



STUART H. SMITH LAW CLINIC AND CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

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.



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OFFICE OF SKILLS AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

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
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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
 City of New Orleans: Office of Inspector General
 Independent Police Monitor's Office (IPM)
 New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board

***Additional opportunities are available.**