Loyola’s clinical legal education program provides third-year law students with an intensive opportunity to learn both the theory and practice of law by handling live client legal cases. In the clinic, law students get the chance to act in accordance with Loyola’s two major commitments: excellence in education and social justice service to our community. Each section of the clinic is taught by a full-time law professor who supervises a small group of students. This gives students the chance for individualized instruction and close supervision.

Areas of Practice
- **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.

What Loyola Law Clinic Students Do
- Interview clients
- Research law
- Investigate the facts
- Prepare court pleadings
- Pre-trial litigation
- Appear in court in front of judges
- Conduct adversarial hearings
- Judge and jury trials
- Appeals

Facts About Participation in Our Clinics
- Approximately 90 percent of our students participate in a clinical program.
- Loyola students have seen cases through to the Louisiana Supreme Court.
- Students have successfully represented families in gaining visitation, paternity, and custody.
- Loyola students developed mobile applications and software to aid attorneys in streamlining their workloads.
- After Hurricane Katrina, Loyola students worked with the Disaster Relief Center to aid in relocation, reunification, and custody cases.
The Office of Skills and Experiential Learning was created in 2011 as a part of a larger initiative to modernize and expand opportunities for students to learn essential lawyering skills. Loyola has a longstanding history of skills courses taught by dedicated practitioners willing to instruct, coach, guide, advise and mentor. All students must complete eight skills courses before graduation; however, students are encouraged to take more. These courses are offered free of charge to the student body and do not impact a student’s GPA.

Examples of Skills Offered

- Client Interviewing (Civil Practice, Criminal Practice, Health Care, Transactional Practice)
- Closing
- Closing the Deal
- Complaint & Answer
- Counseling Clients & Client Communications
- Depositions
- Direct/Cross
- Drafting Confidentiality and Operating Agreements
- Drafting Defined Terms and Schedules
- Drafting Due Diligence Request
- Drafting Letter of Intent
- Drafting LLC & Articles of Incorporation
- Drafting: Preliminary and Permanent Injunctions
- Drafting: Public Records Request
- Drafting: Retainer
- Drafting the Asset Purchase Agreement
- Drafting: The Complaint
- Fact Gathering: Civil - Investigation, Criminal
- Factual Investigation
- How to Take the Deposition of a Medical Expert
- How to Take the Deposition of a Medical Expert Practicum
- Interrogatories and Request for Production
- Judicial Opinion Writing
- Law Office Management & Professionalism
- Lawyers in the Great Tradition: The Argument of an Appeal
- Legal Argument & Storytelling
- Louisiana Legislative Update
- Motion Argument
- Motion Drafting
- Negotiating the Deal
- Negotiation
- Opening
- Preliminary Hearing
- Pre-Trial Order
- Pre-Trial Conference and Settlement Negotiations
- Representing Vulnerable Populations
- Researching Licensure Issues and Administrative or Regulatory Law
- Resume and Cover Letter Drafting
- Small Business Development Center & Disaster Awareness
- Tax, Accounting and Financial Terms
- The Role of Lawyers: Civil & Criminal
- Using Law to Enhance Communities
- Voir Dire

Externship Opportunities*

JUDICIAL

- Federal
  - United States District Court for the Eastern District
  - United States Department of Labor
  - United States Bankruptcy Court
- State
  - La. Supreme Court: Office of the Clerk of Court
  - La. Supreme Court: The Judicial Administrator’s Office
  - La. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal
  - La. 4th Circuit Court of Appeal
  - La. 5th Circuit Court of Appeal
  - 24th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Jefferson
  - Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans
  - Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans
  - Louisiana Works: Department of Labor

GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

- Federal
  - United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District
  - Federal Public Defender’s Office
  - United States (Bankruptcy) Trustee Program
  - Internal Revenue Service
  - United States Coast Guard
- State
  - Jefferson Parish: District Attorney’s Office
  - Jefferson Parish: Parish Attorney’s Office
  - Jefferson Parish: Public Defenders’ Office
  - City of New Orleans: City Attorney’s Office
  - New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board

*Additional opportunities are available.