

Practical Learning

Start building your legal skills from day one.

With a JD from Delaware Law, you will enter the legal profession with knowledge gained from direct, practical, hands-on experience.

Our innovative curriculum requires twelve experiential learning credits; it's no wonder that Delaware Law graduates are practice ready!

LAW CLINICS

Build the professional skills and confidence you need for your future by handling real cases for real clients with the support and supervision of full-time faculty who are practicing attorneys.

The **Delaware Civil Clinic** has provided pro bono legal representation, advice, and referrals since 1984. Law students have assisted thousands of clients, handling legal issues in the areas of family law, intimate partner violence, and estate planning.

Since 1989, the **Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic** has engaged hundreds of law students in projects to protect water, air, soil, and endangered species. Law students have litigated more than 250 cases in 20 federal and state judicial and administrative courts. The clinic is the fourth oldest of its kind in the nation and continues to be preeminent.

The **Innocence Delaware Legal Clinic** allows students to partner with Innocence Delaware, a non-profit that provides representation to people unjustly incarcerated in Delaware for crimes they did not commit. Students assist Innocence Delaware in their mission by learning post-conviction law and practicing innocence work.

In the **Pennsylvania Criminal Defense Clinic**, students represent clients from initial interview through final disposition in criminal cases. Since its opening in 1995, the Clinic's work has also included post-conviction representation of death-row inmates and juvenile lifers in state and federal courts – including the United States Supreme Court.

The **Veterans Law Clinic**, which has been recognized in the National Jurist's coverage of "Innovative Clinics," was the first of its kind to champion compensation for disabled veterans. Law students serve an underrepresented population in need and gain firsthand legal experience working on veterans' benefits appeals and estate documents.

EXTERNSHIPS

Our Judicial and Public Interest Externship programs provide opportunities for second- and third-year students to earn academic credit while working with judges, state and local prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, legal services lawyers, and government and non-profit agencies.

PUBLIC INTEREST PRO BONO SERVICES

Our **Public Interest Resource Center** creates opportunities for meaningful pro bono service experiences through collaboration with charitable, civic, community, religious, educational, and government organizations.

TRIAL ADVOCACY

The **Taishoff Advocacy, Technology, and Public Service Institute** offers training in the fundamental skills required for professional advocacy, with a focus on criminal law and the use of technology in the judicial system.

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You can sharpen your trial advocacy skills with the seven-day **Intensive Trial Advocacy Program** led by highly experienced trial attorneys, judges, and law professors who provide valuable training in fundamental trial skills. The program culminates in a simulated jury trial, where you can practice your newly acquired legal skills.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE OPTIONS

You also can hone your practice skills through:

- **Moot Court, Mock Trial, or Transactional Law** student societies
- **Youth Court**, training middle school students to hear cases involving their peers, with a focus on restorative justice
- Our highly ranked **Delaware Journal of Corporate Law** or the **Widener Law Review**
- The **Medical Legal Partnership**, measuring how unmet legal needs are affecting the health of vulnerable populations

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- **97+ sites** for judicial externships
- **950+ wills** prepared by students and attorney volunteers for first responders as the Delaware State Affiliate for the Wills for Heroes program
- **8K+ clients served** through the Delaware Civil Clinic
- **48K+ student case hours** offered through the Delaware Civil Clinic
- **\$13M+** in disability benefits recovered by Veterans Law Clinic students and attorney volunteers
- **250+ cases** litigated by student attorneys in the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic

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