

# STUART H. SMITH LAW CLINIC and CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



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

Immigration Law Seminar

International Law Seminar:  
Human Rights

Law and Education Seminar

Law and Poverty

Law and Poverty Seminar

Law and Religion Seminar

Journal of Public Interest Law  
Honors Tutorial

Journal of Public Interest Law Seminar

Sex Discrimination Law Seminar

State and Local Government Law

Street 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.

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# GILLIS LONG POVERTY LAW CENTER



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.

## 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](http://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:

Acadiana 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

AIDSLaw of Louisiana (New Orleans)

Catholic Charities (New Orleans)

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