The Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice is a fully functioning legal clinic which allows third-year law students the opportunity to represent indigent clients under the supervision of experienced attorneys. By participating in the Law Clinic, the Extern Program, and the Street Law Program, student practitioners not only have the chance to experience firsthand what representing clients is like, but they also have an opportunity to further the Jesuit ideals of scholarship and service at Loyola by providing legal representation to the needy.

**CLINICAL PROGRAMS**

- **Children's Rights**: children in need of care
- **Community Justice**: housing discrimination and civil rights
- **Criminal Defense**: misdemeanor and felonies
- **Family Law**: child support and custody
- **Immigration**: asylum and refugee
- **Prosecution**: in District Attorney Offices, misdemeanor and felonies
- **Technology and Litigation**: homeless and systemic change
- **Workplace Justice**: employment and defense against wage theft
- **Environmental Policy**: representing individuals, groups, or communities to advocate action, public awareness, and/or prepare to escalate toward litigation. This program is open to 2Ls and international students.

**COURSES RELEVANT TO PUBLIC INTEREST**

- Advanced Constitutional Law: 14th Amendment
- Advanced Legislative and Administrative Advocacy
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Capital Punishment and the Constitution
- Child Advocacy Seminar
- Civil Rights Actions Under Section 1983
- Clinic: Community Justice
- Clinical Externship
- Clinical Seminar
- Constitutional Law
- Constitutional Law Seminar
- Creditor's Rights and Bankruptcy
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Law Seminar
- Employment Discrimination
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Law Seminar
- First Amendment
- Gender, Race, and Law in Film and Literature
- Immigration and Nationality Law

**STREET LAW**

The Street Law course is designed for law students who are interested in teaching inner-city middle school and high school students about law-related issues. Students attend the local public school classrooms twice a week to discuss legal rights, responsibilities, and practical legal problems.
PRO BONO PROGRAM
Law students at Loyola have the option of participating in the Gillis Long Student Pro Bono Program to satisfy the Law and Poverty requirement needed for graduation. The Gillis Long Student Pro Bono Program requires fifty hours of pro bono work that the student may perform at any time during their law school career. The Pro Bono Program places students at approved sites where they can gain practical legal experience while performing legal work such as conducting client interviews, legal research and writing, and, in some cases, representing clients before the courts where it is permitted by law. Areas of practice include such fields as Domestic Law, Homeless Law, Mental Health Law, Juvenile Law, Social Security issues, the death penalty, Elder Law, Consumer Law, and AIDS issues.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS
The Poverty Law Center recognizes students, faculty, and alumni who have demonstrated a commitment to social justice for the poor. Recipients are chosen from nominations submitted to the Gillis Long office. Awards are presented at the annual spring Distinguished Speaker Lecture.

GILLIS LONG LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Many Loyola College of Law graduates devote their careers to public service work as advocates for traditionally underserved communities. Given a significant law school debt burden, such careers might not be feasible without some form of assistance. Since 1991, the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) has tried to address this problem and remains committed to furthering its goal of providing legal assistance to communities throughout the country. For further information about this program, please visit www.loyno.edu/gillislong/loan-repayment-assistance.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
The Summer Internship Program provides opportunities for first- and second-year Loyola College of Law students to work as interns in Legal Services Offices in Louisiana and throughout the United States. The internships are for a period of ten weeks during the summer. Stipends are provided to the participating office for student salaries by the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center. Students receive training beyond their law school course work, and legal services staff attorneys are freed to focus on critical issues. The following are a few of the offices that have been approved for participation:
- Acadia Legal Services (Lafayette, Alexandria, Lake Charles)
- Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center
- Legal Services of North Louisiana (Monroe, Shreveport, Natchitoches)
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (New Orleans, Marrero, Hammond, Covington, Houma, Baton Rouge, Gonzales)
- Legal Aid Bureau
- The Pro Bono Project (New Orleans)
- Advocacy Center (New Orleans)
- Health Law Advocates of Louisiana, Inc.
- CASA of New Orleans
- AIDS Law of Louisiana (New Orleans)
- Catholic Charities (New Orleans)

The Gillis Long Poverty Law Center promotes legal research and education concerning the problems of indigent people and assists those providing legal services to those unable to afford representation.