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ADVOCACY
IS OUR **PATH** TO
PREPAREDNESS

Clinical Program





THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW (AUWCL) Clinical Program has begun its 49th year providing students transformative experiences through the provision of legal services to under-represented individuals and organizations in the D.C. region, nationally, and internationally. With more than 200 students, supervised by 23 full-time faculty in our 11 in-house clinics, the Clinical Program maintains a docket of approximately 700 open cases in any given year. The Clinical Program has been nationally ranked for more than 25 years and is a place where theory, practice, ethics, and passion converge.

Our students work with real clients on real cases and matters for which they are responsible as the attorneys of record. They advocate for their clients in venues ranging from local and federal courts agencies and international bodies, to negotiating tables, board rooms, and banks. In doing so, they gain confidence in using core skills, such as client and witness interviewing, client counseling, case theory development, storytelling, fact investigation, witness examination, drafting, and negotiations. They develop cross-cultural competencies and explore how their diverse backgrounds and experiences can increase equity, inclusion, and opportunity for their clients, city, region, and world. Our students better understand and develop their professional identities and capacities and depart AUWCL with the skills necessary to practice, achieve, and flourish in their chosen fields.

Our award-winning faculty are nationally recognized for their pedagogical sophistication, scholarly production, commitment to social justice, and engagement with cases and causes that continue to change the world. In the past 18 months, the Clinical Program faculty have maintained their commitment to sustained excellence while navigating the ambiguity and uncertainty of teaching and practicing law during a global pandemic with perseverance, persistence, and joy. These experienced teachers/scholars/lawyers are passionate about educating our students and preparing them for practice, including the ever-evolving practice of law in remote environments, as the world transforms before their eyes.

The AUWCL Clinical Program has jump-started countless legal careers. Our clinics consistently champion clients in need and causes worth fighting for while addressing some of today's most pressing legal issues.

Sincerely,

Professor Llezlie Green

Associate Dean for Experiential Education and Director of Clinical Programs

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**RANKED IN
CLINICAL LEGAL
EDUCATION**

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**FACULTY
IN THE CLINICAL
PROGRAM**

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**IN-HOUSE CLINICS
SERVING 200 STUDENTS
EACH YEAR**

Clinic Highlights

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLINIC WINS RELEASE FOR JUVENILE LIFERS

As COVID-19 cases threatened the health of many vulnerable prisoners in Washington, D.C., and Maryland, Criminal Justice Clinic (“CJC”) student attorneys worked to gain the release of prisoners, many of whom are elderly, and often ill, who are serving unjustly long sentences.

In the 2020-2021 academic year, CJC student attorneys secured the release of eight clients. These include juvenile lifers who were resentenced under Maryland’s new Juvenile Restoration Act and D.C. clients who had served long sentences for felony convictions and were dealing with serious health conditions, such as heart disease or cancer.

CJC student attorneys’ advocacy continues even after securing a client’s release. They work tirelessly and creatively to find alternative housing solutions until clients can secure permission to move under an Interstate Compact transfer or find publicly assisted housing.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CLINIC WINS DOMAIN NAME FOR BLUES SINGER

Dr. Lydia Warren is an award-winning blues singer, bandleader, and blues historian—but someone else had taken control of *lydiawarren.com*.

The Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic took the case. When a registrant in Asia refused to respond to their communications, clinic student lawyers engaged in extensive research of Warren’s many festivals, awards, interviews, and her tours overseas. They learned the technical and dispute policies of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and filed a Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) complaint seeking return of the domain name. The Forum in Minneapolis agreed with the student lawyers’ concerns and transferred the domain name to Warren.



Throughout the year, clinical students fight trademark bullying, help documentarians evaluate fair use of photographs and videos, and assist entrepreneurs and local nonprofits seek trademarks for their valuable products and services.

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CLINIC STUDENTS COUNSEL AFGHANS SEEKING A PLACE IN THE US

In September 2021, as U.S. armed forces withdrew from Afghanistan, a team of law students from the Immigrant Justice Clinic acted to help Afghan colleagues at American University. During their first two weeks of clinic, student lawyers interviewed clients, gathered evidence, completed immigration forms, and filed 11 humanitarian parole applications on behalf of their clients’ Afghan family members in Kabul.

The work was part of Defending the AU Dream Initiative, which provides free immigration legal services to undocumented and noncitizen students at American University in the Washington, D.C., area in order to remove a barrier to higher education. Since the initial filings, AU Dream has provided free legal consultations and representation on humanitarian parole and asylum cases for Afghan students and scholars in the D.C. area.

AUWCL'S 11 In-House Clinics



Professor Llezlie Green

Director

Kathleen Gordon

Associate Director

Civil Advocacy Clinic

Professor Llezlie Green, *Director*

Jessica Millward, *Practitioner-in-Residence*

Rangleley Wallace, *Practitioner-in-Residence*

Community Economic and Equity Development Clinic (Formerly Community and Economic Development Law Clinic)

Professor Brenda Smith, *Director*

Lillian Schwales, *Practitioner-in-Residence*

Criminal Justice Clinic (Defense and Prosecution)

Professors Binny Miller and Jenny Roberts, *Co-Directors*

Katie Kronick, *Practitioner-in-Residence*

Disability Rights Law Clinic

Professor Robert Dinerstein, *Director*

Caroline Wick, *Practitioner-in-Residence*

Entrepreneurship Law Clinic

Professor Priya Baskaran, *Director*

Gender Justice Clinic

(Formerly Women and the Law Clinic)

Anna Cabot, *Practitioner-in-Residence*

Amy Myers, *Distinguished Practitioner-in-Residence*

Diane Weinroth, *Supervising Attorney*

Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic

Professor Victoria Phillips, *Director*

Kathryn Ann Kleiman, *Practitioner-in-Residence*

Immigrant Justice Clinic

Professor Jayesh Rathod, *Director*

Saba Ahmed, *Staff Attorney, Defending the AU Dream Initiative*

Michelle Assad, *Practitioner-in-Residence*

International Human Rights Law Clinic

Professor Anita Sinha, *Director*

Anne Schaufele, *Practitioner-in-Residence*

Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic

Jacqueline Lainez Flanagan, *Visiting Associate Professor, Acting Director*

Maria Dooner, *Practitioner-in-Residence*

Re-Entry Clinic

Visiting Professor Margaret Martin Barry, *Director*

Practitioner-in-Residence Program

IN ADDITION TO TRAINING LAW STUDENTS, the AUWCL Clinical Program prepares accomplished lawyers to be clinical teachers through its Practitioner-in-Residence Program. Since the program's inception, 35 practitioners have gone on to tenure track or long-term contract positions at law schools nationwide, including 21 who are now co-directors or directors of a clinic. Practitioners join the clinical faculty for up to three years. They take part in a structured training program, work closely with experienced clinical professors, and participate in the vibrant intellectual community that defines both our program and our law school. Practitioners supervise clinic students, co-teach a weekly seminar, and, after the first year, teach one non-clinic course per year.

One of the hallmarks of the program is the training and mentorship between practitioners and permanent clinical faculty. Formal training takes place each summer, and during the academic year practitioners meet bi-weekly with an experienced clinician for "rounds about supervision." AUWCL supports practitioners' scholarship, and nearly every practitioner in the program completes at least one article for publication. Finally, practitioners receive support to attend relevant conferences, including the annual AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, and receive guidance in navigating the law teaching market.

Our New Faculty: 2021-2022

VISITING PROFESSORS

Jacqueline Lainez Flanagan is a Visiting Associate Professor, and Acting Director of the Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic. She is a faculty member at the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law, where she founded the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic and teaches Contracts and Federal Personal Income Tax. Flanagan has a B.A. from The College of New Jersey, LL.M. from George Washington University Law School, and LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center (Taxation).

Amy Myers is a Distinguished Practitioner-in-Residence with the Gender Justice Clinic (formerly, Women and the Law Clinic). Prior to joining the Clinic, Myers represented clients living in poverty, most recently as legal director at the Southwest Detroit Immigrant and Refugee Center. Myers has a B.A. from the University of the South and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

PRACTITIONERS-IN-RESIDENCE

Anna Cabot is a Practitioner-in-Residence with the Gender Justice Clinic. She was a Senior Staff Attorney at the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS). She has a B.A. from Amherst College and a J.D. from American University Washington College of Law.

Maria Dooner is a Practitioner-in-Residence with the Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic. Her research interests include effective tax administration, tax policy, and federal income taxation of individuals and small businesses. She holds a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, a M.P.P. from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, and a J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Lillian Schwales is a Practitioner-in-Residence with the Community Economic and Equity Development Clinic. She has a B.A. from Miami University College of Arts and Science and a J.D. from American University Washington College of Law.



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OUR PROGRAM OF CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION HAS LONG BEEN A SHINING LIGHT AT AUWCL. HOWEVER, WE TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED. OUR TALENTED AND VISIONARY FACULTY MEMBERS WORK TIRELESSLY TO OFFER OUR STUDENTS TRANSFORMATIVE AND MEANINGFUL CLINICAL AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, TO PROVIDE UNYIELDING EXCELLENCE IN CLIENT SERVICE, AND TO HELP AUWCL LEAD AND SHAPE THE FIELD OF CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION.”

Roger A. Fairfax Jr., Dean and Professor of Law

