

Externship Clinics at Golden Gate University School of Law

Golden Gate law students may earn academic credit for supervised legal work through Golden Gate's Externship Clinic Program. Enrollment in an Externship Clinic involves attendance at a law school seminar and hands-on supervised legal work at a government agency, law firm or judicial chambers, for which you earn academic credit.

Golden Gate Law currently offers the following Externship Clinics:

| Externship Clinic Name | Fall | Spring | Summer |
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| Advanced Legal Clinic | X | X | |
| Capital Post-Conviction Defense Clinic* | X | | |
| Civil Field Placement Clinic | X | X | X |
| Consumer Rights Clinic* (priority reg. for EPT students) | | X | |
| Criminal Litigation Clinic | X | X | X |
| Environmental Clinic | | X | |
| Family Law Clinic | X | X | |
| Homeless Advocacy Clinic* | | X | |
| Judicial Externship Program | X | X | X |
| Real Estate Clinic | X | X | |
| Youth Law Clinic | X | X | |

*Note: for most clinics you must find your own placement (with help from Law Career Services, if needed), but if you enroll in either the Capital Post-Conviction Defense Clinic, Consumer Rights Clinic, or the Homeless Advocacy Clinic, your placement is provided.

Which clinic should I take?

The Externship Clinic you elect will depend on the placement you secure. For example, students who want to extern in a district attorney or public defender office should enroll in the Criminal Litigation Clinic; students working for a judge or court should enroll in the Judicial Externship Program. Students who have completed one or more externship clinic in prior semesters, and who wish to work again in the same field of law, should enroll in Advanced Legal Clinic.

Am I eligible to take a clinic? And, if so, how many hours do I have to work?

While each course has its own requirements and procedures, students in any of the Externship Clinics must have completed at least **30 units** prior to beginning an Externship Clinic and will earn **1 unit** for every **45 hours** they work over the course of the semester.

Students who have completed fewer than **30 units** should seek approval from the Director of Externship Programs. Separate requirements apply for Judicial Externships.

Register for the Externship Clinic

During the registration period, register for the appropriate Externship Clinic, even if you haven't yet secured your position. *NOTE:* you must have a position by the first class meeting in order to remain enrolled in the course. In addition to registering, you must also fill out an application form found online www.ggu.edu/externshipclinics or located in the wall files outside **room 2326** and fax, email, or hand deliver it, *with your resume attached*, to the Externship Program Administrative Assistant, Sandra Derian sderian@ggu.edu fax (415) 495 5526, room 2333.

Questions? See the Clinical Legal Education Program Student Handbook at: www.ggu.edu/externshipclinics

And/or for more information about the **Externship Clinic program**, contact **Professor Susan Rutberg**, Director of Externships, at (415) 442-6665 or srutberg@ggu.edu. For questions about the **Judicial Externship Program**, contact Instructors **Jody Lerner** in Law Student Services (415) 442-6624; **Susanne Aronowitz** in Law Career Services (415) 442-6627.