Office of Clinical and Pro Bono Programs

SPO OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT PRACTICE 2022-2023

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| HLS Advocates for Human Rights           | implements 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 seeks to build a community of human rights-dedicated students on practitioners. this semester, advocates has projects on war crimes in ukraine, climate justice before the united nations, palestinian rights, elimination of cash bail in south africa, corporate accountability in sudan, development accountability in southeast asia, and transgender rights in sports. | • analyzing facts  
  • brief writing  
  • collaboration/teamwork  
  • doctrinal legal research & writing  
  • grassroots advocacy  
  • interviewing clients  
  • investigation/factual 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 18 @ 11:59 pm  
applications for project membership: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/fg22/15798970097754528049/viewform | open house: wednesday, september 14  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, pound hall 101 | TBD |
| Harvard Defenders                        | represents low-income clients at massachusetts criminal show-cause hearings before clerk magistrates and in cori sealing matters, works in partnership with outside organizations, and provides referrals to other legal services. harvard defenders seeks to reduce the harm of the criminal legal system on community members through client-centered, compassionate, and persuasive legal practice. | • analyzing facts  
  • collaboration/teamwork  
  • direct client advising & services  
  • interviewing & counseling clients  
  • interviewing witnesses  
  • investigation/factual 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: thursday, september 15 @ 11:59 pm  
fill out an application at http://defenders.harvard.edu | open house: wednesday, september 7th  
12:30pm-2:30pm, 1607 mass ave, 2nd floor | sunday, september 25, 12pm-4:30pm |
| Harvard Law Entrepreneurship Project (HLEP) | provides pro bono legal research and analysis to entrepreneurs at harvard and mit by matching entrepreneurs with teams of hls students and a practicing attorney from the leading startup 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. | • collaboration/teamwork  
  • analyzing facts  
  • direct client advising & services  
  • doctrinal legal research  
  • interviewing & counseling clients  
  • investigation/factual research  
  • trial practice  
  • writing legal memo for client | About 10 hours over a six-to-eight-week advising period for team members. team leaders could see an additional 5 hours. | students attend the fall client pitch on saturday, september 17 from 1pm - 3pm et and submit a client preference form thereafter to be placed on a project team. new members must also attend a training session on 9/19 or 9/20. anyone may apply to be a team member. to be a team leader, applicants must answer additional questions regarding leadership experience, though no prior hlep is required. | newsletter: students can sign up for mailing list to learn about upcoming events here: hlep.org  
Hlep Fall Project Cycle Kickoff Social on sunday, september 18, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Felipe's. RSVP here. | fall project cycle training dates: monday, september 19 OR tuesday, september 20, 12:30-1:30 pm, pound hall 102 |
| HLS Immigration Project (HIP)            | provides community outreach, education and advocacy, and pro bono legal representation to immigrants and asylum-seekers through these main projects: Client Engagement Services (CES), International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), and Policy. | • analyzing facts  
  • counseling clients  
  • collaboration/teamwork  
  • community education  
  • direct client advising & services  
  • doctrinal legal research & writing  
  • grassroots advocacy  
  • interviewing clients  
  • investigation/factual research  
  • policy | Varies by project and type of involvement. including mandatory training sessions, average commitment ranges from 10-40 hours/semester – can be pretty flexible! 1ls can apply to be members of any of the three main projects. depending on need, we may have room for 1-2 1ls board members later this year. | application deadline: tuesday, september 20  
application released by email after student activities fair. interviews are unlikely but may be necessary for irap, which will have capacity for fewer students than ces and policy. | welcome picnic for new and returning members co-hosted with La Alianza on saturday, september 17 at noon in cambidge common (park, not restaurant). food from local immigrant-owned restaurants provided! | 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 19  
The application form can be found at: https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hmp/files/2022/07/HMP-Application-Fall-2022.docx | adr night: tuesday, september 13  
6:00-8:00pm, wcc 1010 | october 1-2 and october 15-16, 2022 (saturday and sunday) | 9:00am – 5:00pm each day |

Visit our website: hls.harvard.edu/pro-bono/spo  
Read student stories from SPOs on our blog: https://clinics.law.harvard.edu  
Schedule an appointment with an OCP advisor to learn more about clinics and SPOs.
Harvard School of Law 2022-2023

Welcome to the 2022-2023 year at the Harvard Law School (Harvard). The Harvard Law School includes 11 student organizations (SPO) functioning on both and off campus. Each organization provides opportunities to gain practical experience; and the potential to engage with the greater ADR community both on and off campus.

**Project No One Leaves (PNOL)**
clinics.law.harvard.edu/no/  
**Co-Presidents:** Emma Piankey and Ari Zotti  
**Email:** gpiankey@jd24.law.harvard.edu
  
Provides representation, assistance, and advice to public housing tenants, section 8 voucher recipients, and those seeking subsidized housing in the greater Boston area. Offers a unique opportunity to lead your own case once a member. Works with our clients on a wide range of issues, including eviction, subsidy termination, rent stabilization, recertification, waitlist and transfer denial, and reasonable accommodations.

- **Analyzing facts**
- **Client counseling**
- **Community education**
- **Direct client services**
- **Grassroots advocacy**
- **Interviewing witnesses**
- **Investigation/factual research**
- **Legal research and writing**
- **Oral advocacy**
- **Negotiation**
- **Representing clients in administrative hearings**
- **Trial practice**

1 case/semester (15-20 hours/semester): weekly office hour shifts (1 hour each); weekly team meetings (1 hour each); occasional advisory case advice (~1-2 hours, ~2 per semester)

**Application Deadline:**  
Fell Basic Training: Friday, September 23  
Full Fall Training: Friday, September 21

Training takes place before each canvass, and no previous experience is required.

**Recording Artists Project (RAP)**
https://forms.gle/1DREJVCR6HicWzMMA  
**Co-Presidents:** Landon Harris & Andrew Choi  
**Email:** nharris@jd23.law.harvard.edu
  
Provides a platform for students to offer free legal advice to artists and their businesses in Massachusetts.

- **Analyzing facts**
- **Collaboration/teamwork**
- **Direct client advising & services**
- **Discovery**
- **Grassroots advocacy**
- **Investigation/factual research**
- **Legal research and writing**
- **Oral arguments**
- **Policy**
- **Representing clients in hearings**
- **Trial practice**

2 hours per week on office hours; 1 case per semester (10-20 hours per case)

**Commitment Deadline:**  
Fell Basic Training: Friday, September 16  
Full Fall Training: Friday, September 21

Short Orientation TDB: First canvass to take place on Saturday, September 17 at 10pm, meet outside Harvard Legal Aid Bureau (23 Everett St, Cambridge)

**Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project (PLAP)**
clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/  
**Co-Executive Directors:** Emilie Montgomery, Sarah Blatt-Herald, Georgia Fischon  
**Email:** plapdirectors@gmail.com
  
Works with City Life-Vida Urbana, a grassroots organizing group in Boston, to support and defend communities facing gentrification, eviction, foreclosure, and deportation. PLAP canvasses at-risk neighborhoods to inform residents of their basic legal rights and direct them to legal resources and community support.

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No specific commitment. Weekly canvasses are optional, on Saturdays from 10am-1pm. Anyone is welcome to attend a canvass.

**Add your email to the list at:**  
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.

**Welcome Back Picnic:**  
Saturday, September 10  
1:00pm

**Meet/Greet & Info Session:**  
TBD of week of September 12

**Training:** Fall Training is mandatory for all students even if they only plan on joining in the spring.

**Mandatory Introductory Training for New Members:**  
Saturday, October 1  
5:00pm - 7:30pm

Additional trainings throughout the semester, depending on previous experience required.

**Hispanic Legal Advocates Project (HLAP)**
clinics.law.harvard.edu/hlap/  
**Co-Chairs:** Caroline Jaschke and Christine Smith  
**Email:** cjjaschke@jd23.law.harvard.edu, cjsiche@jd23.law.harvard.edu
  
Provides pro bono legal assistance and support for mission-driven organizations in Georgia. Students work in teams on projects advancing reproductive justice, food justice, environmental justice, and juvenile justice.

- **Analyzing facts**
- **Counseling clients**
- **Collaboration/teamwork**
- **Contract drafting**
- **Direct client services**
- **Grassroots advocacy**
- **Investigation/factual research**
- **Legislation**
- **Policy**

1-4 hours/week, with some variability depending on project.

**Application Deadline:**  
Wednesday, September 21

**Co-Executive Directors:**  
Caroline Jaschke and Christine Smith  
**Email:** cjjaschke@jd23.law.harvard.edu, cjsiche@jd23.law.harvard.edu

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.

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Friday, September 16  
**Email:** plapdirectors@gmail.com
  
For more information.

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**Ms. Delta Project**
clinics.law.harvard.edu/deltaproject/  
**Co-Chairs:** Georgia Rochon Herold, Adriana Bones  
**Email:** garochon@jd24.law.harvard.edu, abones@jd24.law.harvard.edu
  
Provides pro bono legal assistance and support for mission-driven organizations in Mississippi. Students work in teams on projects advancing reproductive justice, food justice, environmental justice, and juvenile justice.

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- **Counseling clients**
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- **Policy**

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Georgia Rochon Herold, Adriana Bones  
**Email:** garochon@jd24.law.harvard.edu, abones@jd24.law.harvard.edu

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