PRACTICUM COURSES
Practicum courses offer students an opportunity to work on projects or cases under the direction of a supervising attorney, while studying law in action in an associated seminar. These courses provide a wonderful opportunity for students to become substantive experts on a particular topic, cultivate a range of skills, and begin to develop a professional identity. They allow students to build networks that can be tapped for future internships and jobs. And they foster in students the confidence they need to work as lawyers upon graduation. In these ways, practicum courses serve as a bridge between the law school classroom and the legal profession.

Practicum courses take one of two forms: students are placed in fieldwork consistent with the subject matter of the course or students work on a project with their teacher, a practicing lawyer in the field. The practicum includes a seminar that uses the students’ experience as text and prepares students for their work experiences—by familiarizing them with the relevant substantive frameworks (both legal and non-legal), as well as the skills they will employ (again, both legal and non-legal). Students reflect on their work experiences in a supportive classroom environment with professors and classmates who are engaged in similar professional undertakings.

The practicum program benefits tremendously from Georgetown Law’s location in Washington D.C. and its connection to experts who are willing to bring students into their work. We offer a practicum on mediation, for example, in which students are trained, supervised and act as mediators on cases filed with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. Other practicum students conduct research for a member of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Students use specialized technology to develop legal apps to assist various governmental and non-governmental organizations in their work. And students are placed within a number of different congressional offices on Capitol Hill and study how law is made in the companion seminar.
PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW PRACTICUM COURSES

Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and International Human Rights Law
This practicum explores the interaction between international human rights law and sexual and reproductive health. Students work with civil society organizations on legal and policy projects related to this topic.

Human Rights at the Intersection of Trade and Corporate Responsibility
This practicum introduces students to the challenges businesses face in integrating international norms on corporate accountability. Students work with a multi-stakeholder entity to provide analysis of regulatory gaps and to identify implications for human rights, labor rights, and environmental protection.

Human Rights Fact-Finding Seminar: The Toll of Statelessness
This practicum trains students as human rights investigators and advocates. As a group, students identify a human rights issue that will benefit from documentation, research that problem in depth, conduct interviews on the subject, draft a report on their findings, and engage in related advocacy.

Modern Abolition: The Practice of Ending Child Labor and Human Trafficking
This practicum exposes students to the methods practitioners use in their efforts to combat human trafficking. Students are placed at the non-profit organization Free the Slaves or with another anti-trafficking NGO.

O’Neill Institute Practicum: Global Health Law and Policy
Students in this practicum work with Georgetown Law’s O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law and its external partners on projects that respond to global health challenges. Projects typically engage intersecting legal regimes, including trade law, public international law and human rights law.

Racial Discrimination in International Law
This practicum focuses on the work of the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), of which the professor is a member. Students investigate the situation of minority groups in the countries being scrutinized by CERD in its upcoming session and document their findings in their own “shadow reports.”

Suing Sudan: Constructing International Human Rights Cases
This practicum introduces students to international human rights litigation using Sudan as a case study. Students use evidence gathered by the Enough Project and Satellite Sentinel Project to examine avenues through which various actors may be held responsible for human rights abuses committed in Sudan.

Women and Immigration: Government Protection for Women Fleeing Gender-Based Persecution and Abuse
In this practicum, students learn about the forced migration of women and how U.S. laws and policies address these women’s immigration status. Students conduct intakes of women fleeing their countries because of gender-based violence, draft memos for a nonprofit organization that may represent these clients, and work with attorneys representing survivors of gender-based harm seeking legal status in the U.S.
In the spring of 2013, students in the practicum *Suing Sudan: Constructing International Human Rights Cases* discussed their work with the former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and presented their work at one of Georgetown Law’s major public conferences.
DOMESTIC PUBLIC INTEREST PRACTICUM COURSES

**Advanced Environmental Law: Climate Change**
This practicum focuses on the evolving legal and policy developments concerning global climate change, and provides students the opportunity to engage in hands-on work with policymakers in addressing the issue.

**Advocating with and on Behalf of People with Developmental Disabilities: Contemporary Issues, Challenges, and Legal Advocacy Opportunities**
This practicum focuses on the laws that govern the rights and restrictions of people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students work with and for people with developmental disabilities at organizations like the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities.

**Animal Protection Litigation Seminar**
This practicum explores the process of animal protection litigation. Students work at the Humane Society of the United States.

**Child Welfare Law and Practice in the District of Columbia**
This practicum focuses on the workings of the child welfare system in the District of Columbia and students participate in field work with child welfare-related organizations.

**Law and Entrepreneurship**
Students in this practicum explore the role of the lawyer as counsel to social and business entrepreneurs engaged in early-stage ventures. They advise student entrepreneurs and various community empowerment and economic development initiatives.

**Low-Wage and Excluded Workers: Their Rights and the Challenges**
This practicum examines labor and employment law from the point of view of marginalized workers. Students work at local workers’ rights organizations, labor unions and government agencies.

**Poverty Law and Policy Seminar**
Students in this practicum learn about issues related to American poverty, and work at public-interest law organizations that focus on issues connected to poverty.

**Public Interest Lawyering: Access to Health Care**
This practicum focuses on public interest lawyering and the role that safety net benefits play in assisting low-income people access health care in the United States. In their field work, students focus on the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit.

**Public Interest Advocacy: Tobacco/Personal Health Care Products**
In this practicum, students focus on regulation of tobacco and personal-care products by the Food and Drug Administration while working with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and the Environmental Working Group.

**Technology, Innovation & Law Practice: Access to Justice and the Consumer Law Revolution**
This practicum exposes students to the uses of computer technologies in the practice of law, with an emphasis on technologies that enhance access to justice and make legal services more affordable for individuals of limited means. Students work for a legal service organization to develop a platform, application, or automated system that increases access to justice and/or improves the effectiveness of legal representation.
Georgetown students benefit greatly from exposure to practitioners involved with our many centers and institutes. In 2013, students in the practicum Advanced Environmental Law: Climate Change worked closely with the Georgetown Climate Center on projects that reduce emissions that contribute to climate change and that respond to its inevitable consequences.
GOVERNMENTAL AND REGULATORY PRACTICUM COURSES

Election Law
This practicum introduces students to case law in the areas of campaign finance regulation and voting rights, and provides them with opportunities to draft legal papers and briefs in pending cases.

Federal Fraud Prosecution: Theory and Practice
This practicum immerses students in the law, theory, and practice of federal fraud prosecutions. For their field work, students are placed within the Fraud Section of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mediation
Students in this practicum learn about best practices for the mediation of legal disputes and have the opportunity to work on progressively more difficult cases that have been filed with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

Monopolies, Competition and the Regulation of Public Utilities
This practicum focuses on the substantive and procedural ingredients for effective regulatory lawyering and places students within state or federal regulatory agencies.

Regulatory Advocacy: Women and the Affordable Care Act
This practicum course provides an introduction to regulatory advocacy as it pertains to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and women’s health. Students work with the National Women’s Law Center to develop projects that will assist in the organization’s regulatory advocacy efforts.

Regulatory Agency Litigation: Roles, Skills and Strategies
This practicum teaches students how to be effective participants in regulatory litigation, both as advocates for parties and as advisors to decision-makers. Each student is assigned to a utility regulatory agency that has described some feature of its administrative litigation procedures that it wishes to improve.

Supreme Court Institute Judicial Clerkship Practicum
This practicum focuses on the role of law clerks, the mechanics of writing a useful bench memo and draft opinion, and the ethical dimensions of judicial clerkships. Students function as “law clerks” who help prepare “Justices” to serve on the Supreme Court Institute’s moot court panels.

Technology, Innovation and Law Practice: Regulatory Agencies and Compliance
In this practicum, students learn how regulatory agencies solve problems and how their actions affect the subjects of regulation (here NGOs). Students collaborate with regulatory agencies to develop apps that streamline regulatory practice or increase the public’s access to laws and regulation.

The Law of Open Government: Litigation under the Freedom of Information Act
Students in this practicum learn about federal open government law and, through their field work, draft, submit, and pursue Freedom of Information Act requests.
Students in the Supreme Court Institute Judicial Clerkship Practicum work on behalf of Georgetown Law’s Supreme Court Institute, which moots virtually every case the U.S. Supreme Court hears each term.
CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICUM COURSES

Fighting Organized Crime in the 21st Century
This practicum introduces students to the challenges involved in fighting organized crime in a transnational setting using both traditional and non-traditional methods. Students work in various Sections and Offices of the Justice Department’s Criminal Division, where they participate in complex prosecutions, assist in the exchange of information between cooperating law enforcement agencies of the U.S. and other countries, or work on policy issues relating to international justice affairs.

Prison Litigation and Advocacy
This practicum focuses on the prison reform field. Student placements are at various non-profits and agencies that deal with prison reform issues; depending on the agency and its needs, work includes litigation, individual advocacy, policy development, or legislative advocacy.

Problem Solving Justice: Developments in Treatment, Diversion and Community Courts
Students in this practicum learn about the legal concepts, administrative and ethical challenges, and public debates concerning this country’s exponential growth of problem-solving courts. Each student is placed as a law intern for one of five judges within the DC Superior Court.

Technology, Innovation and Law Practice: Police Procedural
This practicum exposes students to the promise and limits of emerging evidence-based approaches to police investigations and explores the extent to which systems and technological platforms that guide police discretion produce improved policing practices. Student teams collaborate with law enforcement agencies and police research organizations to develop apps and systems to regularize police work.

The Right to Counsel: Entitlements, Limits and the Client Experience
This practicum explores the evolution and current parameters of the right to counsel, including: when counsel must be provided; what quality guarantee, if any, the right includes; impediments to the full functioning of the right; and efforts to expand the scope of the right. Students conduct research on the right to counsel and formulate policy recommendations.

Wrongful Convictions
This practicum provides students with an understanding of the various ways innocent people are convicted and discusses remedies for exoneration. Students work as intake investigators with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to correcting and preventing wrongful convictions, to determine whether representation of a prisoner’s claim of innocence should be undertaken.
Three practicum courses—Technology, Innovation and Law Practice: Police Procedural; Technology, Innovation and Law Practice: Regulatory Agencies and Compliance; and Technology, Innovation and Law Practice: Access to Justice and the Consumer Law Revolution—provide students the opportunity to develop innovative legal apps and to show off their products at Georgetown Law’s “Iron Tech” competition.
“I really liked the practicum course because the small class size enabled us to build relationships with real experts in the field. Our professors were very engaged and eager to make sure we learned and enjoyed our experiences. The professors, who had significant litigation experience in their field, could talk about the challenges you don’t read in court opinions, like recruiting or managing clients, interacting with judges, how a government’s internal review processes in the litigation office affects the progress of litigation, how a particular administrative agency’s review process works. Occasionally, we’d read opinions in which the professors were the attorneys in the case. The professors were able to give us a ‘Behind the Music’-type view of how the case played out. With the field placement, we got to see how the whole nonprofit functions -- everything from intra-office email chains to participating in multi-organization coalition meetings.”
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