



GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW

Legal Clinics and Externships

Clinics and Centers

Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (ELJC) - <http://goo.gl/uwSXYE>

Fall and Spring; Students may continue in the Summer

Professor Helen Kang & Graduate Fellows Tovah Trimming and Collin McCarthy
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This clinic meets on campus and addresses environmental issues. Students work on active litigation, make presentations at administrative proceedings, and carry out the clinic's community education activities.

Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC) - <http://goo.gl/BkdmpB>

Fall and Spring

Professors Hina Shah & Anna Kirsh
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In this on-campus clinic, students provide advice, counseling, and legal representation to low-income workers. Cases tend to involve sex or race discrimination and harassment, wage and hour claims, unemployment benefits, pregnancy disability, and family leave.

Pro Bono Tax Clinics - <http://goo.gl/dfONrX>

Fall, Spring, and Summer

Judge Marshall Whitley (Ret.), Director of L.L.M. Taxation and Estate Planning, and Olivera Jovanovic, Administrative Director
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For this pair of on-campus clinics, students assist clients with tax disputes. In the Sales and Use Tax Clinic, students appeal Sales and Use Tax assessments issued by the Board of Equalization. In the State Income Tax Clinic, students help taxpayers with claims against the California Franchise Tax Board. In both clinics, students provide legal representation to low-income individuals. Under the supervision of an attorney, students draft letters, memoranda, and briefs and also advocate for clients before the Board of Equalization. Both JD and LLM Tax students are eligible to participate.

[Additional L.L.M. Externships available to JD students.](#)

Please see degree programs for Master of Laws in Estate Planning and Tax or contact [Olivera Jovanovic](#) for additional externship opportunities that may be available to JD students.

Veterans Legal Advocacy Center - <http://goo.gl/EtbdMw>

Fall, Spring, and Summer

Professor Dan Devoy
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Students in this multi-disciplinary, on-campus clinic learn veterans' disability law and procedure and aid military veterans with filing, adjudication, and appeal of their disability claims with the Veterans Administration. Students engage in client interviews and factual investigations, draft and submit motions and briefs, and advocate for their client with the possibility of appearing before administrative boards or the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Externships

Civil Field Placement

Fall, Spring, and Summer

Adjunct Professor Jennifer Wyllie-Pletcher
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Students extern off campus in law firms, corporations, public interest organizations or government agencies in a variety of civil fields. They also attend on-campus seminars on topics that support the legal theory, doctrine, skill and ethical considerations they may encounter in their placements. Practice areas are specific to the placement. Past placements have included work in Intellectual Property, Tax, Entertainment, Bankruptcy, Disability Rights, Corporate Counsel, Immigration, Government, Domestic Violence, and General Civil Practice, among others.

Criminal Litigation

Fall, Spring, and Summer

Adjunct Professor and Associate Dean of Law Career Development Corey Farris
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Students obtain an off-campus placement with a criminal defense practice, district attorney's office, public defender's office or government agency specializing in criminal litigation while participating in a criminal justice seminar with an emphasis on the theories, doctrines, skills and ethical concerns involved in criminal litigation.

Judicial Externship

Fall, Spring, and Summer

Associate Professor Teresa Wall-Cyb
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Students extern off campus in judicial or administrative courts. Placements may be in state or federal courts, at the trial or appellate level, and with a full range of judicial assignments. Students may opt to extern for a judge who presides over specialized cases, like those involving bankruptcy, family, or juvenile law, or for a judge with a general civil or criminal assignment. Students also attend on-campus seminars on topics that support the legal theory, doctrine, skill and ethical considerations at play in the courts. Placements may be in chambers or with staff-attorney supervisors. Enrollment requires three full terms of law school, minimum GPA requirements and pre-/co-requisite of Evidence.

Consumer Rights

Spring

Adjunct Professor Marie Appel
mappel@sfbay.org

Students attend regular class meetings and also participate in the Bar Association of San Francisco's legal clinics on selected Wednesday evenings and the last Saturday of the month. Students learn interviewing and counseling skills and substantive consumer law, as well as assist attorneys in providing advice, counseling, and limited legal representation. Assignments may include drafting letters on the client's behalf or basic pleadings, such as answers and claims of exemption. This course has priority registration given to evening part-time (PTE) students.

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Advanced Legal Clinic

Fall, Spring, and Summer

Adjunct Professor Farimah Erlandson

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This externship option is designed for students who have completed one or more externship course and who wish to work again in the same field of law. This option is not available to judicial externs. Eligible students extern off campus at a variety of law-related placements. They also attend on-campus seminars on topics that support the legal theory, doctrine, skills and ethical considerations they may encounter in their placements.

Externship Legal Clinic

Fall, Spring, and Summer

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This externship course is available to students who are otherwise eligible to enroll in an externship course, but who cannot attend the on-campus seminar because they have obtained an approved placement outside of the Bay Area. Students are responsible for completing seminar assignments relevant to legal theory, doctrine, skills, and ethical considerations. Consent of the Director of Externship Programs is required.

Family Law

Contact Associate Professor Teresa Wall-Cyb for course availability

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Students obtain a placement with a non-profit organization, government agency, or private attorney specializing in Family Law. Assignments can cover aspects of cases at all stages, including client interviews, writing legal briefs, representation at court hearings, assisting in trial, and emergency orders regarding children or domestic violence. Pre/co-requisites: Community Property, Family Law, or Family Law Practice; consent of instructor required.

For more information, please read the [Clinical Legal Education Program Student Handbook](#), or contact Professor Teresa Wall-Cyb, Director of Externship Programs, at twallcyb@ggu.edu.