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| **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED** | Winter-Spring |
| **CLINICAL COURSE COMPONENT** | Capital Punishment in America (Fall) |
| **COURSE CREDITS** | 3 fall classroom credits |
| **CLINICAL CREDITS** | 4-5 clinical credits (2 winter + 2-3 spring) |
| **LOCATION** | Various placement across the Southern U.S. |
| **REGISTRATION TYPE** | Helios |

**TYPES OF PLACEMENTS**

The clinic place students with capital defense organizations around the country. Cases may be pretrial, but are usually on appeal or in post-conviction.

Past placements have included:

* Capital Post-Conviction Project of Louisiana
* Center for Death Penalty Litigation
* Defender Association of Philadelphia – Capital Habeas Unit
* Equal Justice Institute
* Office of Capital Writs
* Southern Center for Human Rights
* Texas Defender Service

**SKILLS**

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| Legal research and writing | Appellate litigation |
| Strategizing cases | Trial preparation |
| Policy and advocacy work | Fact investigation |
| Working with experts | Interviewing clients |
| Collaboration with partner organization |

**TYPICAL WORK SCHEDULE**

During Winter term students work full-time in-person at their placement organization. Over the Spring term, students continue their placement work remotely from Cambridge (for either 8 or 12 hours/week).

Projects may include and are not limited to:

* Drafting research memos
* Preparing evidentiary motions
* Discovery review
* Drafting applications for conviction review
* Post-conviction petition claims
* Submitting records requests
* Analyzing medical histories
* Drafting cert petitions