



# Clinics at a Glance

2023-2024

○ *In-House Clinic* (students work on-campus at an HLS clinic supervised by HLS faculty and clinicians)

◇ *Externship Clinic* (students work externally at a placement outside of Harvard and are supervised by an attorney at the organization)

## **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.

## **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 CLINIC** ◇

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** ◇ (BY APPLICATION)

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)

## **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)

## **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)

## **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.

## **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.

## **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** ○

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** ○ (BY APPLICATION)

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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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)

## **FOOD LAW AND POLICY CLINIC: CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW AND POLICY INNOVATION** ○

Provides students with the opportunity to practice using legal and policy tools in order to address the health, environmental, and economic impacts of our food system.

## **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 ◊ (BY APPLICATION)**

Students are placed at the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston and focus on federal prosecutorial work.

**GOVERNMENT LAWYER: SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON CLINIC ◊ (BY APPLICATION)**

Students are placed in various federal agencies and legislative offices and work on policy, legislative and regulatory matters.

**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 ◊ (BY APPLICATION)**

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.

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

Students work on cutting-edge legislative, regulatory and litigation projects at the state and national levels aimed at increasing access to quality, comprehensive health care for low-income individuals and families

**HUMAN RIGHTS ENTREPRENEURS AND INCUBATOR CLINIC ◊**

Gives students the opportunity to work in a lab-like atmosphere with human rights entrepreneurs in start-ups as well as innovators within existing organizations as they translate their ideas for change into reality.

**INSTITUTE TO END MASS INCARCERATION CLINIC ◊ (BY APPLICATION)**

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.

**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.

**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.

**MAKING RIGHTS REAL: THE GHANA PROJECT CLINIC ◊ (BY APPLICATION)**

Students work with Ghanaian partners on issues of educational inequality and ongoing legislative and policy reform.

**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 ◊ (BY APPLICATION)**

Students represent a diverse group of clients in legal matters raising First Amendment and religious liberty issues.

**SPORTS LAW CLINIC ◊ (BY APPLICATION)**

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.

**SUPREME COURT LITIGATION CLINIC**

Students work with attorneys from Goldstein & Russell and Gupta Wessler during winter term, where they focus on representation before the U.S. Supreme Court.

**TRANSACTIONAL LAW CLINICS ◊ (COMMUNITY ENTREPRISE PROJECT IS BY APPLICATION)**

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.

**CONSUMER PROTECTION CLINIC**

Represents low-income people in cases related to consumer matters, including bankruptcy and debt collection defense.

**FAMILY JUSTICE CLINIC**

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

**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.

**TAX LITIGATION CLINIC**

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

**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.

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