Experiential learning has been a huge part of my law school experience. In total, I have participated in three legal clinics. My fascination with the legal clinic is due to its hands-on ability. I was able to sit down with clients, perform intakes, and handle cases by myself but with the guidance of a supervising attorney. It also allowed me to engage with the community by providing me a platform to educate people in my community with the knowledge I have gained in law school.”

CHIZITERE NNADI
’20, Full-Time Day Program
Black Law Students Association Co-President

*The Small Claims Court Clinic and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinic do not include a classroom component.
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Some of the most rewarding hours in law school are those spent applying what you have learned in your classes to a real-world environment. These valuable and practical hands-on experiences are provided through an abundant variety of clinics, public interest opportunities, practica, and externships. For our part-time students who work, we offer a variety of externship opportunities, including remote externships.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS
The legal clinics offer law students multiple opportunities to gain practical lawyering skills while providing quality legal representation to under-represented individuals and organizations. Clinic students work on cases for academic credit under the close supervision and guidance of faculty who are practicing attorneys. The students take on the heavy responsibility for the strategy and execution of an array of legal matters. They must adhere to professional responsibility requirements such as client confidentiality, civility, and duty to the court. Students develop as professionals and learn first-hand the importance of access to justice.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM
Students are encouraged to perform at least 25 hours of pro bono or public service each academic year. Students may earn their hours through service or pro bono initiatives including Teen Court, Small Claims Clinic, Homelessness Prevention Law Project, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Students volunteering at least 75 hours receive recognition at graduation and a notation on their transcript.

PRACTICA
Southwestern offers practica that provide real-world training in legal research, brief writing, client relations, negotiation and oral argument—including litigating a pro bono appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

EXTERNSHIPS
Southwestern’s Externship Program, one of the largest in the country, provides students an opportunity to apply what they learn in the classroom and directly experience the attorney’s role through a variety of on-site placements in the following settings: Judicial, Government, Entertainment, In-house Legal Counsel, Public Interest, and select law firms. Externships include:

JUDICIAL
- California Court of Appeal
- California Superior Court
- EEOC – Administrative Judicial
- United States Bankruptcy Court
- United States Court of Appeals
- United States District Court

GOVERNMENT
- California Attorney General
- City Attorney’s Office
- District Attorney’s Office
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Federal Public Defender
- Federal Trade Commission
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
- Public Defender’s Office
- Securities and Exchange Commission
- United States Attorney’s Office
- United States Department of Homeland Security
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement

IN-HOUSE CORPORATE COUNSEL
- Anthem, Inc.
- AT&T Ent. Group & DirecTV
- CA Association of Realtors
- LeadsMarket.com, LLC
- Ralphs Grocery Company
- TechStyle Fashion Group
- Ticketmaster

PUBLIC INTEREST
- ACLU of Southern California
- Alliance for Children’s Rights
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- Bet Tzedek Legal Services
- California Women’s Law Center
- Central American Resource Center
- Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles
- Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law
- Inner City Law Center
- LA LGBT Center
- Learning Rights Law Center
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Immigration Legal Assistance Project
- National Health Law Program
- Neighborhood Legal Services
- Public Counsel

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