



ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

Clinic and Justice Center

PUBLIC INTEREST & PRO BONO PROGRAMS

Albany Law School's Public Interest & Pro Bono Programs are central to the mission of the School and touch all aspects of the student experience. Robust faculty and staff support for students seeking public interest law careers includes the following:

[Career and Professional Development Center](#) – students learn about career pathways, including the pathway in [Public Interest Law](#), and prepare for term-time and summer internships, and post-graduate opportunities. Excellent resources available, including the Public Interest Careers Handbook.

[Clinic and Justice Center](#) – law students (after completing the first year program) serve live clients in one of four in-house clinics, several hybrid clinics, and 150+ field placement opportunities. The Clinic and Justice Center coordinates the [Pro Bono Scholars](#) program, where students in their final term spend 12 weeks in a public interest/ pro bono field placement, take a seminar on campus, and are eligible to sit for the February bar (instead of July).

[Financial Aid](#) – administers the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), a forgivable loan program to reduce the student loan repayment burden on graduates pursuing public interest careers.

[Government Law Center](#) – the School's premier think tank focused on the law and government. Provides brief legal advice to rural entrepreneurs through the [Rural Law Initiative](#).

[Pro Bono Society](#) – student run organization, offers pro bono opportunities, exposing students to different practice areas. Current pro bono projects include the following: Appeals; Elder Law; Family Court Help Desk; Immigration; Int'l Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP); Kinship Care; Labor Law & Workers' Rights; LawHelp; LGBT Rights; Matrimonial & Family Law; Prisoners' Rights; Student Animal Legal Defense Fund; Tenants' Rights; Veterans' Rights; Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA); and Young Advocates (Education)

[Semester/ Summer](#) in Practice – intense semester- or summer-long full-time placements in judicial, governmental, public interest, and select private law offices

[Student Affairs](#) – resources available for summer funding opportunities through internal and external sources.

For more information, visit the [Clinic and Justice Center](#) on the ground floor of the 2000 Building, call 518-445-2328, or contact [Ted De Barbieri](#), Assistant Professor of Law, Director of the Community Development Clinic, and Faculty Advisor to the Pro Bono Society.