

**SPRING 2025
LAW CLINIC AND LOCAL FIELD
PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

AGENDA*

Application process, timeline, and related information

Scheduled law clinics

Scheduled field placements

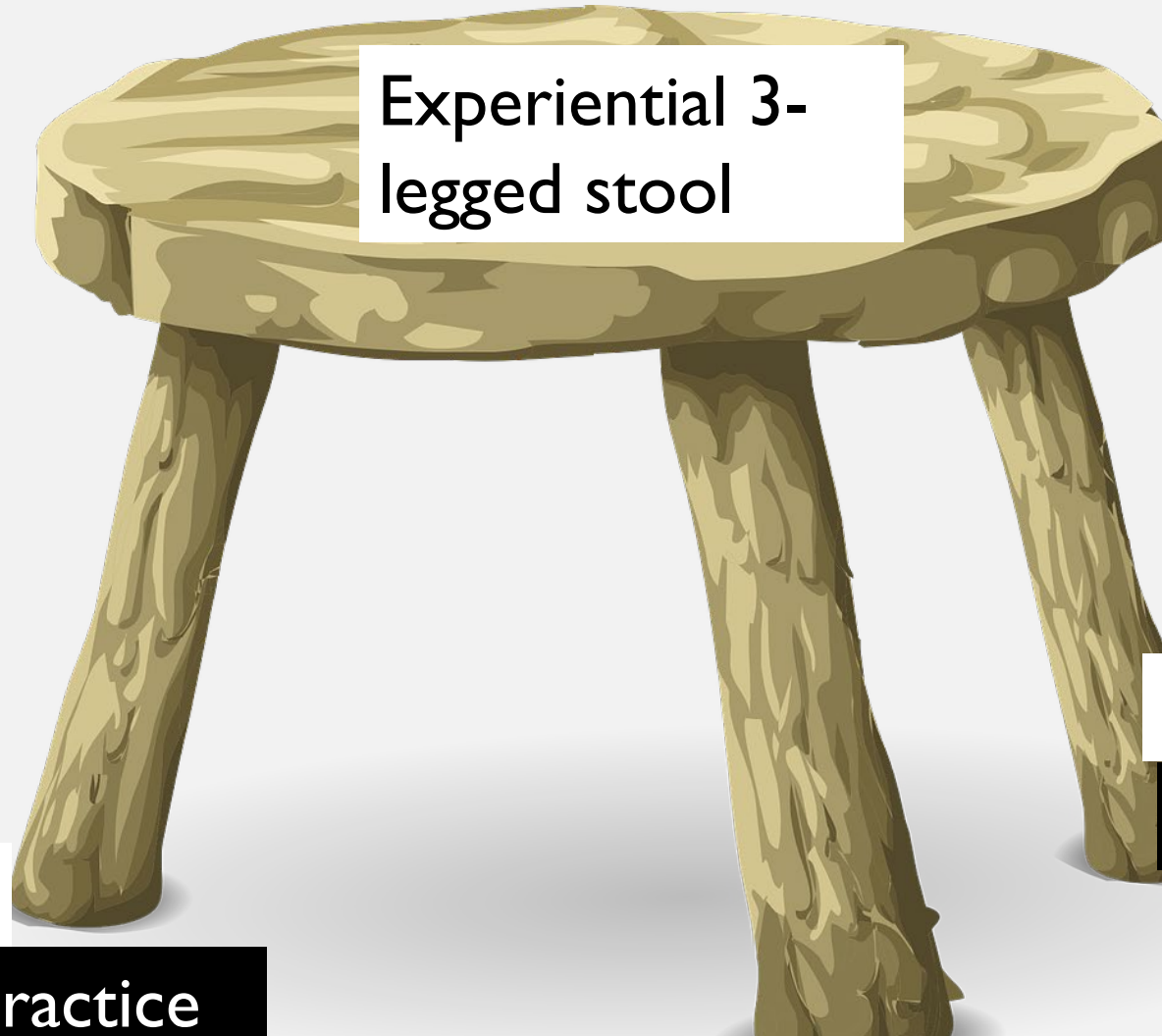
**This info session does not cover Semester in DC or simulation course opportunities*

EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENT

- Certain law school courses qualify as “experiential”—noted with an “E” on the course schedule
- Must have at least six “E” credits
- All clinics and field placements are designated as “E” courses
- “field placement” AKA “externship”
- See p66 of the [Student Handbook](#) for more information

“[A]ll of these modalities are valuable and necessary in order for law students to be able to develop fully their professional identity...[E]ach...can contribute in distinctive ways to the student’s professional development.”

- [Prof. Susan Brooks](#)



**Experiential 3-
legged stool**

Clinics

**Supervised practice
in a “first chair” role**

Field placements

**Supervised practice
in a “mentee” role**

Simulation courses

Simulated practice

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

- **Apply via form:**
<https://www.slu.edu/law/experiential-learning/clinic-field-placement-information.php>
- **Two-phase process:** Law clinics followed by field placements
- **Separate applications:**
 - Spring 2025 law clinics (due 9/19)
 - Spring 2025 field placements (due 10/4)



APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE: LAW CLINICS

- To be considered timely, submit by **11:59PM** on **09/19/2024**
- Timely applicants notified by email of whether being offered a clinic by **09/30/2024**
- Must accept no later than the time specified in offer
- Can apply after the deadline; offers made on space-available basis
- If you accept placement in a clinic, you may not apply for a field placement opportunity for same semester

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE: FIELD PLACEMENTS

- To be considered timely, submit by **11:59PM** on **10/04/2024**
- Timely applicants notified by email of whether being offered a placement on a rolling basis
- Must accept no later than the time specified in offer
- Can apply after the deadline; offers made on space-available basis
- If no placement by start of general registration, register as if no placement and then drop other courses if one is later offered

NO SELF-REGISTRATION/DROP

- Registration for all clinics and field placements occurs through this process – **no self-registration**
- Upon acceptance into a clinic or a field placement, may not drop without written approval from the relevant faculty member (granted only in extraordinary circumstances)
- This helps ensure good relationships with field placement supervisors and recognizes the planning necessary for quality experiences

LAW CLINIC OR FIELD PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITY GUARANTEE

SLU LAW guarantees every eligible and interested student one law clinic or field placement experience. While effort is made to accommodate student preferences, students may not always receive their first-choice preference for such guaranteed law clinic or field placement experience.

LAW CLINICS OVERVIEW
(SPRING 2025)

Children's
Permanency Clinic

Criminal Defense
Clinic

Entrepreneurship
and Community
Development
Clinic

Human Rights at
Home Litigation
Clinic

CHILDREN'S PERMANENCY CLINIC

- Represent clients in variety of matters related to children and families (e.g., child orders of protection, guardianships, delinquency, and other matters in which we can center the voice of children)
- Clinic I client work: 3 or 4 cr, p/np (45 hrs/cr)
- Clinic I classroom component: 2 cr, graded
- Clinic II (please contact Professor Banks)
- Works best if you can be available Thursday mornings (but not required)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Banks (Kathryn.Banks@slu.edu or 314.977.2778)

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

- Represent clients charged with federal offenses with an emphasis on mitigation and sentencing advocacy
- Opportunities to work at satellite clinic space at Mission St. Louis
- Client work: 3 or 4 cr, p/np (45 hrs/cr)
- Classroom component: 2 cr, graded
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. McGraugh (susan.mcgraugh@slu.edu or 314.977.2778)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

- Represent entrepreneurs, nonprofits, community groups, and social enterprises in transactional matters, with a particular focus on community development
- Clinic I client work: 3 or 4 cr, p/np (45 hrs/cr)
- Clinic I classroom component: 2 cr, graded
- Clinic II (combined client/classroom work): 2 or 3 cr, p/np (45 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Malkus (dana.malkus@slu.edu or 314.977.2778) or see [FAQs](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS AT HOME LITIGATION CLINIC

- Work on impactful human rights projects and use human rights in litigation in local courts (e.g., domestic violence, immigration, jail conditions cases, juvenile life without parole hearings, and more)
- Clinic I client work: 3 or 4 cr, p/np (45 hrs/cr)
- Clinic I classroom component: 2 cr, graded
- Clinic II (combined client/classroom work): 2 or 3 cr, p/np (45 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Bartlett (lauren.bartlett@slu.edu or 314.977.2778)

CLINIC II

After completing a Clinic I opportunity, students may apply to enroll in a second semester of the same clinic on a space-available basis. *

* Not available for Criminal Defense Clinic

FIELD PLACEMENTS OVERVIEW
(SEE [FIELD PLACEMENT GUIDE](#))

Judicial
Spring 2025

Corporate
Spring 2025

Criminal
Defense
Spring 2025

Criminal
Prosecution
Spring 2025

Health Law
Spring 2025

Public Interest
Spring 2025

JUDICIAL PROCESS

- Placed with judge as part-time law clerk—depending on chambers, may assist in preparing bench briefs and opinions; observe oral arguments, trials, or hearings; and perform legal research and write memos
- Bound by judicial canons (inc prohibition on work at law firm & political activity—e.g., social media, political campaign/donations); consider not advertising political affiliation on resume (can limit placement opportunities)
- 3 or 4 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr) + class (1 cr, graded)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Phillips (megan.phillips.1@slu.edu or 314.435.6560) or Prof. VanAmburg (lisa.vanamburg@slu.edu or 314.330.1397)

JUDICIAL PROCESS ELIGIBILITY

- Complete **at least the equivalent of one year** of legal education
- Completed **Legal Profession** (or, with permission from the relevant faculty member, enroll concurrently)
- Concurrently enroll in a 1 cr (graded) **companion course**
- Be able to devote sufficient time to field placement (**50 hrs of fieldwork for each p/np cr hr**)

CORPORATE

- Placed in a variety of nonprofit and for-profit corporate counsel and government settings; assist with transactional or litigation matters
- Field Placement I fieldwork: 3, 4, or 6 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr) (cr hrs depend on placement site)
- Field Placement I classroom component: 1 cr, graded
- Field Placement II (combined field/classroom work): 2 or 3 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Chivetta (aj.chivetta@slu.edu or 314.780.1812)

CRIMINAL DEFENSE

- Placed at sites providing criminal defense representation for individuals accused of crimes who cannot afford a private attorney
- Field Placement I fieldwork: 4, 6, or 8 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr) (cr hrs depend on placement site)
- Field Placement I classroom component: 1 cr, graded
- Field Placement II (combined field/classroom work): 2 or 3 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Vigil (matt.vigil@slu.edu or 314.977.2778)

CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

- Students are placed at prosecutors' offices to assist in criminal prosecution matters
- Field Placement I fieldwork: 4, 6, or 8 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr) (cr hrs depend on placement site)
- Field Placement I classroom component: 1 cr, graded
- Field Placement II (combined field/classroom work): 2 or 3 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Darst (jane.isaacson@slu.edu or 314.363.4269)

HEALTH LAW

- Students placed with health systems where they assist with transactional and litigation matters; may also be placed at the USAO to assist in prosecuting health fraud matters
- Field Placement I fieldwork: 4 or 6 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr) (cr hrs depend on placement site)
- Field Placement I classroom component: 1 cr, graded
- Field Placement II (combined field/classroom work): 2 or 3 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Sanders (amy.sanders@slu.edu or 314.977.8176 or <https://amysanders-healthlaw.youcanbook.me/>)

PUBLIC INTEREST

- Students placed in various government and public interest settings where they assist with transactional or litigation matters
- Field Placement I fieldwork: 4 or 6 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr) (cr hrs depend on placement site)
- Field Placement I classroom component: 1 cr, graded
- Field Placement II (combined field/classroom work): 2 or 3 cr, p/np (50 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof.Vigil (Matt.Vigil@slu.edu or 314.977.7038)

FIELD PLACEMENTS: GUIDANCE

Field Placement Guide and Handbook

The [Guide](#) provides an overview of the placement opportunities. If you are interested in particular opportunities, please note those on your application and discuss them with the relevant faculty member.

The [Handbook](#) provides important details about the Field Placement Program.

Concurrent Employment and Conflicts

Some placements have special requirements related to concurrent employment, and some may prohibit concurrent employment entirely. Placements may also require extensive background checks, drug testing, conflicts checks, and other paperwork.

Be sure you understand these requirements for any opportunities for which you want to apply.

FIELD PLACEMENT II*

- After completing Field Placement I, students may apply to enroll in a second field placement through Field Placement II.
- Students may enroll in Field Placement II for either 2 or 3 cr (p/np), on a space-available basis.
- Students may take Field Placement I and II only one time each.

** Judicial field placements are housed within a separate course and are not part of Field Placement I or II. Students can only do one judicial placement and may not enroll in a second judicial placement.*

FIELD PLACEMENT ELIGIBILITY (EXCLUDING JUDICIAL)

- Eligible for **Missouri student practice license** (includes completing at least half the credit hours required for graduation)—while this is a minimum requirement for the course, placement may or may not require a student practice license
- Completed **Legal Profession** (or, with permission from the relevant faculty member, enroll concurrently)
- Concurrently enroll in a 1 cr (graded) **companion course** (Field Placement I only)
- Be able to devote sufficient time to field placement (**50 hrs of fieldwork for each p/np cr hr**)

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

WWW.SLU.EDU/LAW/EXPERIENTIAL-LEARNING

ACCESS
APPLICATIONS HERE

