



Harvard Law School
Office of Clinical and Pro Bono Programs (OCP)
Externship Skills Matrix
2023-2024

Externship Clinic	Description	Work & Skills	Placement Location
Capital Punishment Clinic <i>Carol Steiker</i> <i>Winter-Spring</i>	Works with death penalty resource centers primarily in the southern United States	Criminal and Civil Litigation Factual and legal research and writing Visiting prisons	Placements are in southern United States over Winter Term; remote from campus in Spring
Child Advocacy Clinic <i>Crisanne Hazen</i> <i>Fall, Winter-Spring or Spring</i>	Through external organizations, represents children in advocacy cases and promotes systemic change through impact litigation and legislative reform	Client representation Legal research Drafting policy, legislative, or regulatory materials Community education	Most placements are Boston-area; possibility of placements outside of Boston during the Winter-Spring term.
Criminal Justice Appellate Clinic <i>Amir Ali, Devi Rao</i> <i>By Application</i> <i>Winter-Spring</i>	Students work 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	Appellate litigation Strategy and skills Legal research and writing Moot oral arguments	Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center ("MJC") in Washington, D.C. over Winter Term; remote from campus in Spring
Criminal Prosecution Clinic <i>John Corrigan</i> <i>3Ls Only</i> <i>Fall-Winter</i>	Places students at local District Attorney offices to represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in prosecuting non-jury District Court criminal cases	Factual and legal research Witness interviewing Trial preparations, arraignment, and bail hearings Handling misdemeanor trials	District Attorney offices in Massachusetts
Democracy and the Rule of Law Clinic <i>Larry Schwartzol</i> <i>Fall or Spring</i>	Students work with The 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	Civil litigation, oversight, and advocacy Factual and legal oversight investigation Legal research Drafting memos and briefs	The Protect Democracy Project (working remotely from HLS)
Employment Law Clinic <i>Steve Churchill</i> <i>Fall or Spring</i>	Through external government agencies and advocacy organizations, focuses on enforcing state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on race, sex, disability, and other protected characteristics	Civil Litigation Factual and legal research Memorandum and brief writing Depositions Client interviewing and counseling	Boston area non-profits and governmental agencies
Federal Courts Clinic <i>David Zimmer</i> <i>Winter-Spring</i>	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	Legal research and writing Trial observation	Placements are throughout the country over Winter Term; remote from campus in Spring
Government Lawyer: Attorney General Clinic <i>James Tierney</i> <i>Fall, Winter or Spring</i>	Places students at Attorney Generals' offices to work on law enforcement and represent state agencies	Civil and Criminal Litigation Factual and legal research Memorandum and brief writing Divisions may include appeals, cyber-crime, major crimes, environmental, health, and civil rights	Placements in Massachusetts over Fall and Spring Terms, and at Attorney Generals' offices throughout the country over Winter Term
Government Lawyer: Semester in Washington Clinic* <i>Jonathan Wroblewski</i> <i>By Application</i> <i>Winter-Spring or Spring</i>	Students work full-time in Washington, D.C., primarily on policy, legislative and regulatory matters, in federal offices across the three branches of government and within independent agencies	Conduct legal research Draft policy, legislative and regulatory materials Participate in congressional hearings Strategy and policy development	Washington D.C.
Government Lawyer: U.S. Attorney Clinic <i>Alex Whiting</i> <i>By Application, U.S. Citizenship Required</i> <i>Fall or Spring</i>	Focuses on federal prosecutorial work with placements at the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston	Criminal Litigation Legal research and writing Trial observation Divisions may include appeals, anti-terrorism, computer crimes, healthcare fraud, major crimes, organized crime strike force unit, and public corruption.	U.S. Attorney's office in Boston
Judicial Process in Trial Courts Clinic <i>Hon. John C. Cratsley (Ret.), Barbara Berenson</i> <i>Fall or Spring</i>	Students work with individual judges in the District Court, Boston Municipal Court, Juvenile Court, and Housing Court Depts. of the MA Trial Court	Legal research and writing Trial observation	Courthouses in Massachusetts
Sports Law Clinic* <i>Peter Carfagna</i> <i>By Application</i> <i>Winter or Spring</i>	Places students at external organizations including legal departments of major sports leagues or franchises and with law firms and lawyers representing individual players or teams/leagues	Transactional Practice Contract review and drafting Legal research and writing Trademark and copyright infringement Licensing issues	Externship placements throughout the U.S. in private firms, major leagues, or sports franchises.
Supreme Court Litigation Clinic <i>Kevin Russell</i> <i>By Application</i> <i>Winter</i>	Works on cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, federal courts of appeal, and state supreme courts in conjunction with law firms in Washington, D.C.	Legal research and brief writing Preparation for oral arguments	Washington D.C.

* Some placements within these clinics may have U.S. Citizenship requirements. Contact OCP for more details.