

The War Crimes Research Office



Students on the Hague Program visiting the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals

Who we are: The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) was established in 1995 to promote the development and enforcement of international criminal and humanitarian law, train the next generation of lawyers in these fields, and increase access to justice for victims of atrocity crimes.

What we do: The WCRO provides specialized legal research and technical assistance to various international, hybrid, and national courts tasked with prosecuting atrocity crimes and undertakes an array of international criminal law projects.

Through this work, the WCRO provides J.D. and LL.M. students the opportunity to undertake legal research and writing on cutting-edge issues in this field and to develop their legal and advocacy skills.



WCL's 2018 International Humanitarian Law Moot Team at the Clara Barton Competition.

Get Involved!

The WCRO provides numerous opportunities to get involved during your time at WCL! Click the boxes below to learn more!

International Criminal Law Practicum

The ICL Practicum offers students the chance to work with WCRO staff on specialized legal research projects for partner institutions. 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M. students are eligible to take the course.

Dean's Fellow Positions

Dean's Fellowships are paid positions that support WCRO research and other projects, such as our Gender Jurisprudence Collections and Afghanistan Documentation Project. 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M. students are eligible to apply.

Moot Court Competitions

As a 2L, 3L, LL.M. student, join our moot teams and compete at the International Criminal Court Moot, Court Competition or the Jean-Pictet and Clara Barton International Humanitarian Law Competitions!

Summer Law Program in The Hague

Spend your summer learning from experts in international criminal law and counterterrorism at the heart of the international criminal justice community! 1Ls may apply to go abroad the summer before your 2L year!

Volunteer with us!

1Ls may volunteer on a variety of WCRO projects, including spading, joining our Status Updates team to track proceedings at international criminal mechanisms, discrete research, and more!

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