

1. Clean Slate – Criminal Justice and Community Reentry – Administrative, Regulatory, Policy Advocacy

Students in the Clean Slate Practice provide direct assistance to help people access the criminal records remedies available in California in order to overcome barriers to stable employment, housing, educational opportunities and civic participation. Clean Slate students:

- Interview clients and conduct intake
- Conduct legal research and write legal memos and briefs
- Investigate facts and prepare documents to file with the court
- If certified, appear at court hearings related to all California criminal records remedies
- Make presentations to community-based organizations, potential client groups, and community forums on topics related to criminal records remedies
- Work on policy advocacy to address common client problems, including influencing administrative policies, regulations and legislation at the local, state and national level

2. Green-Collar Communities Clinic (GC3) - Community Economic Development

GC3 is the first legal clinic in the country that is focused on delivering legal services to low-income workers and entrepreneurs of color to create sustainable, worker-owned or community-based businesses. GC3's mission is to promote the growth of a resilient, environmentally just local economy in the East Bay through provision of educational, consulting and incubation legal services.

GC3 provides a range of services including workshops, clinics and a legal incubator. Our legal workshops focus on specific industries/business models in the green economy such as food businesses, green homes, and worker cooperatives. At our follow-up legal clinics, clients receive personalized legal consultation with a team of law students and attorneys. In our incubator program, we provide a broad range of services to help our limited number of clients meet their business needs.

Examples of green-collar ventures in our clinics and incubators are:

- Food justice enterprises such as community-supported agriculture organizations
- Weatherization and energy efficiency cooperative
- Green taxi cooperative
- Bicycle-powered transportation/delivery cooperative

Student work may include:

- Researching, organizing and presenting a legal workshop to the community.
- Interviewing clients and conducting intake for follow-up legal clinics

- Conducting legal research and writing legal memos regarding issues such as developing worker cooperatives, green business development, energy efficiency programs for low-income communities
- Legal research to assist our incubator clients with matters such as entity choice; drafting documents such as operating agreements, articles of incorporation, contracts; permitting and licensing assistance; assisting with creation of business plans; technology specific consulting; and financing assistance for worker-owned businesses

3. Health – Elev8 Public School-based Legal Services Project – Multidisciplinary

Elev8 is a national initiative dedicated to providing middle-school youth and their families with a coordinated array of services, including health and mental health services, extended day programs, tutoring, social services, and legal services. The goal of the initiative is to increase family stability and improve student well-being, school environments, and academic achievement. The Health Practice's Elev8 Legal Services Project is comprised of school-based legal clinics at five Oakland middle schools in neighborhoods with high levels of crime, poverty and other community stressors. Given that a large number of clients are monolingual Spanish-speakers, Spanish fluency is strongly preferred. Student work may include:

- Handling client intake and conducting case assessment, including immigration consultations, at Elev8 school clinics
- Providing legal advocacy and/or self-help assistance in the areas of education and youth law (e.g., special education, expulsions)
- Preparing affirmative applications for U visas
- Requesting administrative hearings for CalWORKs, Food Stamps, Medi-Cal and other state and county benefit programs, and providing possible representation at administrative law hearings
- Developing "Know Your Rights" presentations and trainings on various legal topics of interest to students and their families

4. Health – HIV & East Bay Medical-Legal Partnership – Multidisciplinary

Students in the Health Practice's HIV and Medical-Legal Partnership Projects focus on providing holistic legal services to low-income HIV-positive clients and low-income families referred to us by medical providers at Children's Hospital Oakland. Students carry a varied caseload that may include:

- Appeals of disability benefit denials and post-entitlement decisions, including representation at administrative law hearings
- Public benefits advocacy for General Assistance, CalWORKs, Food Stamps, Medi-Cal and other state and county benefit programs, including representation at administrative law hearings
- Pre-litigation landlord-tenant issues, including advocacy related to habitability and reasonable accommodations
- Guardianship petitions
- Legal trainings for medical providers and community members

5. Housing and Eviction Defense – Litigation

The Housing Practice represents tenants in superior court in eviction proceedings and in civil lawsuits against landlords as well as in administrative proceedings. The Housing Practice also provides information, advice and brief services to tenants regarding a broad range of landlord-tenant issues such as security deposits, repairs, harassment and discrimination. The primary work of students is to:

- draft pleadings and motions
- propound and respond to discovery
- engage in negotiations and draft settlement agreements
- represent tenants in administrative proceedings before public housing authorities

Students who obtain certification from the state bar may additionally:

- conduct depositions
- argue motions
- represent tenants in court

Students in the Housing Practice also staff a self-help eviction clinic where they draft *pro se* pleadings and motions for self-represented litigants. Current projects include education and representation of tenants facing eviction due to the foreclosure crisis, including systemic efforts to ensure that banks and new landlords comply with local eviction ordinances.

6. Immigration – Administrative with Some Litigation

Students in the Immigration Practice provide legal services to low-income immigrants, many of whom are HIV-positive or families of children with chronic health problems. Students carry their own caseload of immigration cases, but are exposed to a broad range of immigration issues by conducting intake and participating in case rounds. A large number of clients come from Spanish-speaking countries, and Spanish fluency is strongly preferred. Student work may include:

- Preparing affirmative applications for political asylum, green cards, citizenship, U visas, and VAWA self-petitions
- Representing clients in administrative hearings before the Asylum Office, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, and Immigration Court
- Consulting with undocumented clients to explore avenues for obtaining legal status
- Locating expert witnesses, drafting declarations and letters, writing legal briefs, and performing legal research
- Drafting educational materials, conducting community/provider presentations, and developing outreach strategies

7. Neighborhood Justice Clinic – Self-Help Services and Litigation

At the Neighborhood Justice Clinic (NJC), students provide advocacy for low-income clients who cannot find other legal representation, of whom most are involved in active litigation. Students draft letters, answers, discovery requests, motions and other court documents; do legal research; and provide the guidance necessary to assist community members in advocating for themselves in the court process. Given the current economic crisis, many of NJC's clients are facing the harassment of debt collectors and experiencing other consumer abuses. The most common legal issues at NJC include:

- Illegal debt collection practices
- Consumer protection issues from car loans to magazine sales
- Retail race discrimination
- Police misconduct

- Small claims cases
- Traffic and minor criminal violations
- Bankruptcy

Another important piece of the NJC practice is protecting the rights of homeless clients. NJC provides representation to homeless people who have received criminal infraction citations originating from the necessities of life on the street, such as trespassing citations for sleeping on other people's property. NJC also works with community organizations and homeless rights advocates to challenge laws or practices that unjustly punish homeless people. Our clinic aims to provide a barrier-free environment so that people with mental illness or other disabilities, often turned away from other legal services providers, can access our services with ease and dignity. To assist our homeless clients, students may:

- Interview clients and conduct intake
- Investigate cases, take photographs, talk to witnesses
- Do legal research and draft briefs
- If certified, represent clients in infraction proceedings
- Assist with research and letters related to homelessness policy issues

8. Welfare Law & Policy – Administrative, Regulatory, Policy Advocacy

The Welfare Law & Policy Practice uses a variety of lawyering modalities, such as direct legal services, administrative advocacy, policy advocacy, community education, and organizing, to provide holistic services to welfare recipients. The practice focuses primarily on CalWORKs, General Assistance, Food Stamps and Medi-Cal issues. In the CalWORKs program, the practice specializes in problems that deny people benefits entirely like the 48-month aid limit for parents, sanctions for non-cooperation with welfare-to-work activities, and the child exclusion policy for children born into welfare. Students also help families get support services such as child care, education, job training, and transportation so that parents can participate in welfare-to-work activities. Students in the practice will be responsible for:

- Interviewing clients, performing discovery, conducting research, drafting briefs, preparing cross and direct examination questions, negotiating with the Social Services Agency, and representing clients at administrative hearings
- Drafting policy, creating informational material, arranging legislative visits, building coalitions, organizing policy briefs, and coordinating media strategies with the purpose of passing bills
- Administrative advocacy with the Social Services Agency
- Training and outreach to recipients at local community colleges, community-based organizations, and at the welfare office