



## Beasley School of Law

**FALL 2020**

**SCHOOL DESIGNED PRACTICUM COURSES**

Temple Law School is pleased to announce the following Fall 2020 Practicum Courses. Please see each individual description to learn what material to submit and to whom you should submit the material. **Please note that each description indicates the deadline for applications.**

A Practicum combines an experiential learning project with supervision and evaluation by a member of the full time faculty. Some Practicum courses are designed individually by the student in consultation with a faculty member; others are recurring projects that faculty members sponsor, like those listed below.

Please seek guidance on Practicum selection from the following faculty and staff, who are invested in your education and growth, and can provide you with feedback:

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**1. CHILD ADVOCACY UNIT PRACTICUM (DEFENDER ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Sarah Katz.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with the Defender Association of Philadelphia. The Defender Association of Philadelphia is a nonprofit law firm created in 1934 by a group of lawyers dedicated to the belief that everyone, regardless of income, deserves the highest quality legal representation. Firmly rooted in Philadelphia for over 80 years, the Defender Association stands as the city's vanguard for indigent defense.

The Child Advocacy Unit (CAU) is a specialty unit within the Defender Association that ensures quality representation inside and outside of the courtroom for children involved in dependency and adoption cases. The CAU was created in 1974 and contracts with the City of Philadelphia to represent children, ranging from birth to twenty-one years old, who have open dependent petitions in Family Court; are victims of neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, or abandonment; are truant or incorrigible; are facing mental health challenges; need additional supports as they transition into adult living or desire to re-enter the dependent system through a Resumption of Jurisdiction Motion. The CUA utilizes a multi-disciplinary approach to child advocacy by teaming attorneys and social workers to represent our young clients. They represent most of the dependent children in Philadelphia, and presently have (27) staff attorneys and (32) social workers/social service advocates.

In this Practicum, students are expected to participate in all aspects of representing our older youth clients, ages 16-21 years old. The practicum curriculum will focus on multiple facets pertaining to older youth, such as an overview of the juvenile dependency system and how to navigate the system for the maximum benefit to the client; our multi-disciplinary team approach (social worker/attorney); courtroom experience (permanency and dispositional hearings); developing interviewing, counseling and investigatory skills; knowledge of youth brain development; collaboration with outside agencies to meet the needs and welfare of our clients; ethical considerations inherent in our dual role of counsel and guardian ad litem; developing the appropriate tools to successfully communicate with clients and conduct legal research, analysis and writing as needed.

This Practicum is ideal for third year law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, a career advocating on behalf of children in the dependency arena and the child welfare system, or a career in public interest law. Students will need to commit to a minimum of 6.5 to 10 hours per week to this Practicum depending on the number of credits they prefer. Students need to be court certified. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to the "Child Advocacy Unit Selection Committee" and a resume to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

## **2. COMPLIANCE PRACTICUM \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are multiple slots available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Rob Bartow and Professor Jon Smollen.

The experiential component of this Practicum is within a company in the Compliance Department. Compliance officers navigate the complex laws and regulations that govern the work of companies in a broad range of industries from the pharmaceutical field, to health care, to the financial sector. Compliance work can include risk analysis and the creation and implementation of controls and solutions. Compliance officers examine, evaluate, and investigate eligibility for, and compliance with, laws and regulations. Students will be expected to participate in all aspects of compliance work including the investigation, research, and analysis of eligibility and compliance. Students will be expected to identify issues, theories, strategies, and solutions. Past participating companies include Endo Pharmaceutical, Berkley Research Group, Unilife, and ACE. Next semester one of the placements will be at Aramark.

Temple Law's Compliance Practicums are ideal for law students who are interested in learning more about how to analyze risk, evaluate eligibility and compliance, and work for some of the top companies in the region. Students will need to commit 15 hours per week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter addressed to "Compliance Practicum Selection Committee", resume, and transcript to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

## **3. COMPLIANCE PRACTICUM (U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – HEALTH CARE FRAUD UNIT) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Jon Smollen.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Students will work on a variety of matters including researching health care and other fraud related topics (particular regulatory environments, state statutes and regulations); analyzing compliance-adjacent documents such as statutes, regulations, and enforcement documents and creation of topic area summaries; data analytics of public data sources on given topics; and identifying likely areas of fraud exploitation and/or targeting of business units that are likely to be committing fraud, waste, or abuse.

This Practicum is ideal for students who are committed to the compliance field and have a vested interest in data analytics and data mining. Interest in health law and criminal law is also preferable. There are no pre requisite courses, however, preference will be given to students who have taken compliance courses including Introduction to Compliance, Health Care Fraud: Investigation, Prosecution, and Compliance, and Drug and Medical Device Law. Students must commit to 10 hours per week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward your resume, transcript, and cover letter/statement of interest addressed to "Compliance Practicum

Selection Committee: U.S. Attorney's Office" to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

**4. CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRACTICUM (PHILADELPHIA LAWYERS FOR SOCIAL EQUITY) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are two slots available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Kristen Murray.

The experiential project offered with this Practicum is with Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity. PLSE provides free legal representation to low-income clients who are trying to clear their criminal records so they can qualify for better jobs, housing, credit, and other benefits. (By way of background, if someone is arrested in Pennsylvania and charged with a crime, even they never had to attend court or were later found not guilty after a trial, or anything in between, they still have a criminal record. Unless it is sealed or a judge orders it to be erased or expunged, that criminal record is permanently available on the internet to the public. The only way to get a conviction off your record, even if it was committed decades ago, is to get a pardon from the Governor of Pennsylvania.) Through its Criminal Record Expungement Project, PLSE files petitions for expungement that, after a hearing, could result in a judicial order that commands the City and State police and other agencies to remove the information of that person's criminal history from their record. PLSE files over 2,400 expungement petitions per year. Additionally, PLSE has a growing community education and outreach program.

In this Practicum, students will have a range of duties, with tasks varying week to week. Students will conduct intakes at community clinics and on the phone, draft and review expungement petitions, inform clients about updates in their case, and accompany the attorney to court. If a certified legal intern, the student may have the opportunity to argue motions for expungement in court. Students will conduct research and write legal memoranda. There will be opportunities for public speaking and community presentations, as well as attending and tabling at community events. Students will have an opportunity to have a hand in their rapidly evolving pardon project, and help develop the curriculum. PLSE is a rapidly growing small organization, and as such, there are constantly evolving projects that require creativity, flexibility, and initiative.

This Practicum is ideal for students with an interest in criminal justice, public policy, and public interest. Students must commit at least 10 hours a week to this Practicum. If you are interested, please send a resume and cover letter addressed to "Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity Practicum Selection Committee" to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

**5. CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICUM (BUCKS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for a second and third year law student in this Practicum supervised by Professor James Shellenberger.

The experiential project offered with this Practicum is with the Bucks County District Attorney's office located in Doylestown, the county seat for Bucks County. With approximately 40 attorneys, the office prosecutes about 9,000 criminal cases in a year. Attorneys work within a division, including narcotics, major crimes, special victims, financial crimes, homicide by vehicle, and appeals.

In this Practicum, students will be assigned to two district courts during their semester. They will appear before Magisterial District Judges and conduct preliminary hearings, negotiate cases (in conjunction with a supervising attorney), and interact and work with law enforcement, defense attorneys, and civilian victims and witnesses. Students will handle a variety of crimes, from misdemeanor drug and theft cases, to felony assaults, robberies and burglaries. Students receive an intensive training from trial attorneys within the office at the start of the semester and supervising attorneys are available throughout the semester to assist with case preparation and to answer any questions.

This Practicum is ideal for students with strong communication and interpersonal skills. Students must be able to be a Certified Legal Intern under Rules 321 or 322 of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Students must also have taken Criminal Procedure. In terms of scheduling, in addition to handling a district court's docket of cases for one full day, students are required to spend one half day in the office, where they are preparing their cases for their next court date, and writing an internal memo to the trial attorney on the cases they handled the previous week. The full day of court can be on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, depending on the student's schedule. The half day can be any day Monday through Friday. If you are interested, please send a resume, transcript, and cover letter addressed to "Bucks County DA Practicum Selection Committee" to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on July 6, 2020.

#### **6. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRACTICUM (WOMEN AGAINST ABUSE) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Sarah Katz.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with Women Against Abuse (WAA). WAA is a nonprofit agency that provides comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence in Philadelphia. WAA provides services that include emergency safe haven, transitional housing, legal services, behavioral healthcare, hotline counseling, community education, and advocacy. With regard to legal representation, WAA engages in intake and direct advocacy. Each year approximately 12,000 petitions for protection from abuse orders are filed in Philadelphia. The majority of individuals seeking a protection from abuse order are unable to procure an attorney and must navigate complex legal processes on their own. In addition, many petitioners face escalating threats from an abuser to drop their case. Consequently, less than one third of petitioners obtain a final order of protection. Students who participate in this Practicum will be expected to participate in all aspects of intake at the legal department. Students will develop interviewing and counseling skills, engage in case analysis, and gain experience in case review. Additionally students will be expected to complete legal research and analysis as needed.

This Practicum is ideal for law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, a career advocating on behalf of domestic violence survivors, or a career in family law, public interest law, or criminal prosecution. Students will need to commit 12 to 14 hours per week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to “Domestic Violence Practicum Selection Committee” and resume to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

**7. EMPLOYMENT LAW PRACTICUM (EMPLOYMENT ADVOCACY PROJECT)**  
**\*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for second and third year day students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Jennifer Lee.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with the Employment Advocacy Project, a project of Philadelphia Legal Assistance. EAP provides direct representation to clients who have had their Unemployment Compensation Benefits denied or contested.

In this Practicum, students will interview clients, build legal strategies, meet with clients in person to discuss the strategy and prep the client for a trial-like hearing. Advocates will then go to Unemployment Compensation Hearings and represent their clients before hearing referees, which includes direct examination, cross examination, and the use of documentary evidence. Students will also write appeal briefs to the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review. EAP expects students to work collaboratively to develop best practices and support other advocates. Philadelphia Legal Assistance has a substantial state appellate case load and students may have the opportunity to draft court briefs.

This Practicum is ideal for law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, employment law, and who are eager to work with and represent clients. Students must commit to 6.5 hours per week for a 2 credit practicum. This includes attendance at 2 to 3 mandatory training sessions, participation in “case rounds” in which you will discuss your cases, teach, and learn from the experience of other advocates, and availability for at least two, three hours blocks of time Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in order to take clients. All other times may be fit around your schedule and can include remote work. If you are interested, please forward your resume and a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to “Employment Law Practicum Selection Committee - EAP” to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020. In your cover letter, please note any foreign language skills (which is not a criteria but will be helpful in case assignment should you be selected).

**8. EMPLOYMENT LAW PRACTICUM (U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are up to two slots available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Bonny Tavares.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) Philadelphia District Office Hearings Unit. Students will have the opportunity to work alongside Administrative Judges and Law Clerks who handle civil rights cases and appeals.

In this Practicum, students will research, write, and draft briefs, decisions, and orders. Students will have the opportunity to observe local hearings and settlement conferences. The EEOC Office also partners with other federal agencies, including the Social Security Administration and U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, offering selected students the opportunity to observe and connect with other organizations.

This Practicum is ideal for students who have a background in, and are committed to, the fields of employment law, employment discrimination, civil rights, and litigation. Preference will be given to students who have taken courses in the realm of employment law, employment discrimination, labor law, administrative law, and civil procedure, and students who have strong writing skills and an interest in continuing to strengthen their writing. Students must commit to 10 hours per week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward your resume, transcript, writing sample, and cover letter/statement of interest addressed to "Employment Law Practicum Selection Committee: EEOC" to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

**9. ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PRACTICUM (DELAWARE RIVERKEEPER NETWORK) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are up to three slots available for second and third year law students in this Practicum. Please note, the first three students (determined by time stamped email) to email Mai Le at [mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu) beginning at 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020 will be offered a spot in this Practicum.

The experiential component of this three credit Practicum is designed to expose students to the broad intersection of litigation, transactional work, policy, advocacy and work with grass-roots organizations. It provides a specialized and unique course of study focused on the local region's natural heritage, practical legal skills, and special issues and pitfalls in environmental law. In conjunction with this placement, students will work closely with the Delaware Riverkeeper as well as the senior and staff attorneys of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network to provide legal support to environmental professionals and citizens to help effectively protect our environment and communities through compliance with the federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations. Under the supervision and guidance of the senior and staff attorneys, students will be expected to act as junior staff attorneys -- perform legal research; draft strategy memoranda, pleadings, briefs and other legal documents for timely filing with courts and other government agencies; and write and present comments and testimony before bodies considering proposals that will affect the environment.

Please note that the experiential hours of this practicum (to be determined between you and the practicum) are located at the Delaware Riverkeeper Network. Although some research work may be permitted to be done elsewhere, students should expect to be on site for part of the work hour commitment. Delaware Riverkeeper Network is located at 925 Canal Street in Bristol, Pennsylvania, directly across from the Bristol train station (SEPTA R7) and has ample parking.

This Practicum is ideal for second or third year law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, a career in environmental law, or students who want to gain writing experience. Students must complete a minimum of 10 hours each week of the semester of experiential work, classroom learning, or out of class assignments. Students who have taken, or will take concurrently, Environmental Law and Natural Resources, are preferred. If you are interested, please email Mai Le (mai.le@temple.edu) beginning at 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

**10. IMMIGRATION PRACTICUM (ESPERANZA IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES UNIT) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are up to two slots available for second- or third-year law students in this Practicum.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with Esperanza Immigration Legal Services. Esperanza Immigration Legal Services (EILS) was formed in 2009 to provide low-cost, non-litigation legal services to low-income immigrants and their families, including self-petitions for victims of domestic violence, green card applications, family petitions and naturalization applications.

EILS is in the heart of a low-income Latino neighborhood in North Philadelphia. EILS offers convenient, affordable and culturally accessible services to the most underserved immigrants, with a focus on the Hispanic community. EILS also offers workshops in English and Spanish to help immigrant families thrive in the United States, on topics such as financial literacy, debunking common immigration myths, and preparation for emergency situations. Finally, EILS conducts citizenship classes every summer to prepare eligible candidates for the citizenship exam.

In this Practicum, students can be expected to assist in drafting, researching and preparing immigration applications before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services involving Citizenship, Adjustment of Status, Family Petitions, I90 renewals, DACA Renewals, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions, U visas, and/or T visas. Students will also develop interviewing, and public speaking skills by conducting legal screenings as well as by participating in Know Your Rights Info session, clinics and outreaches.

This Practicum is ideal for law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, a career advocating on behalf of immigrant populations, or a career in public interest law. Students will need to commit to a minimum of 6.5 to 10 hours per week to this Practicum depending on the number of credits they prefer. Bilingual Spanish/English applicants will be prioritized. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of



interest addressed to the “Esperanza Immigration Legal Services Unit Committee” and a resume to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on June 19, 2020.

**11. IMMIGRATION LAW PRACTICUM (NATIONALITIES SERVICE CENTER and HIAS) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are up to two slots at NSC and up to two slots at HIAS available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Associate Dean Jaya Ramji-Nogales.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with Nationalities Service Center (NSC) and HIAS. At either NSC or HIAS, students will develop their advocacy skills and deepen their understanding of asylum, refugee, and international human rights law. They will represent asylum applicants, asylees, and refugees who have been victims of torture, gender violence, unlawful arrests, and other forms of persecution on account of their race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular group. Students will perform a variety of legal tasks ranging from interviewing clients, drafting documents and petitions, researching country conditions, and preparing motions and legal briefs for cases before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Students must commit 12 to 15 hours per week to this Practicum. Students with Spanish language skills will be given preference at HIAS, but this is not a requirement. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to “Immigration Law Practicum Selection Committee – NSC” and/or “Immigration Law Practicum Selection Committee - HIAS” and resume to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

**12. IMMIGRATION LAW PRACTICUM (TEMPLE LAW ASYLUM PROJECT, WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are up to six slots available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Associate Dean Jaya Ramji-Nogales.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with the Washington Office on Latin America, a well-regarded think tank whose research and advocacy advances human rights in the Americas.

In this Practicum, students will prepare country conditions information tailored to specific social groups for attorneys representing asylum applicants from the Northern Triangle and Mexico, and for *pro se* asylum seekers. Students will first learn the relevant asylum law focused on claims on a particular social group ground. Then they will work to produce a set of country conditions memos tailored to particular social group categories that we can distribute to attorneys. Some research is already on file but students will conduct additional research focused on their issues. Spanish speaking students will be assigned particular countries (El Salvador, Guatemala,

Honduras, Mexico) and will be asked to research all topics for that country in relevant and reliable in-country news sources and to keep updated by reviewing those news sources weekly. Students will also work on packets of information for *pro se* asylum seekers, and will conduct field testing with relevant populations to determine how best to frame and distribute this information. Students interested in seeing the results of prior semesters' work can access the project's website here: <https://www2.law.temple.edu/cs/j/atoc/>

Students must commit 10 hours per week to this Practicum. Preference will be given to students who have taken Immigration Law. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to "Immigration Law Practicum Selection Committee – Temple Law Asylum Project", resume, and transcript to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

**13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PRACTICUM (THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY – INNOVATION PILLAR) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for a second or third year law student in this Practicum supervised by Professor Erika Douglas.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with Thomas Jefferson University's Innovation Pillar. The Innovation Pillar is responsible for technology transfer activities (the process of intellectual property management and commercialization in a university setting) at Jefferson, including management of the University's intellectual property estate, out-licensing technology to commercial partners, and supporting the launch of associated start-up companies. Patentability assessment is a critical element of this function as the Innovation Pillar determines appropriate strategies for patent filings and corresponding business activity.

In this Practicum, students will have the opportunity to gain exposure to technology transfer. Students will be tasked with performing evaluations with respect to a wide range of emerging technologies and commercialization opportunities arising from Jefferson innovations, spanning the areas of biotechnology, medical devices, advanced materials, and healthcare information technology. Specific responsibilities will include: completing training for prior art search procedures, conducting prior art (patent and literature) searches, documenting results and preparing detailed reports, communicating findings with office staff and Jefferson inventors, and attending regular team meetings and networking events.

This Practicum is ideal for second or third year law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, intellectual property and patents. Strong preference will be given to students with a life science background, though students with other science backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Students must commit to 10 hours per week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward your resume and cover letter/statement of interest addressed to "Intellectual Property Practicum Selection Committee: Jefferson Innovation Pillar" to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

**14. LABOR LAW PRACTICUM (U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are up to two slots available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Jennifer Lee.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of the Solicitor, Philadelphia Regional Office. The Philadelphia Regional Solicitor's Office is responsible for most civil trial litigation and legal support for the U.S. DOL in several states including Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. The Office is primarily involved in the enforcement of a number of federal laws that ensure that our region's workers are employed in safe and healthy workplaces, are paid at least the federal minimum and overtime wage rates, and are treated without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, religion, or status as a whistleblower, a person with disability or a veteran.

In this Practicum, students will be engaged in an immersive litigation experience and be permitted a "deep dive" into complex and compelling labor cases involving FLSA, OSHA, MSHA, ERISA, and whistleblower cases, among others. Students will perform legal research, draft motions, help propound and respond to discovery, help prepare for taking and defending depositions, and prepare for and participate in settlement conferences, various in-court motions practice and proceedings, pre-trial conferences, and trial.

This Practicum is ideal for second or third year law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, litigation and labor law. Students must commit to 10 hours per week. If you are interested, please forward your resume, transcript, and a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to "Labor Law Practicum Selection Committee – USDOL" to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on June 12, 2020.

**15. PUBLIC INTEREST PRACTICUM (PHILADELPHIA VIP) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Susan DeJarnatt.

The experiential project offered with this Practicum is at Philadelphia VIP, the hub of pro bono in Philadelphia. Philadelphia VIP recruits, trains, and supports volunteer attorneys who provide free legal services to low-income clients. Areas of legal service include family law (custody, support, divorce, adoption), homeownership/tangled title (probate, quiet title, and deed transfers), debt collection, guardianship, tort defense, and estate planning.

In this Practicum, students will assess the legal merits of cases by interviewing clients and gathering documents; counsel and prepare clients for the civil legal process and the professional responsibilities surrounding the attorney-client relationship; guide volunteer attorneys with substantive, ethical, or procedural legal questions; observe court proceedings; cultivate volunteer attorney relationships to grow Philadelphia VIP's pro bono practice capacity; assist with and attend attorney CLEs, trainings, clinics, and other outreach events; participate in programs to

engage VIP stakeholders in organizations, legal services agencies, and courts; and develop practical skills in writing, research, and case management technology. Philadelphia VIP interns function as valued members of the VIP team. With attentive attorney supervision and training, interns gain valuable skills that will help them launch careers in any sector of the legal profession or in non-profit leadership.

This Practicum is ideal for students with a passion for access to justice for underserved communities and a commitment to VIP's volunteer-based service model. Experience with low-income populations is a plus. Spanish fluency is also a plus, but not required. Students will need to commit to twelve hours per week to this Practicum. To make sure that clients and volunteers are responded to promptly, VIPs preference is that students are in the office at least 3 days per week, scheduled so that they aren't out of the office two business days in a row (e.g. M/W/F or T/Th/F). If you are interested, please send a resume and cover letter addressed to "Philadelphia VIP Practicum Selection Committee" to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020. In your cover letter, you are invited to include a statement about how your unique background and/or experiences might contribute to the diversity, cultural vitality, and perspective of VIP's staff team and legal practice.

#### **16. TAX PRACTICUM (CITY SOLICITOR) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Kathy Mandelbaum.

The Office of the City Solicitor is the branch of City government responsible for providing legal advice to all officers, departments, boards, and commissions within the City concerning any matter arising in connection with the exercise of their official powers. Included within this responsibility is the collection of fines, taxes, and other debts owing the City, the representation of the City and

its officers in litigation, the preparation of ordinances for introduction in City Council, and preparation of City contracts. The City Solicitor is the chief attorney and counselor for the City. In this Practicum, students prepare research memos, draft briefs, assist in meetings and negotiations with taxpayers, and sometimes, appear before the Board of Revision of Taxes.

Students must commit 12 to 15 hours per week. Applicants must have completed, and received a grade in, Taxation, in order to be eligible for this Practicum. Interested students should send a short cover letter along with their resume and transcript to Professor Mandelbaum ([kathy.mandelbaum@temple.edu](mailto:kathy.mandelbaum@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

#### **17. TAX PRACTICUM (IRS) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Kathy Mandelbaum.

The experiential project offered with this Practicum is at the Office of Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service. Students will work on a variety of assignments, including researching and writing tax law advice and assisting with tax litigation in practice groups serving the IRS's Large Business & International Division, the Small Business/Self Employed Division, and the Criminal Investigation Division. The program provides opportunities for law students to gain practical work experience and become familiar with the Office of Chief Counsel organization and its work. During the course of the student's practicum, the student will be assigned various tasks from each of the three Divisions so that they gain extensive experience working with all segments of the Service and taxpayers.

Taxation is a prerequisite. Students must commit at least 10 hours a week to this Practicum. Schedules are flexible to accommodate class schedules. Students employed in legal positions in any capacity during the period for which they are applying for the Practicum will not be considered. Any non-legal employment during the Practicum must be approved by the Office of Chief Counsel before the Practicum begins. The office is located at 701 Market Street in Philadelphia, and is easily accessible by several modes of public transportation. Interested students should send a short cover letter addressed to Jason Kuratnick, writing sample, resume, and transcript to Professor Mandelbaum ([kathy.mandelbaum@temple.edu](mailto:kathy.mandelbaum@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

#### **18. TRANSACTIONAL PRACTICUM (CITI) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are up to two slots available for second and third year day and third and fourth year evening/part time law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Harwell Wells.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with Citi, one of the world's leading digital banks. Students in this Practicum will conduct substantial research and writing on topics which may include: the regulation of payment instruments or systems, a comparative analysis of household versus small business protections, the future of privacy regulation or biometrics law, Fair Lending, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, or the Service Members Civil Relief Act.

This Practicum is ideal for students with a strong interest in researching and writing on the laws affecting financial services. This Practicum will involve weekly telephone conferences with a Citi attorney, who will guide and assist with research and writing. All research and writing will be performed remotely – not on-site at the bank. Students must commit to 6.5 hours per week to this Practicum. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to "Transactional Practicum Selection Committee – Citi", writing sample, and resume to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020

#### **19. TRANSACTIONAL PRACTICUM (TEMPLE HEALTH) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for a second or third year law student in this Practicum supervised by Professor Jules Epstein.

The experiential component of this Practicum is with the Temple University Health System Office of Counsel. The Temple University Health System is a \$1.6 billion academic health system committed to providing access to quality patient care and supporting excellence in medical education and research. The selected student will participate in transactional work, litigation exposure, fraud and abuse assessment, regulatory analysis, health policy analysis and development, and other subjects relative to the operation of an inner-city Health System.

This Practicum is ideal for second or third year law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, transactional work, litigation, and compliance. Students will need to commit to 10 hours per week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward your resume and cover letter/statement of interest addressed to “Transactional Practicum Selection Committee: Temple Health” to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020.

**20. TRANSACTIONAL PRACTICUM (TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There is one slot available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Kathy Mandelbaum.

The experiential project offered with this Practicum is at the Office of General Counsel at Temple University. The Office represents the University, including the Health System and the University’s overseas campuses, in a broad variety of matters (a thorough list is available on the Office’s website: <https://counsel.temple.edu>). Students in the Practicum will work with attorneys in the Office on matters that are most pressing for the Office at the particular time the student is participating in the program. Most student work will involve research, writing and analysis; students may also have the opportunity to present their work at Counsel’s Office meetings.

Students must commit at least 10 hours a week to this Practicum. If you are interested, please forward a cover letter, transcript, and resume to Professor Mandelbaum ([kathy.mandelbaum@temple.edu](mailto:kathy.mandelbaum@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on May 22, 2020. The cover letter should be addressed to “Michael Gebhardt, General Counsel, Temple University, 300 Sullivan Hall, 1330 West Polett Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19122”.

**21. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PRACTICUM (THE WISTAR INSTITUTE) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are up to two slots available for second and third year students in this Practicum.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with the Wistar Institute. Join a rich history of over 125 years of cutting-edge collaborative research and vaccine development in your practicum at The Wistar Institute. Wistar’s Legal and Business Development Departments seek motivated and creative students with an interest in intellectual property, contract negotiation, and non-profit leadership.



Located in the heart of University City, Wistar, with approximately 350 researchers and administrative staff, is the nation's first independent institution devoted to biomedical research and training. Founded as an anatomical teaching museum in 1892, Wistar has committed itself to the pursuit of original scientific knowledge from its very beginnings. In 1972, Wistar was designated a National Cancer Institute Cancer Center in basic research—a distinction it holds to this day. Wistar's discoveries have led to the development of vaccines for rabies, rubella, rotavirus, Zika, and, most recently, COVID-19, the identification of genes associated with breast, lung, and prostate cancer, and the development of monoclonal antibodies and other significant research technologies and tools.

One of the primary goals established by the original deed of trust for the Institute is for Wistar's laboratories to educate students. In an average year, approximately 100 graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and visiting scientists train at Wistar. Most predoctoral students who work at Wistar come from the University of Pennsylvania and the University of the Sciences, and postdoctoral trainees come from every part of the world for their advanced training. Wistar also has a high school fellowship program, a unique Biomedical Technician Training Program and a Biomedical Research Technician Apprenticeship, which is the first of its kind in the United States. In turn, Wistar-trained investigators can be found among the leaders in every field of biomedical science. Additionally, Wistar scientists have assembled state-of-the-art technologies into Shared Resources which function as engines of discovery for biomedical research initiatives at Wistar and throughout the greater research community. These resources include an animal facility, Bioinformatics, Biomedical Research Support, Flow Cytometry, Genomics, Imaging, Molecular Screening & Protein Expression, and Proteomics & Metabolomics.

In this Practicum, students will work under the supervision of the Legal Department with an opportunity to work on projects for the Business Development team. Students witness firsthand how these departments collaboratively support and propel science forward outside of the laboratory through the power of collaboration and negotiation. Examples of tasks performed by legal students in the past at Wistar include:

- Conduct legal research, analysis, and writing;
- Draft, review, and revise various agreements (for example, confidentiality, sponsored research, clinical trial, licensing, consulting, master services, etc.), policies, and templates;
- Evaluate and review current agreements to ensure compliance with agreement terms;
- Review of draft journal articles and grant applications to assess the need for patent protection;
- Participate in meetings to discuss licensing strategies;
- Perform patentability assessments.

Students will need to commit to a minimum of 6.5 to 10 hours per week to this Practicum depending on the number of credits they prefer. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest and a resume to Mai Le at [mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu) by 12:00 pm on May 29, 2020. The cover letter should be addressed to: Jennifer Evans Stacey, Esq. Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary & Government Relations.

## **22. AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION AND POLICE DEFENSE LITIGATION PRACTICUM (PHILADELPHIA LAW DEPARTMENT) \*NOW CLOSED\***

There are up to three slots available for second and third year law students in this Practicum supervised Professor Sara Jacobsen

The experiential project offered with this Practicum is with the Philadelphia Law Department. Students will have the opportunity to help litigate interesting and high-profile cases with either the Affirmative and Special Litigation Unit or the Civil Rights Unit. The Affirmative and Special Litigation Unit brings affirmative suits on behalf of the City in furtherance of public policy objectives, and defends the City and City officials in contract, real property, election, and pension disputes as well as challenges to municipal legislation and City powers. The Civil Rights Unit represents police officers and other public officials in the Philadelphia Law Department.

In this Practicum, students will have the opportunity to observe the different facets of the litigation process, from client meetings and strategy discussions to depositions and trials. Students who have been certified as legal interns may have the opportunity to present oral arguments and/or take depositions. Additionally, students will write at least one substantive legal research memorandum during the semester. By participating in every phase of litigation and learning how strategy permeates the process of litigation, students will begin to gain the practical experience that takes many attorneys years to acquire.

This Practicum is ideal for students interested in litigation, public policy and policy defense. Students must commit at least 10 hours a week to this Practicum. If you are interested, please send a resume and cover letter addressed to “Philadelphia Law Department Practicum Selection Committee” to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on June 19, 2020.

## **23. HEALTH LAW PRACTICUM (PHILADELPHIA FIGHT, PEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT & Y-HEP HEALTH CENTERS)**

There is one slot available for third year law students in this Practicum supervised by Professor Frank McClellan.

FIGHT is a non-profit health care organization, historically rooted in ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Founded in 1990, FIGHT has since grown from a research institution, to an AIDS services organization, to now a federally-qualified health center (FQHC) which allows 22 providers to treat nearly 5,000 people each year, regardless of their HIV status and without regard to their ability to pay. As an FQHC, FIGHT receives federal funding to provide healthcare to those who need it the most. FIGHT provides culturally-competent comprehensive primary care, and state of the art HIV primary care to low income members of the community, along with research, consumer education, advocacy, social services and outreach to people living with HIV and those who are at high risk, including family members, communities with high rates of HIV, formerly incarcerated persons, and young people at risk; and access to the most advanced clinical research in HIV treatment and prevention.



The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with the Pediatric and Adolescent Health Center and the Young Health Empowerment Project (Y-HEP) Health Center. These two Health Centers share space at 1207 Chestnut Street in Philadelphia. Together, they provide inclusive and accessible health care for all children and youth (newborn to 24 years old) including primary care, mental health care, sexual & reproductive health care and PrEP. Pediatrics opened in winter 2018 and Y-HEP began in 2006 as a youth drop-in center for LGBTQI youth and moved to its new location in March 2018. They constitute two of seven health centers in the Philadelphia FIGHT network. The practicum curriculum will focus on multiple facets pertaining to health care, such as: enrolling patients in public benefits (Medicaid and CHIP); navigating the system for the maximum benefit to our patients; understanding our multi-disciplinary team approach (social worker/provider/law student); developing culturally-competent interviewing, counseling and investigatory skills to identify barriers to access to healthcare; collaborating with outside agencies to meet the needs and welfare of our clients; identifying and addressing ethical considerations inherent in patient privacy regulations like HIPAA and Act 148; and conducting legal research, analysis and writing, as needed. Law students should also expect to encounter interrelated issues with respect to the LGBTQI community, immigration, unemployment, and SSI disability.

This Practicum is ideal for law students who are committed to equality in access to healthcare, or interested in learning more about healthcare and policy issues, a career advocating on behalf of children in the healthcare arena, or a career in life sciences or public interest law. Students will need to commit to a minimum 10 hours per week to this Practicum. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to “Health Law Practicum Selection Committee: Philadelphia FIGHT Pediatric and Adolescent & Y-HEP Health Centers” and a resume to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on July 24, 2020.

#### **24. COMPLIANCE PRACTICUM (PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL)**

There is one slot for a second year law student in this Practicum.

First formed by Executive Order 1987 by Governor Robert P. Casey and now codified by Act 29 of 2017, the Pennsylvania Office of State Inspector General’s (OSIG) Southeast Regional Office’s (801 Market Street, Philadelphia) mission is to “deter, detect, prevent, and eradicate fraud, waste, misconduct and abuse in the program, operations and contracting of executive agencies.” The OSIG has two investigative bureaus: the Bureau of Fraud Prevention and Prosecution (BFPP) and the Bureau of Special Investigations (BSI). BFPP assists the Department of Human Services (DHS) with investigation, prosecution and collection activities for the public benefit programs it administers while BSI investigates allegations of fraud, abuse and misconduct in state agencies under the Governor’s jurisdiction. For additional information on the OSIG, please visit <http://www.osig.pa.gov/>.

In this Practicum, the student will work closely with attorneys on every aspect of an investigation. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Consulting with supervising attorney, and in collaboration with BSI investigators and Investigation Managers, work to identify fraud, waste and abuse within state programs and agencies and investigate alleged misconduct by Commonwealth employees;
- Assisting supervising attorneys and BFPP investigators with the investigation and subsequent prosecution of welfare fraud;
- Provide research on applicable management directives, statutes and other laws implicated in an investigation; and
- Attend meetings and interviews related to the case.

Students will need to commit to approximately 10 to 15 hours per week to this Practicum. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to “Compliance Practicum Selection Committee: OSIG”, a resume, transcript, and writing sample to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on July 24, 2020.

## **25. CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICUM (DELAWARE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY)**

There is one slot for a second or third year law student in this practicum supervised by Professor Marian Braccia.

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is at the Delaware County Office of the District Attorney. Under the direction of Deputy District Attorney, students will be assigned to the Pre-Trial Unit, handling criminal misdemeanor and felony preliminary hearings at the Delaware County Magisterial District Courts and Summary Appeals in the Court of Common Pleas. Responsibilities will also include researching and writing memoranda, and drafting motions for the Trial Division. Students may alternately or additionally be assigned to a large-scale data analysis and collection project. Additionally, as the Office creates diversion programs, students will help properly identify cases that can be placed into diversion. Students will play a meaningful role in helping to shape the Office moving forward.

Students will need to commit to 10 hours per week to this Practicum. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to “Delaware County Office of the District Attorney Practicum Selection Committee” and resume to Mai Le ([mai.le@temple.edu](mailto:mai.le@temple.edu)) by 12:00 pm on July 24, 2020.