-house placements.
<b>Criminal Prosecution Clinic*</b> (District Attorney)	Students are placed at District Attorney Offices in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and work on District Court criminal cases. <i>(3Ls Only)</i>
<b>Democracy and the Rule of Law Clinic</b>	Students are placed with The Protect Democracy Project, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to holding the federal government accountable to the rules, laws, institutions, and longstanding practices that protect our democracy."
<b>Employment Law Clinic</b>	Students are placed with law firms, government or non-profit organizations and work on issues related to various forms of employment discrimination against protected groups.
<b>Government Lawyer: Attorney General Clinic*</b>	Students are placed at Attorney General offices in Massachusetts during Fall and Spring terms, and in offices throughout the country in Winter term, with the option to continue long distance in other semesters.
<b>Government Lawyer: U.S. Attorney Clinic</b>	Students are placed at the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston and focus on federal prosecutorial work. <i>(By Application)</i> <b>Students must be U.S. Citizens.</b>
<b>Government Lawyer: Semester in Washington*</b>	During the Winter and Spring semester, students are placed in various federal agencies and legislative offices and work on policy, legislative and regulatory matters. <i>(By Application)</i>
<b>Judicial Process in Trial Courts Clinic*</b>	Students are placed with individual judges in various state and federal courts as well as administrative agencies in the Boston area, assisting them with research and writing projects.
<b>Public Education Policy and Consulting Clinic</b>	Students work full time in New York City on nation-wide public education reform policy issues. <i>(By Application)</i>
<b>Sports Law Clinic*</b>	Students are placed in a wide range of organizations including major leagues, sports franchises, law firms, sports management and marketing agencies, etc. to work on various sports law issues. <i>(By Application)</i> <i>(Note: Some clinical work is not eligible for the pro bono requirement if it is in the private sector.)</i>
<b>Supreme Court Litigation Clinic</b>	Students are placed at Goldstein & Russell, P.C. in Bethesda, MD during winter term where they focus on representation before the U.S. Supreme Court. <i>(By Application)</i>

## OTHER CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Please contact OCP for more information about limited clinical placement opportunities through select course offerings.

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## ABOUT OCP

The mission of the Clinical and Pro Bono Programs at Harvard Law School (HLS) is to provide diverse and innovative clinical and pro bono opportunities for students to practice law and develop skills through individualized supervision, mentoring, and modeling; advance access to justice locally and globally by working on real world cases/projects; and inspire students to develop a lifelong commitment to pro bono service.

**\* Some placements may have U.S. citizenship requirements. Please contact OCP for more information.**