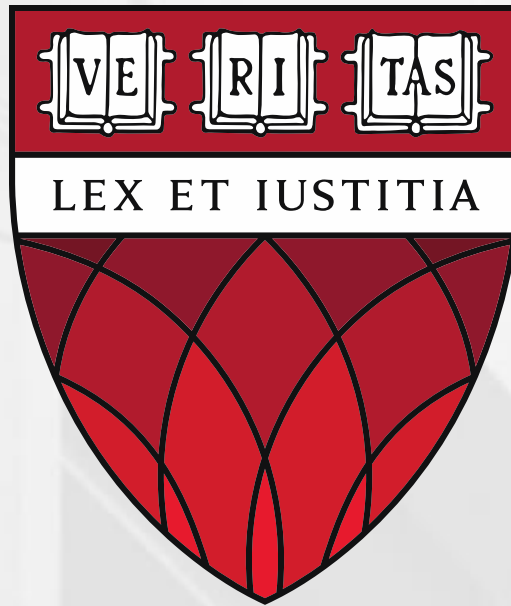


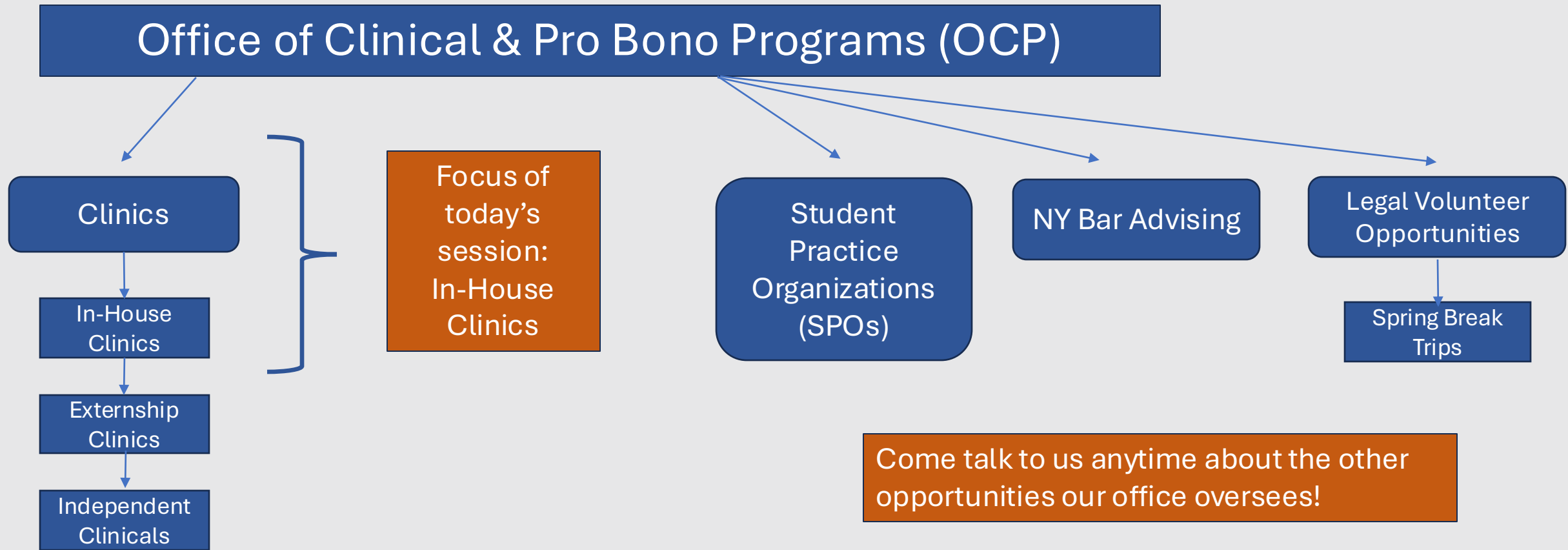


Office of Clinical & Pro Bono Programs (OCP)

Harvard Law School

Welcome!

We are from the Office of Clinical & Pro Bono Programs, or “OCP”



In-House Clinics

<https://hls.harvard.edu/clinics/in-house-clinics/>

Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation

[Food Law and Policy Clinic](#)

[Health Law and Policy Clinic](#)

WilmerHale Legal Services Center (LSC)

[Consumer Protection Clinic](#)

[Family Justice Clinic](#)

[Housing Law Clinic](#)

[LGBTQ+ Advocacy Clinic](#)

[Tax Litigation Clinic](#)

[Veterans Law and Disability
Benefits Clinic](#)

[Animal Law & Policy Clinic](#)

[Criminal Justice Institute](#)

[Crimmigration Clinic](#)

[Cyberlaw Clinic](#)

[Education Law Clinic / Trauma
& Learning Policy Initiative](#)

[Election Law Clinic](#)

[Emmett Environmental Law
and Policy Clinic](#)

[Harvard Dispute Systems
Design Clinic](#)

[Harvard Immigration and
Refugee Clinic](#)

[Harvard Legal Aid Bureau](#)

[Human Rights Entrepreneurs
Clinic](#)

[Institute to End Mass
Incarceration Clinic](#)

[International Human Rights
Clinic](#)

[Mediation Clinic](#)

[Race & Law Clinic](#)

[Religious Freedom Clinic](#)

[Transactional Law Clinics](#)

What is a clinic?

Hands-on legal experience under the supervision of attorneys

- ✓ Learn through practice
- ✓ Reflect on practice/theory
- ✓ Develop ethics and judgment
- ✓ Provide communities with legal services
- ✓ Receive mentorship and feedback on your work



Clinic Stories

Learning the law, serving the world

Our clinics do a lot! Some recent stories from 2025-2025 include:

- Moot Court initiative to empower environmental advocates
- Supporting child welfare through partnership with community
- Class-action challenge against the Massachusetts Office of the State Treasurer on behalf of veterans
- Representing clients facing evictions and housing subsidy terminations
- Voting rights challenge in New York Court of Appeals
- Spotlighting the Fourth Pillar Initiative at the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights

Learn more on our blog,
Clinic Stories

<https://hls.harvard.edu/category/clinic-stories>

How do clinics fit into your time at HLS?

What do you want to study over the next year?

Courses

Learn and increase your knowledge of legal doctrine through courses, seminars, and reading groups .

What skills do you want to build?

Clinics

Build and grow practical skills and directly represent clients under the supervision of licensed attorneys.

What professional experiences do you want to have?

Extracurriculars

Get involved in student groups, SPOs, moot court/mock trial, student journals, student government, and much more!

What credit and time commitments do clinics entail?

All clinics consist of **two** components:

#1

Clinic Component

#2

Clinical Seminar Component

Participation in a clinic will generally account for **at least 5** of your credits for the term

	Range of Credits	Time Commitment per Week	Location of Work
Clinic	2-5	~12 hours	Combination of on-site in clinic space + remote work
Clinical Seminar	1-2	2 hours in classroom + outside readings/work	Classroom in WCC

Clinic scheduling – What happens now vs. later

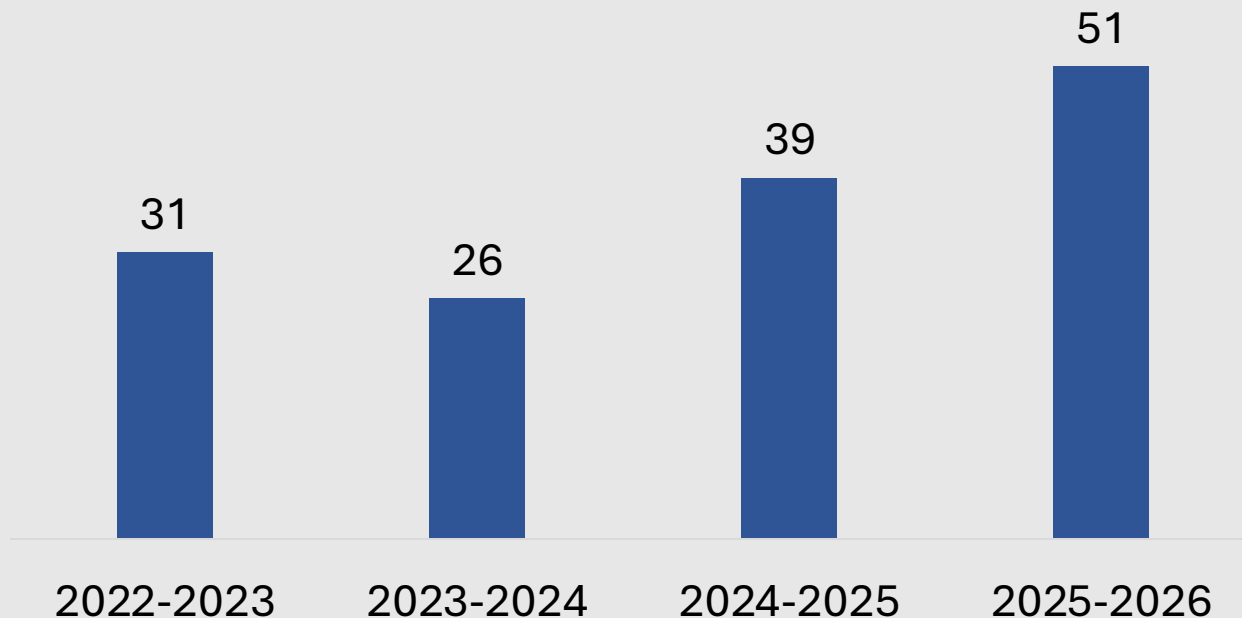
Now	
Preference clinics during Phase II selection	• Only preference the clinic (not the clinical seminar) • Select the lowest number of clinical credits you can

- If you are enrolled in a clinic, you will see the clinic and the clinical seminar when you get your results.
- Clinics do not have set meeting times (unlike seminars). You will determine your clinic work schedule later.

Later	
Finalize clinic work schedule	• Meet with your clinical supervisor and create your individual clinic weekly work schedule

LL.M. Clinic/SPO Engagement

LL.M. Clinical Placements by Year



Last year:

- 45 LL.M. students participated in 51 clinical placements
- 47 students participated in at least one SPO

Why do students take a clinic?

Skill building

Mentoring

Professional
networks

Issue area

Try something
new/interesting

& many more!

Students choose to participate in a clinic for many different reasons.

Students may use clinics to build up their practical legal skills, which they can transfer to future professional goals. Other students may be more interested in building networks in a particular legal area.

There is no “wrong” reason to take a clinic if you are interested in the clinic's work and can devote the necessary time!

None of our clinics have pre-requisites and you are not expected to have prior experience in the clinic's area.

Timeline of other opportunities to consider

Anytime	Externship Clinics	meet with Maggie Bay
Anytime	NY Bar Pro Bono Requirement Advising	meet with Sheryl Dickey
August	Independent Clinicals	meet with Sheryl Dickey
September	Student Practice Organizations (SPOs)	attend SPO panel
November	Spring Break Pro Bono Trips	information session in November

Student Practice Organizations (SPOs)

<https://hls.harvard.edu/pro-bono/spo>

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[Harvard Law Entrepreneurship
Project](#)

[Harvard Mediation Program](#)

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Assistance Project](#)

[HLS Advocates for Human
Rights](#)

[HLS Immigration Project](#)

[HLS Mississippi Delta Project](#)

[HLS Negotiators](#)

[Project No One Leaves](#)

[Recording Artists Project](#)

[Tenant Advocacy Project](#)