



Spring 2027

SCHOOL DESIGNED PRACTICUM COURSES

Temple Law School is pleased to announce the following spring 2027 school designed practicum courses. A practicum combines legal work at a field placement with supervision by a member of the full-time faculty member.

Read this guide carefully. The individual description for each practicum sets forth what materials to submit, to whom you should submit the materials, and the application deadline. These Practicums have a deadline of **October 16, 2026**. After applying, some placements may choose to interview students. Students should hear back within approximately two weeks of submitting applications. You will have 48 hours to accept or decline an offer. It is important to respond to an offer in a timely manner.

If you have additional questions or would like further guidance on practicum selection for spring 2027, please contact amarcozzi@temple.edu.

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A. Application Deadline / Cycle 1: October 16, 2026

CIVIL RIGHTS PRACTICUM (UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE – CIVIL DIVISION)

Number of Slots: Up to 3

Faculty Supervisor(s): Gilat Bachar

Time Commitment: minimum 10 hours per week

Number of Credits: 3

Required Application Documents: Resume, Copy of Transcript, Writing Sample, Letter of Interest

This practicum with the Civil Division of the United States Attorney’s Office in Philadelphia supplements traditional classroom study by offering students the opportunity to hone their legal skills by working with Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) toward the resolution of cases in litigation or at the pre-complaint stage. Students will have the opportunity to deepen their substantive knowledge, sharpen essential lawyering skills, and appreciate professional values of the legal profession. Under the supervision of one or more AUSAs in the civil division of the United States Attorney’s Office in Philadelphia, students will engage in and observe all phases of work of the civil side of the United States Attorney's Office—to include both affirmative and defensive litigation—in subject areas including, but not limited to: torts, employment discrimination, civil rights, disability rights, environmental law, and healthcare fraud. Students will assist civil division AUSAs with a variety of casework, the nature of which depends upon the needs of each case. Assignments may include legal research, analysis, and writing; attending meetings and court hearings; assisting with witness interviews and taking/defending depositions; drafting and responding to discovery; and participating in all aspects of arbitrations and trials (including witness examination). Students will have regular opportunities for feedback.

Students will need to commit to a minimum of 10 hours per week to this Practicum. To participate in this Practicum, students must also be eligible for court certification. A security clearance must be obtained prior to the start of the semester's work, which requires selected students to provide their Social Security Card, Passport, and/or Birth Certificate.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume, a copy of your transcript, a writing sample, and a letter of interest addressed to Stacey L.B. Smith at Stacey.Smith@usdoj.gov (cc: amanda.marcozzi@temple.edu) by **October 16, 2026**.

COMMERCIAL LAW PRACTICUM (FUNDINGHOPE)

Number of Slots: Up to 2

Faculty Supervisor(s): Jonathan Lipson

Time Commitment: minimum 6.5 hours per week

Number of Credits: 2

Required Application Documents: Resume, Cover Letter

FundingHope LLC is an SEC-registered, FINRA-member funding portal that facilitates Regulation Crowdfunding (Reg CF) offerings for impact-driven companies. Every issuer on our platform addresses one or more United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, connecting community investors with companies working in health, economic development, clean energy, education, and related areas.

Students will work directly on Form C Offering Statement drafting by translating issuer intake worksheets into compliant SEC disclosure documents to be filed on EDGAR. Supporting work includes FINRA compliance research, Written Supervisory Procedure review, review of issuer submitted offering materials, and issuer communication drafting. This is a remote/hybrid placement with flexible scheduling.

If you are interested in this practicum opportunity, please send your resume and cover letter to Dorian Dickinson at ddickinson@fundinghope.com (cc: amanda.marcozzi@temple.edu) by **October 16, 2026**.

CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICUM (PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNIT)

Number of Slots: Up to 2

Faculty Supervisor(s): Jacob Schuman

Time Commitment: minimum 10 hours per week

Number of Credits: 3

Required Application Documents: Resume, Transcript, Cover Letter/Statement of Interest (Optional: Writing Sample)

This practicum is with the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) of the District Attorney's Office (DAO). Attorneys in the CIU review and investigate claims of actual innocence and wrongful conviction. The CIU also develops and implements office-wide policies to prevent future wrongful convictions and ensure a higher level of integrity and fairness in the criminal justice system. CIU attorneys, alongside paralegals, create detailed reviews of an applicant's case history, interview witnesses, and may ultimately write briefs to be filed pursuant to post-conviction proceedings.

This practicum is designed to immerse students in the CIU's work and expose them to each critical stage of CIU case review. In this hands-on program, the students will receive their own case assignments and, in the course of their investigations, will review the Commonwealth's trial files and police files, gather documentation and archival evidence, collaborate with investigators and attorneys, and assist in preparation for witness interviews. Apart from case assignments, students may also assist the CIU with research and policy development.

This program is uniquely designed to help develop investigative and case assessment skills and understanding of the workings of the criminal justice legal system as a whole.

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 resume, transcript, cover letter/statement of

interest to Moriah Mendicino at Moriah.Mendicino@phila.gov and Jamie Klein at Jamie.Klein@phila.gov (cc: amanda.marcozzi@temple.edu) by **October 16, 2026**.

CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICUM (UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE – CRIMINAL DIVISION)

Number of Slots: Up to 3
Faculty Supervisor(s): Professor Lauren Ouziel
Time Commitment: minimum 10 hours per week
Number of Credits: 3
Required Application Documents: Resume, Brief Cover Letter

This practicum with the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania supplements traditional classroom study by offering students the opportunity to gain practical legal experience through hands-on work with Assistant United States Attorneys(AUSAs) involved in the investigation and prosecution of federal criminal cases. Students will deepen their understanding of criminal law, develop critical lawyering skills, and appreciate the ethical responsibilities of the legal profession. Under the supervision of one or more AUSAs, students will participate in and observe various phases of the federal criminal process, including investigations, pre-trial hearings, trials, and sentencing proceedings.

Students will assist AUSAs with a variety of tasks, which may include legal research and writing, drafting motions and briefs, assisting with evidence collection, interviewing witnesses, preparing exhibits for trial, and attending court proceedings. Depending on the needs of each case, students may also be involved in drafting and reviewing plea agreements, assisting with discovery, and observing or participating in courtroom advocacy.

Students will need to commit a minimum of 10 hours per week to this Practicum. A security clearance must be obtained prior to the start of the semester's work, which requires selected students to provide their Social Security Card, Passport, and/or Birth Certificate. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume and brief cover letter (one or two paragraphs) expressing interest addressed to the “United States Attorney’s Office – Criminal Division Practicum Selection Committee” to Alexander Bowerman at Alexander.Bowerman@usdoj.gov, Alisa Shver at Alisa.Shver@usdoj.gov and Sara Solow at Sara.Solow@usdoj.gov (cc: amanda.marcozzi@temple.edu) by **October 16, 2026**.

HEALTH LAW PRACTICUM (THE WISTAR INSTITUTE)

Number of Slots: up to 2
Faculty Supervisor(s): TBD
Time Commitment: minimum 6.5 hours or 10 hours per week (depending on credits)
Number of Credits: 2 or 3
Required Application Documents: Resume, Cover Letter, Writing Sample

The experiential learning project offered with this Practicum is with the Wistar Institute. Join a rich history of over 125 years of cutting-edge research and vaccine development in your practicum at The Wistar Institute. Wistar's Legal Department seeks motivated and creative students with an interest in health, life sciences, and/or nonprofit law.

Located in the heart of University City, Wistar is the nation's first independent institution devoted to biomedical research and training. Today, Wistar is an international leader in basic biomedical research in cancer and infectious diseases. Wistar's discoveries have led to the development of life-saving vaccines, as well as the identification of genes associated with breast, lung, and prostate cancer, and the development of monoclonal antibodies and other significant research technologies and tools.

This Practicum is an ideal opportunity for students interested in hands-on experience working in-house at a nonprofit organization in the biomedical research industry. Students will witness firsthand how lawyers can support and work to propel medical innovation forward through the power of collaboration with academic and industry partners.

Examples of tasks performed by law students include:

- Conducting legal research, analysis and writing on a broad range of topics, including regulatory and compliance requirements for the conduct of scientific research, data and privacy issues, intellectual property, corporate and nonprofit law, and labor and employment issues;
- Drafting, reviewing and revising various contracts and agreements, including confidentiality, material transfer, data use, clinical trial, government, consulting, and vendor agreements;
- Drafting and reviewing institutional policies, procedures and templates; and
- Attending meetings with internal leaders and stakeholders.

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 send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Laura Pacifici, JD, Director of Institutional Compliance & Associate General Counsel, at lpacifici@wistar.org (cc: amanda.marcozzi@temple.edu) by **October 16, 2026**. Include "Temple Practicum Applicant" in the email subject line.

IMMIGRATION LAW PRACTICUM (ALDEA- THE PEOPLE'S JUSTICE CENTER)

Number of Slots: Up to 3

Faculty Supervisor(s): Professor Mary Levy

Time Commitment: minimum 10 hours per week

Number of Credits: 3

Required Application Documents: Resume, Cover Letter/Statement of Interest

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), the federal district courts, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. 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 and federal courts. 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 (cc: amanda.marcozzi@temple.edu) by **October 16, 2026**.

IMMIGRATION LAW PRACTICUM (HIAS PA)

Number of Slots: Up to 3

Faculty Supervisor(s): Professor Jaya Ramji-Nogales

Time Commitment: minimum 10 hours per week

Number of Credits: 3

Required Application Documents: Resume, Cover Letter/Statement of Interest

This practicum is with HIAS Pennsylvania. At HIAS PA, 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 PA, 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 (cc: amanda.marcozzi@temple.edu) by **October 16, 2026**.

JUDICIAL PLACEMENT PRACTICUM (JUSTICE DANIEL D. MCCAFFERY, SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA)

Number of Slots: 1

Faculty Supervisor(s): Professor Julie

Randolph Time Commitment: minimum

10 hours per week Number of Credits: 3

Required Application Documents: Resume, Cover Letter, Unofficial Transcript, Writing Sample

This practicum will provide prospective students with a first-hand opportunity to learn about the judicial operations of Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Students will have the opportunity to interact with Justice Daniel D. McCaffery and his career law clerks. A student's responsibilities will include:

(1) assist in preparing legal research memorandum concerning, for example, appellate procedural law, criminal challenges, civil controversies, and agency disputes; (2) conduct research and drafting internal reports regarding disposition of petitions for allowance of appeal; (3) attend argument session to observe appellate advocacy and technique in various matters; and (4) develop presentation skills.

This practicum provides an excellent opportunity for students seeking judicial clerkship experience or students who want to improve their legal research and writing skills. The position is in-person at the Justice's chambers in Newtown, Pennsylvania. Students will need to commit to working approximately 10 hours per week (not including travel time). If you are interested, please forward a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and transcript to caitrin.lally@pacourts.us (cc: amanda.marcozzi@temple.edu) by **October 16, 2026**.

JUDICIAL PLACEMENT PRACTICUM (HONORABLE MIA ROBERTS PEREZ, EDPA)

Number of Slots: 1

Faculty Supervisor(s): Professor Jules Epstein

Time Commitment: minimum 10 hours

per week Number of Credits: 3

Required Application Documents: Resume, Cover Letter, Substantive Writing Sample

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 perez_chambers@paed.uscourts.gov (cc: amanda.marcozzi@temple.edu). The cover letter should be addressed to “Honorable Mia Roberts Perez, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania” by **October 16, 2026**.