

Clinics at a Glance

2022-2023

ANIMAL LAW AND POLICY CLINIC

Focuses on opportunities to improve the treatment of animals both domestically and internationally. Student projects may include litigation, policy analysis, and applied academic research.

CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW AND POLICY INNOVATION: HEALTH LAW AND POLICY CLINIC

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

A public defender clinic that provides client-centered representation 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. [\(3Ls Only\)](#)

CRIMMIGRATION CLINIC

Works on habeas and appellate litigation, policy advocacy, criminal defense counsel advisals, and advisory opinions, among other projects, concerning the intersection of criminal law and immigration law. [\(By Application\)](#)

CYBERLAW CLINIC

Engages in client counseling, advocacy, litigation, and transactional/licensing work on issues relating to the internet, technology, and intellectual property. Practice areas include artificial intelligence; communications infrastructure; privacy; general internet business law; government innovation; speech, media law, & First Amendment; and technology & access to justice.

EDUCATION LAW CLINIC

Provides referral, advice, and representation to families in special education cases and related matters on behalf of children who have experienced adversity. Pursues systemic remedies, including advocating for laws, regulations, policies, and funding streams, and conducting legal research to improve the educational system.

ELECTION LAW CLINIC

Works on federal and state litigation projects, as well as advocacy work across a range of election law areas, with an initial focus on redistricting and vote suppression cases. [\(By Application\)](#)

EMMETT ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY CLINIC

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, preparation of model laws and guidance documents, and compliance and transactional counseling.

HARVARD DISPUTE SYSTEMS DESIGN CLINIC

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.

HARVARD IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE CLINIC

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

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. [\(By Application\)](#)

INSTITUTE TO END MASS INCARCERATION CLINIC

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. [\(By Application\)](#)

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

Works to protect the human rights of clients and communities around the world. The clinic has a broad human rights practice and 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 with Ghanaian partners on issues of educational inequality and ongoing legislative and policy reform. For Spring 2023, students will have the option to travel to Ghana over Spring Break. [\(By Application\)](#)

MEDIATION CLINIC

Students observe and conduct mediations in small claims court sessions for small claims cases and harassment prevention orders in the Boston area.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM CLINIC

Students represent a diverse group of clients in legal matters raising First Amendment and religious liberty issues. [\(By Application\)](#)

TRANSACTIONAL LAW CLINICS

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)

Holistic community-based civil legal services program in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston.

FAMILY LAW / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC

Represents survivors and victims of domestic violence through an innovative medical-legal partnership in divorce, custody, support, paternity, and order of protection cases.

FEDERAL TAX CLINIC

Represents clients before the IRS and the MA DOR in administrative and court settings necessary to resolve tax issues.

HOUSING LAW CLINIC

Represents tenants facing eviction, primarily through litigation in Boston Housing Court.

LGBTQ+ ADVOCACY CLINIC

Represents LGBTQ+ members through civil litigation and policy advocacy.

PREDATORY LENDING AND CONSUMER PROTECTION CLINIC

Represents clients in litigation against predatory lenders.

VETERANS LAW AND DISABILITY BENEFITS CLINIC

Represents veterans and individuals with disabilities in agency appeals, in state and federal courts, and in estate planning matters.

Externship Clinics

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CLINIC

Students are placed with organizations and/or attorneys who represent clients on death row and work on broad based criminal justice reform issues. (Winter/Spring Clinic)

CHILD ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Students learn about different social change strategies in placements at 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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPELLATE CLINIC

Students are placed with the Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center in Washington, D.C., working on appeals before federal circuit courts and/or the U.S. Supreme Court that raise important issues related to civil rights and the criminal justice system. (Winter/Spring Clinic) ([By Application](#))

CRIMINAL PROSECUTION CLINIC

Students are placed at District Attorney Offices in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and work on District Court criminal cases. (Fall/Winter Clinic) ([3Ls Only](#))

DELIVERY OF LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC

Students are placed at Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) working on bankruptcy cases.

DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW CLINIC

Students are placed with Protect Democracy Project, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to holding the federal government accountable to the rules, laws, institutions, and practices that protect our democracy.

EDUCATION LAW CLINIC - EXTERNSHIPS

Students are placed in either a non-profit organization or a government agency focusing on the educational rights of students.

EMPLOYMENT LAW CLINIC

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.

FEDERAL COURTS CLINIC

Students work with federal judges throughout the country and at different levels of the judicial system to gain a greater insight into the workings of the federal judiciary. (Winter/Spring Clinic)

GOVERNMENT LAWYER: ATTORNEY GENERAL CLINIC

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.

GOVERNMENT LAWYER: U.S. ATTORNEY CLINIC

Students are placed at the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston and focus on federal prosecutorial work. ([By Application](#))

GOVERNMENT LAWYER: SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON CLINIC

Students are placed in various federal agencies and legislative offices and work on policy, legislative and regulatory matters. (Winter/Spring or Spring Clinic) ([By Application](#))

JUDICIAL PROCESS IN TRIAL COURTS CLINIC

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.

SPORTS LAW CLINIC

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. (Winter or Spring Clinic) ([By Application](#))

SUPREME COURT LITIGATION CLINIC

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. ([By Application](#))