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Clinics. Externships. Service.



EXPERIENCE

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> “My externship at Baystate Medical Center exposed me to the inner workings of a hospital in a way that I could not have known simply by sitting in a classroom. In addition to learning what the Risk Management department does, I have also been able to research and learn about a variety of healthcare issues as well as help review and edit hospital policies. I believe this experience will be a great stepping stone for me in pursuing a career in healthcare law.”

HADIATOU BARRY '17
**SIX-YEAR ENGINEERING/
LAW PROGRAM**



THE EXPERIENCE ADVANTAGE

Participation in a clinic or externship allows you to:

- Learn real-life lawyering in a professional setting
- Gain practical knowledge and develop professional skills and values
- Work under the supervision of experienced practitioners and a faculty member
- Establish connections with practicing attorneys
- Build a résumé of real legal experience and gain insight into areas of law that interest you

88%

of full-time graduating students have participated in clinic or externship experiences

LEARNING THROUGH SERVICE

Western New England University School of Law clinics and externships place students on the front lines in the struggle for justice. Whether helping a proprietor establish a small business, representing a tenant fighting an eviction proceeding, asserting a consumer's rights and remedies, or protecting a victim of domestic violence, this firsthand experience will provide you with legal training, personal satisfaction, and professional growth.

To find the requirements for each program, go to wne.edu/law/experiential.

< “The value of an externship isn't about finding your dream job; it's about making yourself marketable through experience. I externed for Judge Fields at the Massachusetts Housing Court, interned at UTC Aerospace Systems, and was a student attorney in the Criminal Law Clinic. Each experience provided me a unique insight into different areas of law that the classroom couldn't.”

MATHEW KELLY '16



EXPERIENCE

A key to becoming a successful lawyer is experience. The Western New England University School of Law offers students a wide variety of options to gain firsthand experience working with clients, writing legal documents, conducting research, and litigating cases. Through the nine Law Clinics and over 100 judicial, law firm, and public interest externship placements offered by the School, students gain the opportunity to put into practice all of these skills and more.



LEARN DIRECTLY FROM THE PROS

Clinics give students the opportunity to work closely with a practicing attorney and a faculty advisor in a professional relationship. Many times these mentors serve as valuable references for students as they begin their careers.

CLINICS

Criminal Law Defense Practicum Work as a student defense attorney at the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS), representing indigent clients facing misdemeanor and/or felony charges within the Hampden County District Courts.

Criminal Law Prosecution Clinic Help prosecute real cases for the Hampden County District Attorney's Office. Under the direction of an experienced Assistant District Attorney, you'll research, prepare, and litigate actual cases from the Hampden County Court System.

Elder Law Clinic Help elders and families plan for incapacity with powers of attorney and healthcare proxies; the disposition of property at death via joint ownership, beneficiary designation, and simple wills; and eligibility for public benefits for long-term care.

Immigration Clinic Work in the office of the Central West Justice Center (CWJC), a subsidiary of Community Legal Aid, a private, nonprofit organization that provides civil legal assistance to low-income people and elders.

International Human Rights Clinic Collaborate with domestic and international non-governmental organizations, grass-roots organizations, solidarity networks, attorneys, stakeholders, and other institutions engaging in human rights work to advance political, economic, social, and cultural human rights across borders.

Legal Services Clinic Through Community Legal Aid (CLA), a private, nonprofit organization that provides civil legal assistance to low-income residents in western Massachusetts, you'll offer essential legal services to those in need in either the Housing Unit (Landlord-Tenant Law) or Legal Services Unit (Disability, Employment, Public Benefits, Family, and Immigration Law).

Mediation Clinic Mediate family law cases at the Hampden Probate and Family Court. The clinic includes observing and learning the court process, and involvement in the screening process in conjunction with the mediation and training.

Real Estate Practicum Work with practicing lawyers and title insurance companies to learn the ins and outs of real estate practice, including deed descriptions and title searches, closings, zoning issues, condominium documents, appraisals, leases, and mortgages.

Small Business Clinic Help provide legal services to local small businesses. You'll work on start-up transactional legal matters, including choice-of-entity, employment policies, contract drafting, regulatory compliance, and intellectual property issues. The clinic acts as a catalyst for economic development in western Massachusetts.

“The International Human Rights Clinic was an amazing opportunity and allowed me to gain hands-on experience. I had the privilege of working with Professor Carasik on a land rights manual for the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination and assisting in research for an Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Vieques petition.”

Alicia Estrada '17

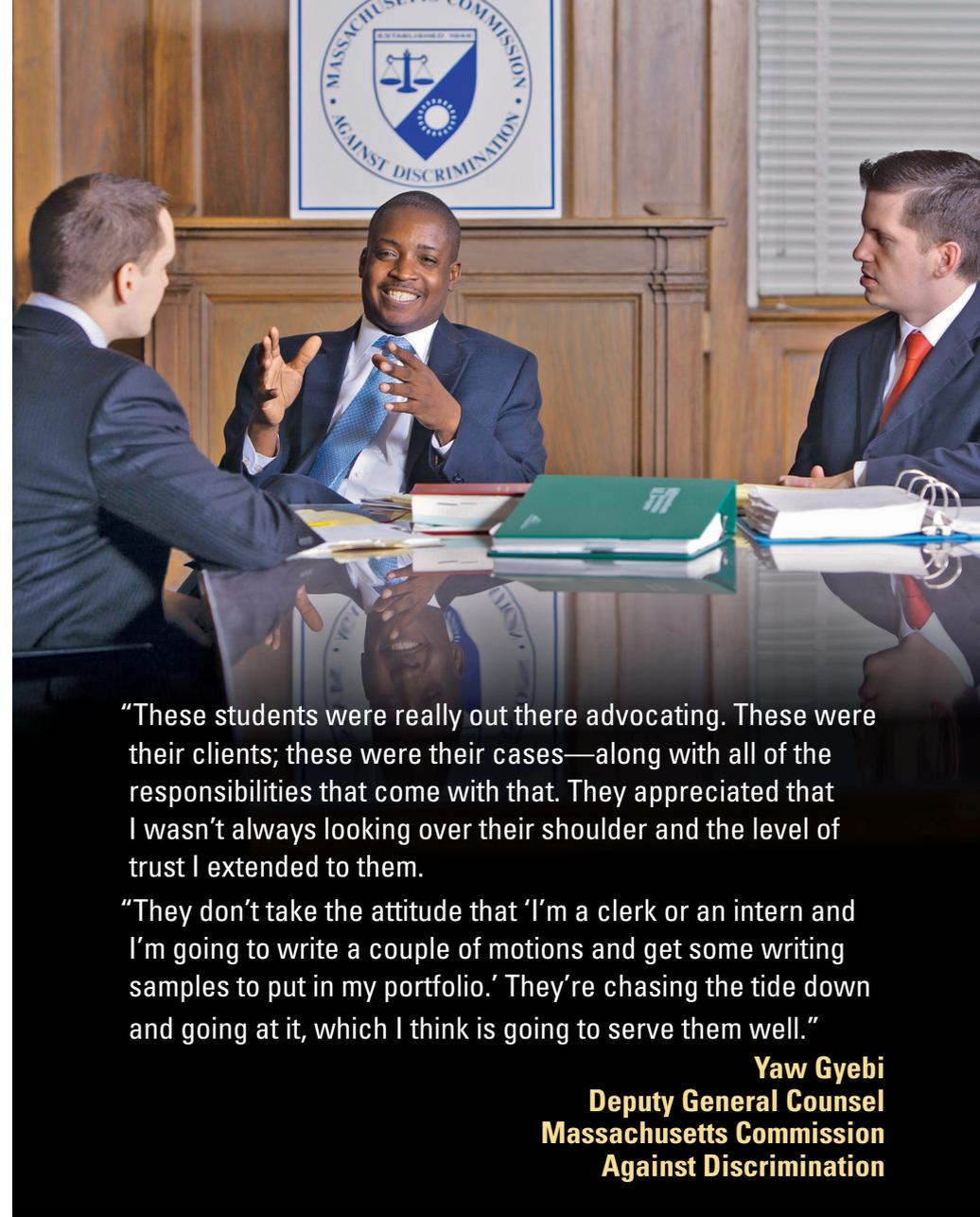


EXTERNSHIPS

Externships allow students to work directly with judges or alongside attorneys in public interest organizations or government agencies. Externs conduct research, prepare legal documents, and apply other lawyering skills.

Sampling of Externship Sites

- Committee for Public Counsel Services
- Connecticut Department of Public Health
- Friendly's Ice Cream Corporation
- Judge Mark Mastroianni, United States District Court
- Judge Daniel Swords, Hampden County Juvenile Court
- Massachusetts Attorney General's Office
- Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination
- Mercy Medical Center
- U.S. Attorney's Office
- U.S. Postal Service



“These students were really out there advocating. These were their clients; these were their cases—along with all of the responsibilities that come with that. They appreciated that I wasn't always looking over their shoulder and the level of trust I extended to them.

“They don't take the attitude that ‘I'm a clerk or an intern and I'm going to write a couple of motions and get some writing samples to put in my portfolio.’ They're chasing the tide down and going at it, which I think is going to serve them well.”

Yaw Gyebi
Deputy General Counsel
Massachusetts Commission
Against Discrimination

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**LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR 25
LOW-INCOME ENTREPRENEURS**

550

**DIFFERENT CLIENTS SERVED
THROUGH NINE CLINICS**

24,000

**HOURS SPENT IN CLINIC OR
EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS**