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SCHOOL-DESIGNED PRACTICUM COURSES

Temple Law School is pleased to announce the following Spring 2026 School-Designed Practicum courses. School-designed practicum courses are one of our experiential offerings that involve real lawyering activities supervised by an attorney at a field placement. These preapproved field placements run the gamut from government offices to nonprofit organizations. Many of the placements have had a longstanding relationship with Temple Law School for many years.

The process for school-designed practicums are as follows:

1. Decide on what practicum(s) you would like to apply to. Make sure to send your application materials directly to the placement by the deadline. Note that not all field placements request the same materials for your application.
2. The field placement will review your application within approximately 10 days. Some field placements may contact you for an interview.
3. The field placement will notify you of their decision. If you get an offer, you will have **24 hours** to accept.
4. After you have accepted a spot, we will email you about the additional steps you need to take to get officially registered with the law school for the practicum.

If you have additional questions or would like further guidance on practicum selection for Spring 2026, please contact amarcozzi@temple.edu.

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I. Application Deadline: November 20, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PRACTICUM (PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF ETHICS)

This Practicum is with the Philadelphia Board of Ethics. The Philadelphia Board of Ethics was created in May 2006 by amendments to the City’s Home Rule Charter. The Board interprets, administers, and enforces the ethics provisions in the Charter and City Code. These include the City’s rules governing conflicts of interest, representation in City transactions, post-employment restrictions, gifts and gratuities, interests in City contracts, political activity, financial disclosure, lobbying, and campaign finance. Via its Enforcement Staff, the Board investigates potential violations of the laws within its jurisdiction and enforces those laws through administrative adjudication or court proceedings. The Board issues formal advisory opinions and promulgates regulations interpreting City ethics laws. The Board’s General Counsel Staff also provides informal advice, develops and delivers ethics training,

and offers compliance assistance to the regulated community.

In this Practicum, the student will work closely with either Enforcement Staff or General Counsel Staff in furtherance of the Board's mission. If assigned to Enforcement Staff, the student will assist staff in ongoing investigations of potential violations of the Public Integrity Laws as well as matters in active enforcement via legal analysis, research, and writing, and will review documents sent in response to subpoenas and formal requests. The student will learn investigatory techniques and methods and will be asked to think creatively to explore leads and develop theories of the case. Depending on timing, availability, and the student's progress throughout the semester, the student may be asked to take the lead in witness interviews and other investigation events. If assigned to General Counsel Staff, the student will assist staff with their regulatory work. The student will be tasked with background research, drafting, and presentation of recommendations for new or amended ethics regulations. The student will also have the opportunity to attend regular General Counsel Staff meetings, which will provide exposure to Staff's work on advice, training, and other projects.

This Practicum is ideal for law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, administrative law, regulatory agencies, and municipal government. Students are not expected nor required to have taken administrative law prior to this Practicum. 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. Because this Practicum involves active collaboration with Board Staff, at least a portion of the hours to fulfill this Practicum (if not more) will need to be completed in-person at Board of Ethics offices, as arranged between the student and attorney supervisor. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest and resume to Richard Barzaga at richard.barzaga@phila.gov by **November 20, 2025**.

ATTORNEY ETHICS PRACTICUM (OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA)

This Practicum is with The Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (ODC). In this practicum, students assist with the investigation and prosecution of complaints of violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The student would be responsible, under the supervision of an assigned Disciplinary Counsel, for: reviewing complaints of lawyer misconduct; performing legal research; writing legal memoranda; drafting chronologies; preparing exhibits for hearings; memorializing witness interviews; and participating in discussions regarding the handling of complaints and hearing strategy. The student would be immersed into interesting fact patterns and be exposed to a wide variety of law, including criminal, immigration, bankruptcy, personal injury, and domestic relations.

This Practicum is ideal for law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, attorney ethics and professional conduct. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, pass a criminal background check, and sign a confidentiality agreement. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a resume, writing sample, unofficial law school transcript, and cover letter/statement

of interest addressed to Harriet Brumberg at Harriet.Brumberg@pacourts.us by **November 20, 2025**.

CHILD ADVOCACY UNIT PRACTICUM (DEFENDER ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA)

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 CAU 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 (16) staff attorneys and (34) social workers/social service advocates.

In this Practicum, students are expected to participate in all aspects of representing our clients, who range in age from birth to 21 years of age. The practicum curriculum will focus on how to collaboratively work a case using a strengths-based lens of looking at the family 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; research into community programs and services for our clients and their families; 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 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. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest addressed and a resume to Sharene Ginyard at sginyard@philadefender.org by **November 20, 2025**.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY PRACTICUM (PUBLIC DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA)

This Practicum is with the Public Defender Association of Pennsylvania (PDAP), a non-profit corporation whose membership is comprised of the 600 or so public defenders employed full or part time in Pennsylvania's 67 county public defender offices of this Commonwealth. Incorporated in 1971, PDAP is a statewide community of public defenders dedicated to securing a fair justice system and ensuring high quality legal representation for people facing loss of life, freedom or family. Its mission is to provide tools, strategies, mutual support, training and information to Public Defender Offices in Pennsylvania; to be the voice of public defense in Pennsylvania; and to promote best practices in the leadership, management, and administration of justice in Pennsylvania.

In this Practicum, students will work to support and build community for Pennsylvania's Public Defenders by engaging in some or all of the following:

- Tracking and summarizing Pennsylvania legislation related to the crimes code and criminal justice
- Participating in and supporting the effort to secure funding from the state for Pennsylvania's Public Defenders, including research on indigent defense funding and the cost of wrongful convictions, preparing for and attending meetings with state legislators, and assisting with communications outreach to state legislators
- Expanding and facilitating communications campaigns to Public Defenders across Pennsylvania, including website review, working with committees and working groups of Public Defenders from across the state, and preparing communications for Public Defenders across Pennsylvania
- Supporting training initiatives for Public Defenders, including updating training materials and logistical help with training conferences
- Research different artificial intelligence programs, including important ethical and legal restrictions on the unauthorized practice of law, to help come up with AI solutions to increase efficiency in Public Defender offices.

This Practicum is ideal for law students who are committed to, or interested in learning more about, a career as a public defender or criminal justice law and policy. This is an entirely remote practicum with weekly in person meetings. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward your resume and a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to the "Public Defenders Association of Pennsylvania Practicum Selection Committee" to Sara Jacobson at sjacobson.pdap@gmail.com by **November 20, 2025**.

CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICUM (DELAWARE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

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 one-page cover letter/statement of interest and a one-page resume to NguyenT@co.delaware.pa.us by **November 20, 2025**.

CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICUM (PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE)

This Practicum is with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, the largest Prosecutor's office in Pennsylvania, and one of the largest in the nation. The District Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecution of over 50,000 criminal cases yearly. In this Practicum, students will have the opportunity to work in one of the following units: Appeals, Federal Litigation, or PCRA.

APPEALS UNIT: Assistant District Attorneys in the Appeals Unit represent the Commonwealth in the Pennsylvania Superior Court and Pennsylvania Supreme Court, filing briefs and presenting oral arguments in state post-conviction appeals. Appeals Unit ADAs research, write, and edit appellate briefs filed in state appellate courts. Over the course of the semester, externs will write and edit two to three briefs that will be filed in the Pennsylvania Superior Court. In addition to meeting regularly with their supervising ADA, externs in the appeals unit will be assigned to a "team" of Appeals ADAs and will participate in weekly team meetings to discuss their cases and relevant legal and writing issues.* The Appeals Unit prefers that students be available to work on Wednesday mornings.

FEDERAL LITIGATION UNIT: Assistant District Attorneys in the Federal Litigation Unit represent the Commonwealth in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. Externs in this unit will assist ADAs in researching, writing, and editing federal filings responding to federal habeas corpus petitions. In addition to developing their legal research and writing skills, externs will learn about and engage in the complex world of federal habeas and U.S. Constitutional law. Externs will develop a background in AEDPA, as well as common claims such as ineffective assistance of counsel and the suppression of exculpatory evidence. Through this work, externs will also engage in issues related to progressive prosecution in post-conviction appeals.* The Federal Litigation Unit prefers that students be available to work on Wednesday mornings.

POST-CONVICTION RELIEF ACT UNIT: Assistant District Attorneys in the Post-Conviction Relief Act (PCRA) Unit represent the Commonwealth in the Court of Common Pleas, filing briefs and presenting oral arguments and evidentiary hearings in state post-conviction appeals. Externs assigned to work with the PCRA Unit will assist ADAs as they

research, write, and edit responses to petitions filed pursuant to the Post Conviction Relief Act. Externs will also get the opportunity to observe court proceedings, assist ADAs in preparing for evidentiary hearings, and watch those hearings. Students who are (or wish to be) Certified Legal Interns will also have the opportunity to status cases in court. Externs will learn about and engage with the PCRA, including common claims such as ineffective assistance of counsel and suppression of exculpatory evidence. The PCRA Unit prefers that students be available to work on Wednesday mornings.

*An extern who is placed in the Appeals or Federal Litigation Unit who is also a Certified Legal Intern may have the opportunity to status cases with the PCRA unit.

Students will need to commit to 10 hours a week for this three-credit practicum. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest, resume, transcript, and writing sample to theresa.glinski@phila.gov and burhan.abdi@phila.gov by **November 20, 2025**.

COMPLIANCE PRACTICUM (VARIOUS PLACEMENTS)

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 Aramark, Temple University Health System, Temple University Office of Ethics and Compliance, Saint Joseph University, and Xylem.

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 10-15 hours per week. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter, resume, and transcript to Professor Michael Donnella at michael.donnella@temple.edu by **November 20, 2025**.

CRIMMIGRATION LAW PRACTICUM (DEFENDER ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA)

Students enrolled in this practicum will work closely with attorneys in the Philadelphia Office of the Public Defender, focusing on the immigration consequences of clients' criminal proceedings. In particular, students will assist clients with obtaining proof of their citizenship by filing FOIAs and preparing N-600s. Students will also perform legal research and analysis of immigration issues in various client matters and may also engage in client interviewing and counseling. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a resume and cover letter/statement of interest addressed to Maria

Thomson at mthomson@philadefender.org and Whitney Viets at wviets@philadefender.org by **November 20, 2025**.

EDUCATION LAW PRACTICUM (EDUCATION LAW CENTER)

The Education Law Center (ELC) – Pennsylvania is a public-interest law firm dedicated to ensuring access to a quality public education for all children in Pennsylvania. ELC pursues its mission through litigation and policy advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable students—children living in poverty, children of color, children in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, children with disabilities, English Language Learners, LGBTQ students, and children experiencing homelessness. ELC has three priority program areas which often intersect: ensuring equal access to school, advocating for fair school funding, and dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline.

In this Practicum, students will support ELC’s direct representation activities by handling intake calls from clients and will support ELC’s litigation and legislative advocacy through legal research and writing. There are likely to be opportunities for at least one student to work on discovery and/or trial preparation in a major school finance adequacy/equity case.

Students will need to commit to 10 hours per week to this Practicum. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a resume and cover letter addressed to Rebecca Preuss at rpreuss@elc-pa.org by **November 20, 2025**.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PRACTICUM (CLEAN AIR COUNCIL)

Clean Air Council is Pennsylvania’s oldest environmental and health non-profit organization and has been working to protect everyone’s right to a clean and healthy environment for over 50 years. The Council pursues cutting-edge litigation, participates in federal and state rulemakings, watchdogs environmental permitting, and champions impactful policy reforms; all in close collaboration with impacted communities.

The Council was founded in 1967 by a group of forward-looking community leaders, policy makers, and progressive business leaders. Headquartered in Philadelphia, the Council made a name for itself by the mid-1970s as the result of two major achievements: establishing and distributing a daily regional air quality index report (still in use today); and forcing Pennsylvania to implement its vehicle emissions testing program. The Council is continuing this tradition of tackling big challenges through programs to address the public health and environmental threats caused by shale gas extraction and distribution, climate change, developments in our energy markets and infrastructure, and major stationary sources of air pollution.

The Council maintains an active litigation docket addressing a broad range of environmental health issues in Pennsylvania and beyond. The Council regularly brings cases in both state and federal courts and before agency tribunals, such as Pennsylvania’s Environmental Hearing Board and Public Utility

Commission. We litigate a wide variety of issues within the realm of air quality regulation, water law, and energy law. The Council also engages in a significant amount of policy work, leading the charge on a variety of issues in Pennsylvania such as Pennsylvania's implementation of carbon cap and trade and regulation of methane emissions.

Students participating in the practicum will make substantive contributions to the Council's legal program and, with full support from senior attorneys, will take on staff attorney-level tasks. This practicum requires that students commit to 10 hours per week. Students have an opportunity to assume a great deal of responsibility, while receiving mentoring from a close-knit group of environmental attorneys.

Qualifications:

- Completion of 1-2 years in accredited J.D. program
- Demonstrated passion for public interest law and/or environmental protection
- Excellent writing and analytical skills
- Strong interpersonal and communication abilities
- Substantive knowledge of land use law, administrative law, environmental policy, and the federal environmental statutes—especially the Clean Air Act—preferred but not required.

Law students who wish to be considered for the position must submit a cover letter and resume to Kathryn Urbanowicz at kurbanowicz@cleanair.org by **November 20, 2025**.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PRACTICUM (DELAWARE RIVERKEEPER NETWORK)

This three-credit Practicum is designed to expose students to the broad intersection of litigation, transactional work, policy, advocacy, and work with grassroots 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 may be completed remotely or in-person (to be determined between you and the practicum). Any in-person experiential hours will be held at the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, which is located at 925 Canal Street in Bristol, Pennsylvania, directly across from the Bristol train station (SEPTA Trenton Line) and has ample parking.

This Practicum is ideal for 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. Preference will be given to students who have taken, or will take concurrently, Environmental Law and Natural Resources. If you are interested, please forward your transcript, resume and a cover letter/statement of interest to kacy@delawareriverkeeper.org and devon@delawareriverkeeper.org by **November 20, 2025**.

FEDERAL JUDICIAL PRACTICUM (HONORABLE GEORGETTE CASTNER, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY)

The experiential component of this Practicum is with the Honorable Judge Georgette Castner in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. In conjunction with this placement, students will have the opportunity to provide legal research and writing assistance to Judge Castner. The position is in-person and two days per week in the Judge's chambers in Trenton, NJ. Students will need to commit to working 10 hours a week (not including travel time). If you are interested, please forward a resume and unofficial transcript to Jamie_Quinn@njd.uscourts.gov by **November 20, 2025**.

FEDERAL JUDICIAL PRACTICUM (HONORABLE MIA ROBERTS PEREZ, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA)

This Practicum is with the Honorable Maria Roberts Perez in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In conjunction with this placement, students will have the opportunity to work with Judge Perez and her law clerks in chambers. Students will be expected to conduct legal research, write legal memoranda, draft options on motions, and otherwise assist Judge Perez and her law clerks with civil and criminal matters.

This practicum is ideal for students seeking a judicial clerkship, or students who want to gain valuable writing experience. Students will need to commit 10 hours per week. Interviews are conducted in person barring extraordinary circumstances. If you are interested, please forward a cover letter, resume, and substantive writing sample to Patrick Mountney at perez_chambers@paed.uscourts.gov by **November 20, 2025**.

IMMIGRATION LAW PRACTICUM (ALDEA – THE PEOPLE’S JUSTICE CENTER)

Students in the practicum will work under the supervision of experienced immigration attorneys at Aldea—The People’s Justice Center and will be primarily responsible for assisting them in matters before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). Students will conduct legal research and write briefs on appeals from adverse rulings in immigration proceedings, including denials of asylum, withholding, and cancellation of removal. Aldea—The People’s Justice Center provides high quality,

pro bono or discounted representation to immigrants and noncitizens in the Philadelphia region as well as in other states.

This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in immigration law as participants will receive supervision, training, and experience in how to successfully represent clients before the BIA. Students will need to commit to 10-12 hours per week for this practicum and the work will be performed remotely. Preference will be given to students with a background or documented interest in immigration law as well as to those students who have strong research and writing abilities. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a resume and cover letter/statement of interest addressed to Alyssa Kane at alyssa@aldeapjc.org by **November 20, 2025**.

IMMIGRATION LAW PRACTICUM (NATIONALITIES SERVICE CENTER and HIAS)

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 10 to 12 hours per week to this Practicum. Students with Spanish language skills will be given preference, but this is not a requirement. If you are interested in an opportunity with HIAS, please forward your resume and a cover letter/statement of interest addressed to Rona Gershon and email it to: rgershon@hiaspa.org, pweisz@hiaspa.org, slubert@hiaspa.org. If you are interested in an opportunity with NSC, please forward the same to lthompson@nscphila.org. All applications should be submitted by **November 20, 2025**.

II. Application Deadline: December 22, 2025

DEI COMMITTEE OF PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION WORKERS COMPENSATION SECTION

This Practicum is offered by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of Philadelphia Bar Association Workers' Compensation Section. Diverse students, defined as racial and ethnic minorities, women, disabled individuals, and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals, are

encouraged to apply.

The practicum is designed to provide students with a broad overview of the workers' compensation system by offering students the opportunity to gain practical legal experience through hands-on work under the supervision of a seasoned workers' compensation attorney on the DEI Committee. Students will prepare for, attend and observe various phases of the litigation process, including hearings, depositions (including claimants, fact witnesses, and medical experts), mediations, and appeals.

Students will assist the supervising attorney with a variety of tasks, which may include performing pretrial investigation, assisting with discovery, preparing medical summaries, drafting correspondence to clients with litigation strategy and recommendations, preparing settlement evaluations, legal research and writing, drafting motions and briefs, and attending court proceedings.

Students will need to commit to a minimum of 6.5 hours per week to this Practicum. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume and brief cover letter (one or two paragraphs) explaining interest addressed to the "DEI Committee of Workers' Compensation Section" to czern@cmz-law.net by **December 22, 2025**.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRACTICUM (WOMEN AGAINST ABUSE)

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 will spend the first semester focused on Protection from Abuse cases, developing client interviewing and counseling skills, engaging in case analysis, and assisting in preparing cases for litigation. Students that participate in the year-long practicum will expand their work in the second semester to additionally focus on child custody, child support, and spousal support cases, will lead their own intakes, and prepare their own case reviews. Throughout the practicum, students will shadow attorneys at court, complete legal research and analysis as needed, contribute to policy research as needed, and attend various trauma informed trainings through the Pennsylvania Coalition for Domestic Violence. Students can expect to engage in research, case preparation, client interviews, general telephone counseling, and petition drafting.

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. Preference will

be given to students with an expressed interest in working with WAA for the entire academic year. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter/statement of interest (including general availability) and resume to Mary Kate Kalinich at mkalinich@womenagainstabuse.org by **December 22, 2025**.

EMPLOYMENT LAW PRACTICUM (CAREERLINK UNEMPLOYMENT NAVIGATOR)

This Practicum is with Philadelphia Legal Assistance. PLA is a grantee of the US Department of Labor's very first Navigator grant. The idea behind the program is to provide individualized assistance to underserved populations who struggle to access Unemployment Compensation (UC). Part of PLA's project under the grant is providing in-person navigator services at CareerLink North (4261 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19140) on Mondays and Thursdays. PLA helps workers, many of whom speak Spanish as their first language, understand the UC system and their potential eligibility, and assist them with filing initial applications for benefits, weekly claims, and appeals. Many of these workers would never submit an application or follow up on the benefits if it wasn't for this one-on-one assistance. A lot of this work is showing claimants how to use the online computer system while educating them about the whole process. We would love to pair a law student with our staff navigators on Mondays and Thursdays. They would be supervised by an attorney. Students will have a lot of one-on-one client assistance and achievable results!

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 clients. Students must commit to 6.5 hours per week for a 2-credit practicum and be available for at least two blocks of time (three hours each) in person Monday and/or Thursday between 9 am and 3 pm to work with 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 Rachel Miller at rmiller@philalegal.org by **December 22, 2025**. In your cover letter, please note any Spanish-speaking skills (which is not a criterion, but strong preference will be given to students who speak Spanish at least conversationally).

EMPLOYMENT LAW PRACTICUM (EMPLOYMENT ADVOCACY PROJECT)

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 blocks of time (three hours each) Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm 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 Rachel Miller at rmiller@philalegal.org by **December 22, 2025**. In your cover letter, please note any foreign language skills (which is not a criterion but will be helpful in case assignment should you be selected).

IMMIGRATION PRACTICUM (ESPERANZA IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICESUNIT)

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. Students must be professionally bilingual in Spanish and English. If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a resume and cover letter/statement of interest addressed to Anu Thomas at athomas@esperanza.us by **December 22, 2025**.