

Office of Clinical and Pro Bono Programs  
**SPO OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT PRACTICE 2025-2026**

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<b>HLS Advocates for Human Rights</b>  <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/advocates/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/advocates/</a> <a href="mailto:advocates@law.harvard.edu">advocates@law.harvard.edu</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Anna Kate Manchester <a href="mailto:amanchester@jd26.law.harvard.edu">amanchester@jd26.law.harvard.edu</a> Caroline Arnold <a href="mailto:carold@jd26.law.harvard.edu">carold@jd26.law.harvard.edu</a>	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; seeks to build a community of human rights-dedicated students and practitioners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyzing facts</li><li>Brief writing</li><li>Legal Research</li><li>Collaboration/teamwork</li><li>Doctrinal legal research &amp; writing</li><li>Grassroots advocacy</li><li>Interviewing clients</li><li>Investigation/factual research</li><li>Policy</li></ul>	Varies by project and involvement. Members on projects can expect to spend 2-5 hours per week, while project leaders can expect to spend 4-7 hours per week.	New and Returning Project Member Form (due <b>Friday, September 19</b> at 11:59 pm): <a href="https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV6VXJs2Mx4KwSrNI">https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV6VXJs2Mx4KwSrNI</a>  Executive Board Application <a href="#">here</a>	<b>Info Sessions:</b>  <b>Tuesday, September 16, and Wednesday, September 17,</b> 12:30-1:15 pm (Location TBA)  Students can email Advocates and/or its Co-Presidents to be added to our mailing list for updates on this and future events.	Information will be provided directly to new members.
<b>Harvard Defenders</b>  <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/defenders/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/defenders/</a>  <b>President:</b> Jordan Hoogsteden <a href="mailto:hdefenderspresident@gmail.com">hdefenderspresident@gmail.com</a> <b>Executive Director:</b> Tabitha Escalante <a href="mailto:defexecutivedirector@gmail.com">defexecutivedirector@gmail.com</a>	An anti-carceral organization that represents low-income clients in Massachusetts criminal show-cause hearings before clerk magistrates and in criminal record (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 and compassionate legal practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyzing facts</li><li>Collaboration/teamwork</li><li>Direct client advising &amp; services</li><li>Interviewing &amp; counseling clients</li><li>Interviewing witnesses &amp; investigation</li><li>Legal research</li><li>Oral advocacy</li><li>Representing clients in court</li></ul>	Minimum 1 case per semester  2 hours in office per week - 1 hour for intake and 1 hour for a team meeting	Apply at <a href="https://bit.ly/defendersF25">https://bit.ly/defendersF25</a> by <b>Thursday, September 18</b> at 11:59 pm	<b>Open House:</b>  <b>Monday, September 15,</b> 12:20-1:20 pm 1607 Mass Ave. 2nd Floor	Information will be provided directly to the new members.
<b>Harvard Law Entrepreneurship Project (HLEP)</b>  <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hlep/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/hlep/</a> <a href="mailto:hlep@law.harvard.edu">hlep@law.harvard.edu</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Sarina Kastle <a href="mailto:skastle@jd26.law.harvard.edu">skastle@jd26.law.harvard.edu</a> Richard German <a href="mailto:rgerman@jd26.law.harvard.edu">rgerman@jd26.law.harvard.edu</a>	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 cover a broad range of substantive subjects depending on the startup's needs; participating entrepreneurs receive a report summarizing the team's findings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Collaboration/teamwork</li><li>Analyzing facts</li><li>Direct client advising &amp; services</li><li>Doctrinal legal research</li><li>Interviewing &amp; counseling clients</li><li>Investigation/factual research</li><li>Transactional research</li><li>Writing legal memo for client</li></ul>	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 <b>Harvard/MIT Startup Pitch Weekend on September 27-28</b>  New & Returning Member Application Form <b>Due Monday, September 22:</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hlep/join/">https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hlep/join/</a>	<b>Newsletter:</b> Students can sign up for mailing list to learn about upcoming events here: <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hlep/contact-us/">https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hlep/contact-us/</a>  and visit our website <a href="https://HLEP.org">https://HLEP.org</a> to learn more.	<b>Fall Project Cycle Training Dates for new members:</b>  <b>Tuesday, September 23</b> from 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm OR <b>Thursday, September 25</b> from 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm  (Attend one)
<b>HLS Immigration Project (HIP)</b>  <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hip/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/hip/</a> <a href="mailto:hip@mail.law.harvard.edu">hip@mail.law.harvard.edu</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Emily Irigoyen <a href="mailto:eirigoyen@jd27.law.harvard.edu">eirigoyen@jd27.law.harvard.edu</a> Kaitlyn Long <a href="mailto:klong@jd27.law.harvard.edu">klong@jd27.law.harvard.edu</a>	Provides community outreach, education and advocacy, and pro bono legal representation to immigrants and asylum-seekers through three main projects: Client Engagement Services (CES), International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), and Policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyzing facts</li><li>Counseling clients</li><li>Collaboration/teamwork</li><li>Community education</li><li>Direct client advising &amp; services</li><li>Doctrinal legal research &amp; writing</li><li>Grassroots advocacy</li><li>Interviewing clients</li><li>Investigation/factual research</li><li>Policy</li></ul>	Varies by project and week, but commitment ranges from 2-6 hours per week. Policy and IRAP projects will be more self-paced during the week while CES projects will be at set times during certain weeks subject to client availability.  1Ls can apply to be members of any of the three main projects.	Apply at <a href="https://forms.gle/SBpPQQu7nnJVfVtD7">https://forms.gle/SBpPQQu7nnJVfVtD7</a> by <b>Friday, September 19</b> at 11:59 pm.	<b>Info Session:</b> <b>Tuesday, September 16,</b> 12:30-1:15  <b>Newsletter:</b> Students can sign up for mailing list to learn about upcoming events here: <a href="http://eepurl.com/gDU8D9">http://eepurl.com/gDU8D9</a>	<b>Fall Training:</b> Information will be provided directly to the new members.
<b>Harvard Mediation Program (HMP)</b>  <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hmp/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/hmp/</a> <a href="mailto:hmprecruiting@law.harvard.edu">hmprecruiting@law.harvard.edu</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Haylee Levin <a href="mailto:hlevin@jd26.law.harvard.edu">hlevin@jd26.law.harvard.edu</a> Eoin Lyons <a href="mailto:elyons@jd26.law.harvard.edu">elyons@jd26.law.harvard.edu</a>	Mediation is a form of dispute resolution that allows individuals or organizations involved in a dispute to work together towards resolving their differences. Students in HMP complete basic training to become certified mediators which allows them to mediate in Massachusetts small claims courts. Members mediate 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyzing facts</li><li>Collaboration/teamwork</li><li>Direct client services</li><li>Interviewing clients</li><li>Negotiation and mediation</li><li>Oral presentation</li><li>Collaboration/teamwork</li><li>Direct services</li><li>Interviewing client</li><li>Negotiation and mediation</li><li>Oral presentation</li></ul>	At least 2 mediation sessions during the semester that you train. Mediations typically last 1–2 hours, sometimes up to 3 hours.  Trained mediators also complete one session of participant coaching in a subsequent Basic Training. A two-semester minimum commitment is expected.	Apply at <a href="http://bit.ly/4IOsBFw">http://bit.ly/4IOsBFw</a> by <b>September 11</b>	<b>ADR Night:</b>  <b>Monday, September 8</b> at 6pm HMNCP suite, Pound 513	<b>Fall Training;</b> <b>September 20-21 and October 4-5</b>

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<b>HLS Mississippi Delta Project</b>  <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/deltaproject/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/deltaproject/</a>  <b>Chair:</b> Noah Harris <a href="mailto:nharris@jd27.law.harvard.edu">nharris@jd27.law.harvard.edu</a>	Provides pro bono legal assistance and policy support for mission-driven organizations in the Mississippi Delta. Works with on-the-ground partners on projects advancing food justice, environmental justice, economic justice, and health justice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyzing facts</li><li>• Counseling clients/organizational partners</li><li>• Collaboration/teamwork</li><li>• Contract drafting</li><li>• Grassroots advocacy</li><li>• Investigation/factual research</li><li>• Legal and policy research</li><li>• Legislation</li><li>• Policy recommendations</li></ul>	1-3 hours/week, with some variability depending on project.	Please complete the sign-up form by <b>Monday, September 15:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/harvardmdp">https://bit.ly/harvardmdp</a>	<b>Info Session:</b> Reach out to Noah Harris with questions <a href="mailto:nharris@jd27.law.harvard.edu">nharris@jd27.law.harvard.edu</a>	<b>MDP All Team Kickoff Meeting:</b>  Tentative: <b>Wednesday, September 17</b> at lunch, location TBD (make sure to <a href="#">sign up</a> to receive the details by email)
<b>HLS Negotiators</b>  <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/negotiators/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/negotiators/</a>  <b>President:</b> Bert Li <a href="mailto:bli@jd27.law.harvard.edu">bli@jd27.law.harvard.edu</a>	Students explore the world of alternative dispute resolution and receive great training and practice in interpersonal negotiation. Opportunities include regular simulations where students can practice their negotiation skills and get feedback on improvement; client projects to gain practical experience; and the potential to engage with the greater ADR community both on and off campus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Counseling clients</li><li>• Collaboration/teamwork</li><li>• Direct client advising</li><li>• Interviewing clients</li><li>• Interviewing witnesses</li><li>• Investigation/factual research</li><li>• Negotiation</li><li>• Policy</li></ul>	Average 1-3 hours/week  Varies by commitment options and client project.	Please complete this sign-up form by <b>September 19:</b>  <a href="https://bit.ly/startnegotiating">https://bit.ly/startnegotiating</a>	<b>ADR Night:</b> <b>Monday, September 8</b> at 6pm (HMNCP suite, Pound 513)	<b>Fall Basic Training:</b>
<b>Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project (PLAP)</b>  <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/</a>  <b>Co-Executive Directors:</b> Sunny Drescher & Tabitha Escalante <a href="mailto:plapdirectors@gmail.com">plapdirectors@gmail.com</a>	Provides free representation to incarcerated people at disciplinary, parole, and other administrative hearings in Massachusetts state prisons. Assists incarcerated individuals with prison-related problems (medical, civil rights, and property) by responding to letters and calls during weekly office hours. May also work on impact litigation and prison policy initiatives, organize campus events related to mass incarceration and prison reform, or assist clients with commutation petitions. PLAP works to serve incarcerated people across Massachusetts through client-centered, compassionate, and zealous advocacy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyzing facts</li><li>• Collaboration/teamwork</li><li>• Direct client advising and services</li><li>• Discovery</li><li>• Grassroots advocacy</li><li>• Interviewing witnesses</li><li>• Interviewing &amp; counseling clients</li><li>• Investigation/factual research</li><li>• Oral arguments</li><li>• Policy work</li><li>• Representing clients in hearings</li><li>• Trial practice</li></ul>	2 hours per week on office hours; 1 case per school year (10-20 hours per case)	<b>Sign up for training:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/joinplap">bit.ly/joinplap</a>  New Member Commitment Deadline: <b>Thursday, September 18</b> @ 5 pm  Returning Member Commitment Deadline: Friday, August 29 @ 1 pm	<b>Open House:</b> <b>Monday, September 15</b>	<b>New Member Training:</b> <b>Tuesday, September 16</b> or <b>Thursday, September 18</b> at lunch (12:20-1:20 pm). RSVP at <a href="https://bit.ly/joinplap">bit.ly/joinplap</a>  Our new member training session will involve a full orientation to PLAP! If you are unable to attend either training date, please indicate that on our recruitment form.
<b>Project No One Leaves (PNOL)</b>  <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/nolprojectno1leaves@gmail.com">clinics.law.harvard.edu/nolprojectno1leaves@gmail.com</a>  <b>Board Members:</b> <i>PNOL operates on a horizontal organizational structure.</i> Anjali Katta <a href="mailto:akatta@jd26.law.harvard.edu">akatta@jd26.law.harvard.edu</a> Jenny Pigge <a href="mailto:jpigge@jd26.law.harvard.edu">jpigge@jd26.law.harvard.edu</a> Molly Enloe <a href="mailto:menloe@jd27.law.harvard.edu">menloe@jd27.law.harvard.edu</a> Richard Lin <a href="mailto:rlin@jd26.law.harvard.edu">rlin@jd26.law.harvard.edu</a> Sara Taketatsu <a href="mailto:staketatsu@jd26.law.harvard.edu">staketatsu@jd26.law.harvard.edu</a>	An anti-displacement, movement-based organization that works with local community partners such as City Life / Vida Urbana to build community power in the Greater Boston area. Supports and defends communities facing gentrification, eviction, foreclosure, and deportation through canvassing and organizing efforts. Informs tenants of their housing legal rights and organizes tenants in buildings that are facing evictions, poor conditions, and/or rising rents through canvassing in the communities and identifying areas at risk of eviction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyzing facts</li><li>• Client counseling</li><li>• Community education</li><li>• Direct client services</li><li>• Grassroots advocacy</li></ul>	No specific commitment. Weekly canvasses are optional, usually on one of the days of the weekend, and typically from 10am-1pm. Anyone is welcome to attend a canvass.	No application is required to canvass.	<b>Newsletter:</b> Students can sign up for the newsletter here: <a href="https://bit.ly/PNOL2025">https://bit.ly/PNOL2025</a>	Training will be provided prior to each canvassing session.
<b>Recording Artists Project (RAP)</b>  <a href="https://recordingartistsproject.com/rap@law.harvard.edu">recordingartistsproject.com/rap@law.harvard.edu</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Shira Fischer & Anjuli Fink	Offers its clients pro bono counsel in such matters as copyright and trademark registration, sample clearances, and the negotiation and drafting of contracts related to music production, management, performance, licensing, and merchandising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyzing facts</li><li>• Collaboration/teamwork</li><li>• Contract Drafting</li><li>• Direct client advising &amp; services</li><li>• Doctrinal legal research &amp; writing</li><li>• Interviewing &amp; counseling clients</li><li>• Investigation/factual research</li><li>• Negotiation</li></ul>	Average 1-3 hours/week	<b>Sign up</b> through this form: <a href="https://bit.ly/RAP25Fall">https://bit.ly/RAP25Fall</a>  <b>Deadline: September 15</b> , 11:59 pm	<b>Newsletter:</b> Sign up for the email newsletter here: <a href="https://recordingartistsproject.com/for-students/">https://recordingartistsproject.com/for-students/</a>  Email us with any questions! <a href="mailto:rap@law.harvard.edu">rap@law.harvard.edu</a>	<b>New member training:</b> Watch a recorded training video (the link will be provided via email on 9/16 after the sign-up window closes)  <b>Deadline: September 19</b> , 11:59 pm
<b>Tenant Advocacy Project (TAP)</b>  <a href="https://tap.law.harvard.edu">tap.law.harvard.edu</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> James Morrison & Jack Butler	Provides direct legal services and representation to community members seeking assistance with matters related to housing justice and stability, including public housing and rental voucher access, eviction record sealing, security deposit recovery, and assisting renters needing reasonable accommodations to maintain and access housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Direct client counseling</li><li>• Direct representation in administrative and court proceedings</li><li>• Oral Advocacy</li><li>• Interviewing witnesses</li><li>• Investigation/factual research</li><li>• Legal research and writing</li><li>• Negotiation and settlement</li></ul>	Average 1-3 hours/week  TAP members begin working with clients (and may potentially appear at hearings) beginning in their first semester of membership.	<b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>Friday, September 26</b> , 11:59 pm	<b>Info Session:</b> <b>Tuesday, September 16</b> at 12:30 WCC 2012  <b>Open House Breakfast:</b> <b>Tuesday, September 23</b> , 7:30-10 am TAP Offices WCC 5123	<b>Training:</b> <b>Saturday, October 4</b>