

**SPRING 2026  
LAW CLINIC AND LOCAL FIELD  
PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

## AGENDA\*

Application process, timeline, and related information

Scheduled law clinics

Scheduled field placements

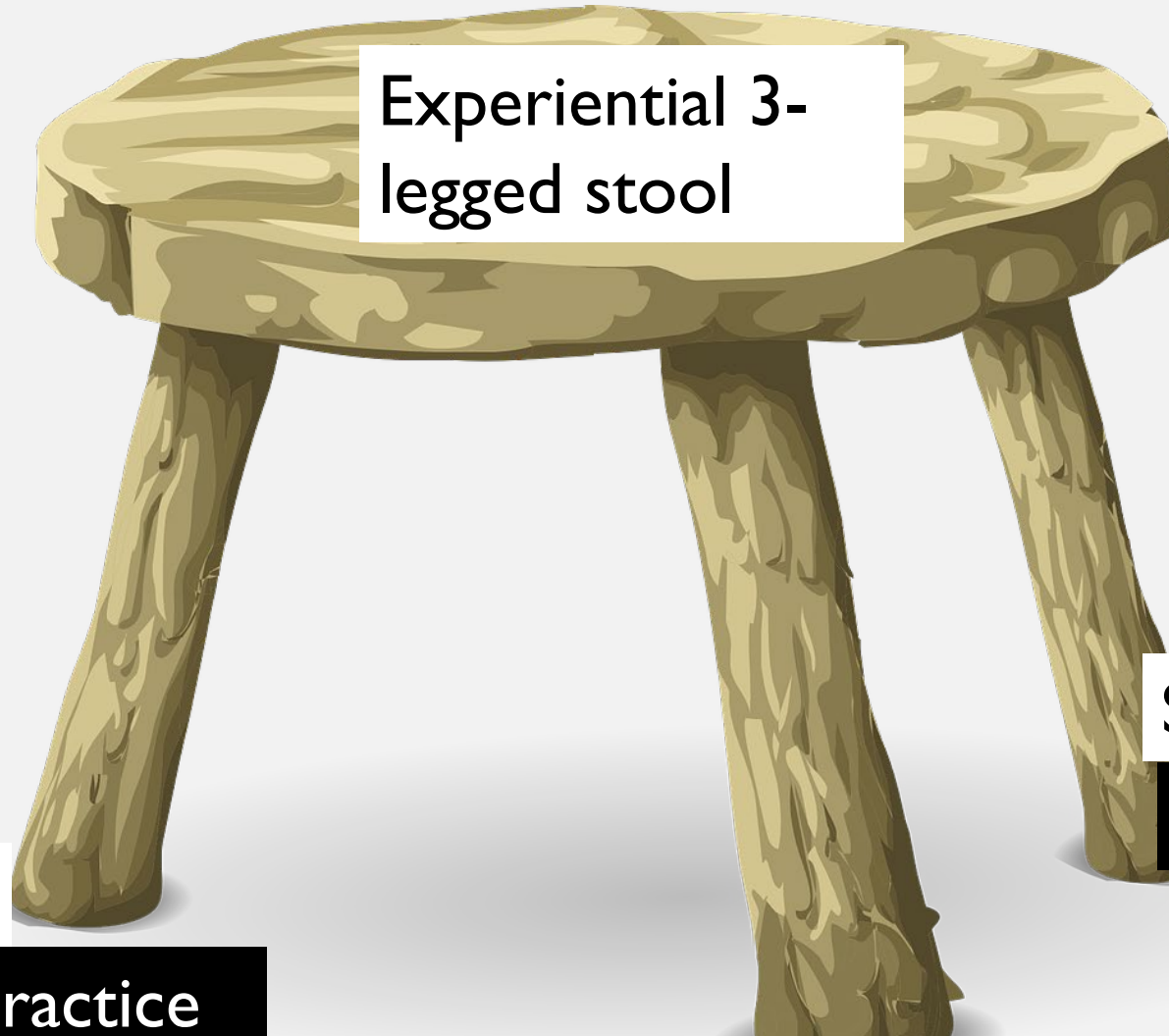
*\*This info session does not cover Semester in DC or simulation course opportunities*

## 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**

**BUT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT  
THE "E" CREDIT**

# A NOTE ABOUT THE BAR EXAM & CLINICS AND FIELD PLACEMENTS

Regardless of which bar exam you are taking, **Clinic and Field Placement opportunities are incredibly valuable** for connecting the doctrine to practice and for preparing for your transition from law student to practicing attorney!





## ADDITION OF NEW FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS TO THE NEXTGEN BAR EXAM

### **Already Tested on UBE**

- Issue Spotting and Analysis
- Investigation and Evaluation
- Legal Research
- Legal Writing and Drafting

### **NextGen Additions**

- Client Counseling and Advising
- Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
- Client Relationship and Management



PLEASE  
REACH OUT  
WITH  
QUESTIONS!

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## 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 2026 law clinics (due 9/18)
  - Spring 2026 field placements (due 10/3)



## APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE: LAW CLINICS

- To be considered timely, submit by **11:59PM** on **09/18/2025**
- Timely applicants notified by email of whether being offered a clinic by **09/29/2025**
- Must accept no later than the time specified in offer
- 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 **10/03/2025**
- 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
- 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 2026)

Children's  
Permanency  
Clinic

Civil Advocacy  
Clinic

Criminal Defense  
Clinic

Entrepreneurship  
and Community  
Development  
Clinic

Medical-Legal  
Partnership Clinic

## CHILDREN'S PERMANENCY CLINIC

- Represent clients in variety of matters related to children and families (e.g., child orders of protection, guardianships, and other matters in which we can center the voice of children)
- Clinic I client work and weekly seminar: 5 or 6 cr, graded (45 hrs/cr)
- Clinic II (please contact Professor Banks)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Banks (Kathryn.Banks@slu.edu or 314.977.2778)

## CIVIL ADVOCACY CLINIC

- Represents clients in litigation matters (e.g., municipal court, expungement, family law, child support, public benefits)
- Clinic I client work and weekly seminar: 5 or 6 cr, graded (45 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Roediger (Brendan.Roediger@slu.edu or 314.977.2551)



## CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

- Represent clients charged with federal offenses with an emphasis on mitigation and sentencing advocacy
- Client work and weekly seminar: 5 or 6 cr, graded (45 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. McGraugh ([susan.mcgraugh@slu.edu](mailto:susan.mcgraugh@slu.edu) or 314.977.2778)

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

- Represents entrepreneurs, nonprofits, community groups, and social enterprises in transactional matters, with a particular focus on community development.
- Clinic I client work and weekly seminar: 5 or 6 cr, graded (45 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Malkus (dana.malkus@slu.edu or 314.977.2629)

## MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP CLINIC

- Represents individual patient-families in a range of civil legal matters, including housing, education, public benefits, and/or family law
- Clinic I client work and seminar: 5 or 6cr, graded (45 hrs/cr)
- **Questions?** Contact Prof. Pelfrey-Duryea  
([Danielle.pelfreyduryea@slu.edu](mailto:Danielle.pelfreyduryea@slu.edu) or 314.977.6377)

## 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 SPRING 2026  
(SEE [FIELD PLACEMENT GUIDE](#))

Judicial

Corporate

Criminal  
Defense

Criminal  
Prosecution

Health Law

Public Interest

## 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. Leister (laura.leister@slu.edu or 646.775.7223)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Roediger ([Brendan.Roediger@slu.edu](mailto:Brendan.Roediger@slu.edu) or 314.977.2778)

# 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**)

## A QUICK NOTE ABOUT COMMUNICATION

- READ YOUR EMAILS!!!!
- Messages from Riann Randant, Tiffany Luster, or any Clinics/Field Placement director will contain important information about your Experiential Education opportunities.
- Delayed reading or just skimming these emails can lead to missed deadlines, lack of access to resources, issues with placement onboarding, or site supervisors withdrawing participation.
- It is very important that you read every email related to Clinics and Field Placement in its entirety and take the required action in a timely manner.
- If accommodations for email are needed, please contact Riann Randant. We're more than happy to make any necessary adjustments.



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

[WWW.SLU.EDU/LAW/EXPERIENTIAL-LEARNING](http://WWW.SLU.EDU/LAW/EXPERIENTIAL-LEARNING)

ACCESS  
APPLICATIONS HERE

