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| **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED** | Winter-Spring |
| **CLINICAL COURSE COMPONENT** | Federal Courts Clinical Seminar |
| **COURSE CREDITS** | 1 spring classroom credit |
| **CLINICAL CREDITS** | 4-5 (2 winter + 2-3 spring clinical credits) |
| **LOCATION** | Various federal courts throughout the nation |
| **REGISTRATION TYPE** | Helios |

**TYPES OF PLACEMENTS**

Most students work in the chambers of either a court of appeals or district court judge. Some students may work for federal bankruptcy or magistrate judges.

Past placements include:

* Judge Dennis Saylor, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
* Judge Morgan Christen, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
* Judge Susan Nelson, U.S. District Court of the District of Minnesota
* Judge Juan Torruella, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
* Judge Joan Azrack, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
* Judge Zia Faruqui, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

**SKILLS**

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| Legal research and writing |
| Trial observation |

**TYPICAL WORK SCHEDULE**

During Winter term students work on-site at their placement, full-time. During the Spring term, students work remotely from Cambridge for 8-12 hours/week.

Students specific assignments will vary according to the needs of their judge, but may include:

* Drafting bench memos
* Analyzing facts
* Assisting with trial preparation
* Drafting opinions
* Observing hearings and trials
* Writing orders and judgements
* Editing decisions