



Practical Training and Professional Development

An overview of Lewis & Clark's experiential
learning opportunities and career
development resources



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At Lewis & Clark, we are invested in your professional success. In order for you to stand out and be competitive in today's legal job market, it is vital for you to build on what you learn in the classroom with hands-on experience. We incorporate practical skills training as an integral, required part of the curriculum, and we offer valuable professional development resources to support you in your career aspirations both during law school and after graduation.

Lewis & Clark has been nationally recognized multiple times as one of the best law schools in the country for practical training. Students are given the flexibility to gain legal training through a combination of clinic experiences, legal practica offered in specific areas of law, and externships. In addition to gaining practical experience in legal settings, students have the opportunity to hone their persuasive writing and oral advocacy skills by participating in regional and national moot court and client counseling competitions. As a result, Lewis & Clark graduates leave practice-ready and with the ability to advocate passionately and effectively for their clients.

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The Clinic Experience

Lewis & Clark is home to seven clinics, each of which is led by full-time clinical faculty. The clinics provide valuable opportunities to apply lessons learned in the classroom in a real-world setting. Through the clinics, students have a chance to work with clients, outside attorneys, and other organizations, making valuable professional connections along the way.

“My summer clerkship experience at Earthrise has been instrumental in crystallizing my 1L education by applying it in a fast-paced setting to real-world issues”

SANGYE INCE-JOHANNSEN '19

Earthrise Law Center

The Earthrise Law Center provides hands-on opportunities for environmental advocacy and litigation. Earthrise—the largest environmental law clinic in the country—focuses on a broad range of environmental and natural resources issues, including pollution control and climate change, public lands management, and conservation of endangered species and their habitats. Currently, Earthrise has three offices in Portland, San Francisco, and Boston, all of which are staffed with full-time attorneys and offer externship opportunities for current students.

Earthrise provides both pro bono and reduced-rate representation to local, regional, and national clients including conservation groups, tribes, landowners, municipalities, and others who recognize the interdependence between humans and the natural world.

Students play a vital role at Earthrise by participating in all phases of litigation and administrative case work. Students meet with Earthrise faculty both individually and in weekly meetings with their fellow students. Clinic meetings provide a collaborative forum for discussing case strategy, ethics, and other aspects of ongoing litigation and administrative advocacy.

To learn more about Earthrise, visit law.lclark.edu/centers/earthrise.

Earthrise recently submitted an opening brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in a case involving a jurisdictional battle over which court(s) should hear challenges to the 2015 Clean Water Rule. A team of Earthrise staff attorneys, students, and professors prepared the brief.



“*International Environmental Law Project has been my favorite class at Lewis & Clark. I was able to tag along with Professor Erica Lyman to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris, and that literally blows the competition out of the water!*”

MAX ZHANG '17

International Environmental Law Project

The International Environmental Law Project (IELP) works with governments, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions to develop, implement, and enforce international environmental law. IELP is the only on-campus legal clinic in the country focusing solely on international environmental law. Through classroom instruction, representation of clients, and hands-on participation at international environmental treaty negotiations, students learn the fundamentals of international environmental law and policy. There are many opportunities for students to engage fully in IELP's work. Students help draft treaty text, petitions, and other legal documents that are used in treaty negotiations. Much of the IELP's work is aimed at ensuring governments stand by their international obligations.

IELP students also attend weekly class meetings that serve as a collaborative forum to discuss legal strategy and learn about the substance behind IELP's ongoing advocacy work.

To learn more about IELP, visit go.lclark.edu/IELP.

Criminal Justice Reform Clinic

Founded in June 2015 by Professor Aliza Kaplan, the Criminal Justice Reform Clinic (CJRC) takes a holistic approach to criminal justice reform. It serves as a structured outlet for students who are interested in criminal law and social justice. Students conduct research, help write reports and briefs, and interact directly with clients, lawyers, and experts on various criminal justice issues.

The CJRC provides students the opportunity to engage in a critical examination of important and complex issues in the criminal justice system. Students who participate in the clinic make a year-long commitment and earn four credits each semester. They engage in a weekly seminar that focuses on various aspects of the criminal justice system and skills important to criminal law practice. Local attorneys, former clients, and other professionals deliver guest lectures.

To learn more about the CJRC visit go.lclark.edu/CJRC.

Student Appearance Rule

The Oregon Student Appearance Rule allows students who have completed their first year of law school to be certified to appear in court on behalf of a client under the supervision of a practicing attorney. This rule allows for valuable experiential learning opportunities for students exploring a career in litigation. Lewis & Clark students have also been certified to appear in other states including Washington, California, Idaho, Arizona, and Indiana.

Crime Victim Litigation Clinic

The Crime Victim Litigation Clinic (CVLC), housed within the National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI), addresses cutting-edge legal issues never before litigated in state, federal, and military courts. Based at Lewis & Clark, NCVLI is the only national organization focused on crime victims' rights in the criminal justice system.

When someone is a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, homicide, fraud, human trafficking, or most other crimes, they have legal rights to privacy, protection, and participation in our criminal justice system. These rights are relatively new in our laws, and there is little legal precedent to guide courts in interpreting them.

Students in this clinic work closely with lawyers nationwide on a wide variety of issues related to victims' rights. Through legal research and writing, students provide critical support to attorneys across the country who are representing crime victims in actual cases. Students prepare legal memoranda evaluating potential case strategies and help draft pleadings and trial documents. They also help write amicus curiae briefs filed in trial and appellate courts nationwide, help anticipate and prepare for future litigation, and contribute to published articles on the latest developments in crime victims' rights. Because of the emerging nature of the issues involved in the NCVLI's work, students become adept at assessing both practical and theoretical approaches to impact litigation, and are challenged to help craft novel legal arguments.

To learn more about CVLC, visit go.lclark.edu/CVLC.

Small Business Legal Clinic

The Small Business Legal Clinic (SBLC), located in downtown Portland, helps small business clients from a wide range of industries manage risk and achieve goals. Seventy-five percent of SBLC clients are businesses owned by women, minorities, or immigrants. The legal assistance that SBLC students provide plays a key role in the economic development of the city and region.

The clinic handles transactional business matters, such as selection and formation of a business entity; review, negotiation, and drafting of contracts; research and registration of trademarks and copyrights; regulatory compliance; and employment advice and policy drafting. The SBLC is also a certified clinic with both the trademark and patent sections of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), which means students can file trademarks and patents, and register for copyrights on behalf of clients under professor supervision.

At the SBLC, students work closely with their small business clients, and are primarily responsible for all of their client's needs. Students conduct initial client interviews and determine what legal approaches are available after researching applicable law. After counseling clients on their options, students prepare the clients' legal documents under the supervision of clinical faculty.

In addition to their required SBLC office hours, students attend weekly seminars that address substantive legal and ethical issues that arise in transactional business law practice. Students also participate in community outreach events and other public speaking engagements designed to educate and assist small businesses.

To learn more about the SBLC, visit go.lclark.edu/SBLC.



“*To be able to appear in the Ninth Circuit is a rare opportunity for a lawyer, but even more so for a law student. Lewis & Clark has provided me with a multitude of opportunities that I never would have thought possible.*”

ASHLEY MCDONALD '15

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

The SBLC is also the home to the law school’s Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC), which represents taxpayers of lesser means in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service. These disputes can involve the full range of tax controversy work from audit to appeals, trial, and collection.

Students negotiate with the IRS on behalf of clients. If negotiations are unsuccessful, the cases may be tried in U.S. Tax Court. When appropriate, cases may be appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which allows students to appear under its own rules.

To learn more about the LITC, visit go.lclark.edu/LITC.

Animal Law Clinic

The Animal Law Clinic works to develop the burgeoning field of animal law by exploring ways to harmonize human and nonhuman animal interests, and by advancing protection and representation for nonhuman animals in the legal system. The clinic focuses on issues relating to farmed animals, wildlife, companion animals, and animals used in testing and entertainment.

Students in the Animal Law Clinic conduct research, work on projects with attorneys outside of the clinic to develop the field of animal law, and encourage consideration of the interests of animals in legal decision making. Their work includes research, transactional, administrative and policy work, as well as strategic planning. Whenever possible, students also work with legal partners around the country, observe legal proceedings, and conduct fieldwork to better understand legal problems facing animals.

To learn more about the Animal Law Clinic, visit CenterForAnimalLawStudies.org.

Animal Law Clinic projects have included:

- A pilot mediation program for dangerous dogs
- A model horse licensing ordinance
- Comments on proposed regulations
- Petitions for rule-making relating to downed animals
- Organic standards
- Humane livestock and poultry slaughter
- Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act and Foie Gras white papers

Clinic clients have included:

- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Mercy For Animals
- Farm Sanctuary
- In Defense of Animals
- Friends of Family Farmers
- Humane Education Advocates Reaching Teachers
- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
- Africa Network for Animal Welfare

Other Opportunities for Practical Skills Development

Legal Practica

Legal Practica offer the opportunity to earn credit while working in a legal position during a semester when the student is taking additional coursework. A legal practicum involves 10 hours of work per week in an approved placement under the supervision of a practicing attorney. Students must also attend a weekly classroom seminar. Legal practica include placements in the following areas:

- Animal Law–Legislation
- Entrepreneurship and the Law
- Criminal Law
- Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Environmental Justice and Civil Rights
- Environmental Prosecution, U.S. Attorney’s Office
- In-House Counsel/Intellectual Property
- Western Resources Legal Center

Externships

Externships provide students the opportunity to earn credits through supervised, well-crafted work experiences. Students earn 3–12 credits during the academic year or over the summer serving in a government agency, public interest group or agency, or corporate in-house legal office, as a clerk for federal judges or state appellate courts, or, on occasion, with a law firm. Student externs work in a period of apprenticeship under the guidance of a carefully selected practitioner or judge who is committed to the educational purpose of the externship. Externs do legal work that is analogous to that of a licensed attorney in the same position. Externships are available in any area of law and can be arranged anywhere in the United States or internationally.

A comprehensive list of externship placements to date can be found at: go.lclark.edu/law/externships.

Moot Court: Classes and Competitions

Moot court experiences simulate situations that practicing lawyers regularly encounter. Each moot court experience focuses on a particular area of the law or legal practice. Students can participate in moot court in a variety of areas, including appellate advocacy, client counseling, negotiation, environmental law, federal tax law, intellectual property law, animal law, Indian law, and international law.

Lewis & Clark students have been very successful in regional and national moot court competitions. Among other achievements, our students have won the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition several times, regional mock trial competitions, the Jessup International Moot Court national championship, and the National Animal Law Moot Court Competitions. Students participate in the following moot court offerings:

- Animal Advocacy
- Animal Law Closing Argument
- Animal Law Legislative Drafting and Lobbying
- Appellate Advocacy: Regional
- Client Counseling
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Negotiation
- Jessup International Law
- Mock Trial
- Native American Law Students Association
- Negotiation
- Tax

“*My externship experience was eye opening and exceeded any expectations I had.*”

GURJEET BRAR '16

Law Journals

Law journals provide students with the opportunity to perform scholarly legal research, develop editing skills, and write substantive articles on salient legal issues. Lewis & Clark publishes three law journals.

Lewis & Clark Law Review was initially founded as the Journal of Small and Emerging Business Law in 1996, and was broadened to address a variety of legal topics in 2004. The journal still publishes one issue each year dedicated to business law topics.

Environmental Law was established in 1969. It is the oldest law review focused entirely on environmental issues, and it is considered the premier legal publication for environmental and natural resources scholarship.

Animal Law Review was first published in 1994. It is the nation's oldest journal covering legal issues related to animals, addressing topics that include endangered species protection, animal testing, and regulating animals used in agriculture.

To learn more about our law reviews, visit law.lclark.edu/law_reviews.

Pro Bono and Community Service Program

The Pro Bono and Community Service Program is designed to encourage and foster community-based volunteer and legal service projects. Through pro bono and community service experiences, students volunteer with public service organizations. The program allows students to gain valuable experience and establish important contacts, while also providing much-needed assistance to those who could not otherwise afford legal help. The program is open to all law students.

A wide variety of pro bono opportunities are open to students at all levels of legal experience, allowing even students just beginning law school to participate. In the past, students have volunteered with groups concerned with the environment, juvenile and victims' rights, immigration law, criminal law, poverty law, family law, labor law, Indian law, and many other areas of law. While most students work with local organizations, others work remotely with out-of-state organizations, even during the academic year.

To learn more, visit law.lclark.edu/offices/career_services/pro_bono.

Career Services and Professional Development

Lewis & Clark Law School's Office of Career Services (OCS) acts as a partner in your professional development by helping you define your career goals, assisting you with your application materials and interviewing skills, and working with you to develop contacts and opportunities. The office supports you in a variety of ways, whether you choose to practice law traditionally or use your degree in an alternative legal setting.

First-year Resources: Getting the Right Start

OCS 1L Orientation Sessions

OCS professionals will hold introductory sessions during the fall semester of your first year to help familiarize you with basic information about the center, professional development strategies, and legal job searches.

Career Services Handbook

Following the fall OCS 1L orientation sessions, you will receive the comprehensive OCS Handbook. This handbook outlines how to get the most out of OCS's programs and includes information on career planning and job search strategies, interviewing, recruiting programs, judicial clerkships and much more.

Individual Appointments

The OCS urges every first-year student to meet individually with one of the OCS advisors to discuss plans for the summer and long-term goals. OCS professionals are also available for scheduled appointments after hours for part-time students.

1L Attorney Mentor Program

As one component of our Mentor Network Program for all 1L students, you will be matched with an attorney mentor who can offer help, support, and advice during your first year of law school. Attorney mentors serve as an invaluable resource in your professional development and can help guide you in your career path as a lawyer.

“Lewis & Clark's faculty and career services staff go out of their way to foster connections between students and legal professionals in and outside Portland.”

LAURA KOISTINEN '17





Additional OCS Resources and Services

- Individual counseling
- Resume and cover letter review
- Comprehensive resource library
- Centralized online job database
- On-campus interviewing
- Mock interviewing program
- “Lunches with Judges” brown-bag talks
- Upper-division Mentor Program
- Informational receptions at law firms
- Comprehensive OCS Handbook
- Public service career fair
- Pro bono and community service programs
- Judicial clerkship programming
- “Breakfast with Judges” program
- Legal career panels
- Guest speakers
- Skills workshops
- Work-study program
- Reciprocity with other law schools’ career services offices
- Quick reference guide sheets
- Computers and printers for job applications
- Student office with Skype and fax

Statistical Employment Data and Bar Passage Information

Lewis & Clark prides itself on transparency and integrity in reporting information related to employment and bar passage. To see our complete statistical profile, please visit law.lclark.edu/offices/career_services.

Lewis & Clark Graduates Around the World

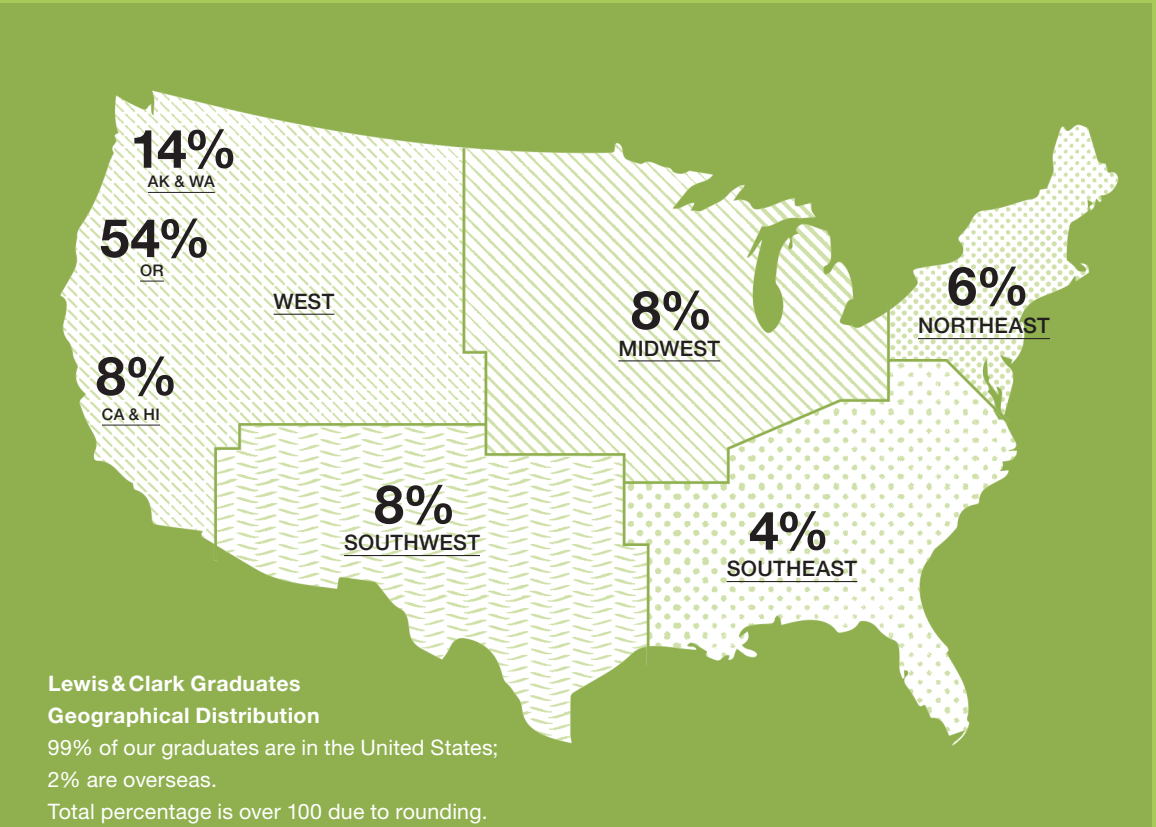
OCS connects students and graduates to alumni around the world and across practice areas. Whether you are looking for job opportunities, to change cities or practices, or simply wish to expand your network, the OCS can help connect you to more than 12,000 living Lewis & Clark Law School alumni.

While a small number of alumni live and work abroad, Lewis & Clark law graduates increasingly find opportunities to put their legal education to use in the global arena.

Our Alumni Abroad

American Samoa	Norway
Australia	Pakistan
Cambodia	Palau
Canada	Philippines
Chile	Poland
China	Russia
France	Saudi Arabia
Germany	South Korea
Ghana	Spain
Hong Kong	Switzerland
India	Taiwan (R.O.C.)
Ireland	Thailand
Israel	Trinidad and Tobago
Italy	United Arab Emirates
Japan	United Kingdom
Mexico	Vietnam
Nepal	Virgin Islands
Netherlands	Zambia
New Zealand	
Nigeria	

12,000+ ALUMNI



Information

For more information, contact us. Individual appointments and visits are always available.

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The law school encourages applications from persons in groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession.

Lewis & Clark Law School is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. The law school follows the letter and spirit of all equal opportunity and civil rights laws.

Lewis & Clark adheres to a nondiscriminatory policy with respect to employment, enrollment, and program. Lewis & Clark does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, sex, religion, age, marital status, national origin, the presence of any physical or sensory disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other basis prohibited by applicable federal, state, and local laws, and has a firm commitment to promote the letter and spirit of all equal opportunity and civil rights laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as well as their implementing regulations. Questions regarding Title IX may be directed to one of Lewis & Clark’s Title IX coordinators (go.lclark.edu/about/title_ix) or to the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights.

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