

Communication and time management are key!

Can I balance Clinic and Journal?

You can do both!

Perspectives from Current Students

"While Clinic and journal both entail time commitments, **I cannot imagine law school without having experienced them both.** Clinic was an invaluable experience because I was able to apply the skills and knowledge I developed throughout law school to serve clients in critical need of legal services. Through journal, I became a better writer, editor, and analytical thinker. Then, through Clinic, I applied those skills in practical settings. Both experiences instilled greater confidence in me and prepared me to enter the legal profession."

-Andrew Treske, Articles Editor, AULR

"**You can do both clinic and journal . . . and both well!** Journal time management skills - especially understanding and executing assignments in a greater schedule - are advantageous for managing clinic case deadlines."

-Robyn Schowengerdt, Editor for Online Publications, ALR

"My advice to someone trying to pursue both Clinic and Journal is to be incredibly organized with your schedule. I am currently a member of ILR's Editorial Board and a Student Attorney and **although it has been busy, it is definitely doable.** I encourage students to pursue both experiences, so long as they are very organized with their tasks and schedule."

-Damely Perez, Editor, ILR

"JGSPL operates more on an evening schedule, particularly since we have a number of part-time students that can only work after work hours conclude. **This helps balance it with clinic** since all my mandatory journal events have been on weekends or late at night."

-Zach Perez, Note & Comment Editor, JGSPL

"I am a student attorney with the Civil Advocacy Clinic and Senior Staffer on Business Law Review, and **I definitely find balancing clinic and journal to be more than possible.** As a 3L, most of my credits come from clinic, which amounts to three hours of actual scheduled classroom time. This allows me to have a lot of control over my schedule, including when I do my clinic work and journal activities."

-Eliza Collison, Senior Staffer, BLR

"As a senior staffer on AULR, **I did not have a problem balancing my clinic and journal responsibilities.** At the end of the day, it comes down to planning and time management. Being proactive with respect to your journal responsibilities makes it is easier to handle a more unpredictable clinic workload."

-Kayla McCoy, Senior Staffer, AULR

"**Balancing journal and clinic is completely possible.** While the schedules will differ for each journal, generally speaking the work for journal is spread out throughout the semester and you will have the schedule ahead of time. As long as you communicate with your clinic partners (and your journal editors), there is no reason why you cannot participate in clinic while on a journal."

-Lucette Moran, Senior Staffer, ALR