

CLINICAL AND PRO BONO PROGRAMS
CLINICAL SKILLS MATRIX 2021-22

IN HOUSE CLINICS

In-House Clinic	Description	Work & Skills	Placement Location
Animal Law and Policy Clinic <i>Kathy Meyer</i> <i>By application</i>	Focuses on opportunities to improve the treatment of animals both domestically and internationally. Students will be introduced to the overarching issues that non-human animal law advocates face in their work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litigation • Legislation • Administrative practice • Policymaking and organizing strategies 	On-campus
Criminal Justice Institute <i>Dehbia Umunna</i>	A public defender Clinic that provides zealous defense to indigent adults and juvenile clients facing misdemeanor and felony charges in 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. (3L's Only).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in factual and legal investigations of criminal cases • Interview witnesses and indigent clients • Argue motions and try cases before a court • Argue cases before the Appeals Court and Supreme Judicial Court 	On-campus, and primarily in Roxbury District Court and Dorchester Juvenile Court
Crimmigration Clinic (HIRC) <i>Phil Torrey</i> <i>By application</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 appellate 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>	Represents clients in cutting-edge tech issues including artificial intelligence, digital civil liberties, government innovation, intellectual property, privacy, and First Amendment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client counseling in both litigation and transactional matters • Client-centered policy and amicus advocacy • Legal research and writing on tech law and policy 	On-campus
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factual and legal research • Handle hearings with Boston public schools • Interview clients and experts • Work on education policy 	On-campus
Election Law Clinic <i>Ruth Greenwood</i> <i>By application</i>	Students have the opportunity to do hands-on litigation and advocacy work across a range of election law areas, with an initial focus on redistricting and vote suppression cases. Clinic offerings will include federal and state litigation projects, as well as some advocacy opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litigation • Policy and advocacy work • Legal research and writing • Amicus briefs • Working with experts 	On-campus
Emmett Environmental Law and Policy Clinic <i>Shaun Gobo</i> <i>Winter term by application</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; provide legal advice to non-profit and government clients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factual and legal research • Client conferences and advising • Draft legal memoranda and briefs • Write guidance manuals for non-lawyers • Prepare comments on rules • Write model statutes/ordinances • Draft policy papers • Oral presentations (to courts, governments, NGOs, others) 	On-campus or with Boston area nonprofit and government organizations
Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program <i>Deborah Anker</i> <i>Sabi Ardalan</i>	Represents applicants for U.S. refugee status, asylum, and related protections in conjunction with Greater Boston Legal Services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative hearings • Amicus briefs • Appellate litigation • Interview and counsel clients • Legal research and writing • Draft asylum petitions, legal memoranda, and policy papers 	On-campus or with Greater Boston Legal Services (Boston)
Harvard Dispute Systems Design Clinic <i>Rachel Visconti</i>	Involves dispute resolution skill-building to prepare students for complex, multilevel negotiations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview and counsel clients • Stakeholder interviewing/assessment • Conflict Analysis • Consensus Building • Dispute System Evaluation & Design • Prepare final consulting reports 	On-campus
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact-finding investigations, documentation, and reporting • Factual and legal research and writing • Draft briefs, legislation, treaties, reports, and policy papers • Interview clients and witnesses • Work in partnerships and coalitions 	On-campus
Institute to End Mass Incarceration Clinic <i>Andrew Crespo, Premal Dharria</i> <i>By application</i>	Students work toward the dramatic decarceration of the United States, the eradication of the root causes of mass incarceration, and the promotion of new approaches to dealing with harm and safety in our communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy work • Legal research and writing • Collaborating with partner organizations 	On-campus

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Mediation Clinic <i>Cathy Mondell</i>	Students observe and conduct mediations in small claims court sessions for small claims cases and harassment prevention orders in the Boston area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation • Alternative dispute resolution 	On-campus
Religious Freedom Clinic <i>Josh McDaniel</i> <i>By application</i>	Students represent a diverse group of clients in legal matters raising First Amendment and religious liberty issues. The clinic focuses on representing members of minority faiths, the vulnerable, and those who serve or support them in our pluralistic society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factual and legal research and writing • Interviewing clients • Strategizing cases 	On-campus
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transactional representation and negotiation • Client interviewing, communications, and counseling • Draft and review documents and contracts • Transactional deal analysis, issue identification, and deal strategy • Statutory and regulatory research • Case management • Ethical practice considerations 	On-campus
Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation (CHLPI)			
Food Law and Policy Clinic <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 • Draft legislation and policy papers for different constituencies • Community education and organizing 	On-campus
Health Law and Policy Clinic <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 as well as policy reform and litigation.	Policy and litigation work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factual and legal research and writing • Interview and counsel clients • Community education and organizing • Draft amicus briefs, legislation, Office of Civil Right complaints, motions, and trial preparation. 	On-campus
Legal Services Center			
Domestic Violence and Family Law Clinic <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
Federal Tax Clinic <i>T. Keith Fogg</i>	Students represent low-income taxpayers in matters 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 • Interview clients • Factual investigation • Negotiation • Evidentiary hearings 	WilmerHale Legal Services Center (LSC) in Jamaica Plain, Boston
Housing Law Clinic <i>Mawreen McDonagh</i>	Represents tenants facing evictions, sometimes as a result of domestic and sexual violence, often through litigation in the Boston Housing Court.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview and counsel clients • Factual and legal research • Legal Research and Writing • Significant trial preparation 	WilmerHale Legal Services Center (LSC) in Jamaica Plain, Boston
LGBTQ+ Advocacy Clinic <i>Alexander Chen</i>	Represents LGBTQ+ members through civil litigation and policy advocacy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct legal services • Impact litigation • Policy and legislative advocacy 	WilmerHale Legal Services Center (LSC) in Jamaica Plain, Boston
Predatory Lending & Consumer Protection Clinic <i>Roger Bertling</i> <i>Toby Merrill</i> <i>Eileen Connor</i>	Enforces consumer rights by bringing impact litigation against predatory lenders including for-profit colleges and representing individuals in debt-related lawsuits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview and counsel clients • 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
Veterans Law and Disability Benefits Clinic <i>Daniel Nagin</i>	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.	<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