

**Announcement**  
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**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2023  
CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION PRACTICUM**

The Civil Rights Litigation Practicum is an 8-unit course devoted to skills training, legal theory and practice as they relate to civil rights. The 4-unit class is offered each fall. The 4-unit spring semester externship completes the course. The Practicum satisfies Loyola's writing, breadth, and pro bono service requirements. Students are expected to enroll for both the fall class and the spring placement; this is a **full academic year** commitment. For more information, see the course description in the Bulletin.

The fall semester class covers constitutional and legal doctrine in a variety of areas - the rights of racial, ethnic, and sexual minorities, immigrants, and women, and education and economic rights. The class includes instruction and exercises in the areas of litigation strategy, interviewing skills, legal research and writing, pleading and discovery. Students who complete the fall class will be placed in a local civil rights law office for the spring semester, where they will complete a 4 unit clinical externship. During the externship students perform field work including research and writing, client and witness interviews, case development, pleading practice and discovery work. Students will work with the premiere civil rights organizations and civil rights lawyers in California.

This spring we placed students in the following offices: ACLU of Southern California, Bet Tzedek, Consumer Watchdog, and Public Counsel. Externs are also working in the offices of Paul Hoffman, Carol Sobel, and Hadsell/Stormer, public interest-oriented law firms with extensive pro bono dockets. We also have commitments to accept externs from Asian Americans Advancing Justice, California Women's Law Center, Inner City Law Center, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and the Western Center on Law and Poverty.

The fall semester class units are graded; the spring semester externship units are pass/fail. Class enrollment is limited to 20 students. Admission to the class will be determined by Professor Williams during the month of April. An application package, including instructions and forms, will be available via 12Twenty (see Experiential Learning Fair website).