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| HLS Advocates for Human Rights                                     | impletes student-led and student-developed projects assisting NGOs and lawyers around the world, hosts human rights-related events, actively supports social justice/human rights initiatives on campus and in the community, and seeks to build a community of human rights-oriented students on campus. This semester, Advocates has projects on expanded jurisdiction at the ICC, corporate accountability in Israel/Palestine, international humanitarian law monitoring in Yemen, the human rights impact of bauxite mining, the impact of UN human rights treaties, and protecting the First Amendment rights of peaceful demonstrators. | • Analyzing facts  
• Brief writing  
• Collaboration/teamwork  
• Doctrinal legal research & writing  
• Grassroots advocacy  
• Interviewing clients  
• Investigation/actual research  
• Policy | Varies by project and involvement. Members on projects can expect to spend 2-5 hours per week, project leaders can expect to spend 4-7 hours per week. | Application Deadline: Saturday, September 21 @ 5 pm  
Applications for project membership: [Link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2tJz064JXju7Q94JhJz7d2jHNPz8o3VQs/suspens/CSV4Jz5B8HRDj/0/viewform?usp=pp) | Welcome Event:  
Wednesday, September 18  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
WCC 3019  
TBD |  |
| Harvard Defenders                                                  | Represents low-income clients at Massachusetts criminal show-cause hearings before clerk magistrates, works in partnership with outside organizations, and provides referrals to other legal services. | • Analyzing facts  
• Collaboration/teamwork  
• Direct client assisting & services  
• Interviewing & counseling clients  
• Interviewing witnesses  
• Investigation/actual research  
• Oral advocacy  
• Representing clients in court  
• Trial practice | Minimum: 1 case per semester  
(5-10 hours per case on average)  
2 hours per week - 1 hour for intake (answering phones and completing office duties) and 1 hour for a team meeting. | Application Deadline: Monday, September 16 @ 11:59pm  
Sign up for an application at [Link](https://forms.gle/1GDRXNhJNPea38K) or at the Student Activities Fair. | Info Session with Defenders, YAP, and PLAP:  
Friday, September 13  
7:00pm  
Student Orgs Room | Saturday, September 21, 9am-3pm |  |
| Harvard Law Entrepreneurship Project (HLEP)                       | Provides free legal research and analysis to entrepreneurs at Harvard and MIT by matching entrepreneurs with teams of HLS students and a practicing attorney from leading start-up law firms. Teams work together to answer legal questions over six to eight weeks. Legal questions can cover a broad range of substantive subjects depending on the startup's needs; participating entrepreneurs receive a report summarizing the team's findings. | • Analyzing facts  
• Collaboration/teamwork  
• Direct client assisting & services  
• Doctrinal legal research  
• Interviewing & counseling clients  
• Investigation/actual research  
• Transactional research  
• Writing report for client | About 10 hours over a six-to-eight-week advising period for team members. Team leaders could see an additional 3-4 hours. | Students must attend a training session and submit a client preference form to be placed on a project team. Anyone may apply to be a team member.  
To be a team leader, applicants must answer additional questions regarding leadership experience, though no prior HELP experience is necessary. | Students can sign up for mailing list using the link at [blog.org](http://blog.org).  
More information will be circulated to mailing list subscribers and via Calendar@Law. | Monday, September 23  
12 – 1 pm  
WCC 3019  
Tuesday, September 24  
12 – 1 pm  
WCC 3015 |  |  |
| HLS Immigration Project (HIP)                                     | Provides community outreach, education and advocacy, and pro bono legal representation to immigrants and asylum-seekers through these main projects: Immigration Services Project (ISP), International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), Removal Defense Project (RDP), and Community Outreach Initiative (COI). If needed, it can apply to be members of any of the four main projects, or to be members of the Events or Policy teams. | • Analyzing facts  
• Counseling clients  
• Collaboration/teamwork  
• Community education  
• Direct client assisting & services  
• Doctrinal legal research & writing  
• Grassroots advocacy  
• Interviewing clients  
• Investigation/actual research  
• Policy | Varies by project and type of involvement. Including mandatory training sessions, average commitment ranges from 10:40 hours/semester. Some projects do not begin casework until the spring semester. | Application Deadline: Wednesday, September 18 @ 11:59pm  
Application released by email after Student Activities Fair. In-person interviews will be held the following weekend. Decisions released the following week. | Meet-and-Greet/Info Session:  
Monday, September 16  
6:00pm-7:30pm  
WCC 2009  
Depends on project – likely in early October. |  |  |
| Harvard Mediation Program (HMP)                                   | Student mediators handle small claims court cases, harassment prevention orders, tenant-to-tenant disputes or other ad hoc cases. Students also provide trainings to HLS students and local community members. | • Analyzing facts  
• Collaboration/teamwork  
• Direct client services  
• Interviewing clients  
• Negotiation and mediation  
• Oral presentation | 3 mediation sessions the first semester and 5 mediation sessions each subsequent semester. One session of participant coaching in a subsequent Basic Training.  
A two-semester minimum commitment is expected. | Application Deadline: Monday, September 23 @ 11:59 pm  
The application form can be found at [Link](http://clinics.law.harvard.edu/HMP/Nice/2019/07/HMP-Application-Fall-2019.docx)  
Applicants will interview on Tuesday, October 1 or Wednesday, October 2. | ADR Night:  
Wednesday, September 18  
7:00pm-8:30pm  
 Pound Hall, 1st floor  
Saturday and Sunday, October 5-6, and  
Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20  
9:00am – 5:15pm each day |  |  |

Visit our website: [hls.harvard.edu/dep/clinical](http://hls.harvard.edu/dep/clinical)  
Read student stories from SPoS on our blog: [blogs.harvard.edu/clinicalprobono](http://blogs.harvard.edu/clinicalprobono)  
Visit our office in WCC 3085 and meet with an advisor to learn more about clinics and SPOS.
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| HLS Mississippi Delta Project      | Provides pro bono legal assistance and policy support for mission-driven organizations in Mississippi. Students will work in teams on projects advancing food justice, criminal justice, and reproductive justice in the fall semester, with the addition of an environmental justice project in the spring. | - Analyzing facts  
- Counseling clients  
- Collaboration/teamwork  
- Contract drafting  
- Direct client services  
- Grassroots advocacy  
- Interviewing & counseling clients  
- Investigation/factual research  
- Legislation  
- Policy | 1-4 hours/week, with some variability depending on project. | Application Deadline:  
Friday, September 20 by 11:59 pm  
Applications available at https://bit.ly/2xkm3Ic. Accepted students will be notified September 23 with team assignments. | No application required. | MDP All Team Kickoff Meeting  
Monday, September 30  
Time and Location TBD |
| HLS Negotiators                    | Students explore the world of alternative dispute resolution and receive great training and practice in interpersonal negotiation. Opportunities include regular simulations where students can practice their negotiation skills and get feedback on improvement; client projects to gain practical experience; and the potential to engage with the greater ADR community both on and off campus. | - Counseling clients  
- Collaboration/teamwork  
- Direct client advising  
- Grassroots advocacy  
- Interviewing & counseling clients  
- Investigation/factual research  
- Negotiation  
- Policy | Average 1-5 hours/week  
Varies by commitment options and client project. | No application required.  
Simply sign up to attend our three-hour basic training via the Negotiators website: Clinics.harvard.edu/negotiators. | ADR Night  
Wednesday, September 18  
7:00pm-8:30 pm  
Pound 4th Floor | Fall Basic Training  
Saturday, September 21  
11:30am-3pm (lunch provided)  
Langdell Hall 272 Kirkland and Ellis Classroom – South |
| Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project (PLAP) | Provides free representation to prisoners at disciplinary, parole, and other administrative hearings in Massachusetts state prisons. Students assist incarcerated individuals with prison-related problems (medical, civil rights, and property) by responding to letters and calls during weekly office hours. Students may also work on impact litigation and prison policy initiatives, organize campus events related to mass incarceration and prisoners’ rights, or assist clients with commutation petitions. | - Analyzing facts  
- Collaboration/teamwork  
- Direct client advising and services  
- Discovery  
- Grassroots advocacy  
- Interviewing & counseling clients  
- Investigation/factual research  
- Oral arguments  
- Policy  
- Representing clients in hearings  
- Trial practice | 1 hour per week on office hours;  
Approximately 10-20 hours per hearing (optional) | No application required.  
PLAP is open to all students who can commit to one office hour per week.  
Email plapdirector@gmail.com, hpsspizer@hls.harvard.edu  
shafferj@fas.harvard.edu  
for more information. PLAP will also accept sign ups at the Student Activities Fair. | Info session with Defenders, TAP, and PLAP:  
PLAP:  
Friday, September 13  
7:00pm  
Student Orgs Room  
Welcome Back Picnic:  
Saturday, September 14  
11:30am – 1:30pm  
Jarvis Field & Caspersen Patio | Required training:  
Date TBD  
Supplemental trainings throughout the semester in skills such as cross examination and client management. |
| Project No One Leaves (PNOL)       | Works with City Life-Vida Urbana, a grassroots organizing group in Boston, to support and defend communities facing gentrification, eviction, foreclosure, and deportation. PNOL canvasses at-risk neighborhoods to inform residents of their basic legal rights and direct them to legal resources and community support. | - Analyzing facts  
- Client counseling  
- Community education  
- Direct client services  
- Grassroots advocacy | No specific commitment. Weekly canvasses are optional, on Saturdays from 10am-1pm. Anyone is welcome to attend a canvass. | Add your email to the listerv at http://bit.ly/2Uo19PNG. You will then receive an email the week before each scheduled canvass. Once you receive the email for the canvass you plan to attend, sign up using the link provided. | No application required.  
PLAP is open to all students who can commit to one office hour per week.  
Email plapdirector@gmail.com, hpsspizer@hls.harvard.edu  
shafferj@fas.harvard.edu  
for more information. PLAP will also accept sign ups at the Student Activities Fair. | Required training:  
Date TBD  
Supplemental trainings throughout the semester in skills such as cross examination and client management. |
| Recording Artists Project (RAP)    | Offers its clients pro bono counsel in such matters as copyright and trademark registration, sample clearances, and the negotiation and drafting of contracts related to music production, management, performance, licensing, and merchandising. | - Analyzing facts  
- Collaboration/teamwork  
- Contract Drafting  
- Direct client advising & services  
- Doctrinal legal research & writing  
- Interviewing & counseling clients  
- Investigation/factual research  
- Negotiation | Average 1-3 hours/week | Application Deadline:  
Thursday, September 19 @ 11:59 pm  
Submit a brief interest statement to hvsrap@gmail.com. The statement should explain why you are interested in joining RAP. | Info Session:  
MUSIC TRIVIA  
Tuesday, September 17  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
HLS Pub (food and drink provided) | Sunday, September 29  
Full Training is mandatory for all students even if they only plan on joining in the spring. |
| Tenant Advocacy Project (TAP)      | Provides representation, assistance, and advice to public housing tenants, section 8 voucher recipients, and those seeking subsidized housing. Works with our clients on a wide-range of issues, including eviction, subsidy termination, recertification, waitlist and transfer denial, and reasonable accommodations. | - Analyzing facts  
- Collaboration/teamwork  
- Direct client advising & services  
- Interviewing & counseling clients  
- Investigation/factual research  
- Legal Research and writing  
- Oral advocacy  
- Negotiation  
- Representing clients in administrative hearings  
- Trial practice | 1 case/semester (15-20 hours/case); weekly office hours (shifts 1 hour each); occasional advice cases (~1.2 hours, ~2 per semester) | Application Deadline:  
Saturday, September 21 @ 2 pm  
Application consists of a cover sheet, answers to a few short questions, and a resume. Please email your application to tenantsadvocacy@pap.org.  
To get an application, stop by the TAP table at the Student Activities Fair, sign up to receive one via email, or email tenantsadvocacy@pap.org. | Info Session with Defenders, TAP, and PLAP:  
PLAP:  
Friday, September 13  
7:00pm  
Student Organizations Room  
TAP Open House:  
Wednesday, September 18  
3:00pm-7:00pm  
WCC 5123 (Student Clinics Wing) | Mandatory Introductory Training for New Members:  
Saturday, September 28  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
Additional trainings throughout the year. |