



REAL-WORLD OPPORTUNITIES

Emory Law engages students in both substantive knowledge of the law and the practical application of skills learned in the classroom through volunteer opportunities and our nationally acclaimed legal clinics. Under the supervision of clinical faculty and experienced attorneys, students advocate for clients with real-world legal needs, experience first-hand the challenges of the legal profession, and begin a lifetime commitment to public service.

Each clinic’s docket is designed to immerse students fully in the legal process, as they take the lead on litigation, transactional, and policy matters at local, state, regional, national, and international levels.

On-campus Volunteer Opportunities

- » Volunteer Clinic for Veterans—The VCV assists veterans and their families with disability benefit claims before the Veterans Administration and in subsequent appellate proceedings, with wills and advance directives and with discharge upgrades.
- » Emory Immigrant Legal Assistance—EILA is a collaboration with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. During monthly legal clinics, students assist local immigration attorney in providing brief legal advice and referrals for metro-Atlanta immigrants.
- » International Refugee Assistance Project—Emory Law’s chapter is a student-directed organization that provides legal representation for refugees seeking resettlement. Law students work under the supervision of pro bono attorneys to prepare visa applications and submit appeals, so clients may successfully negotiate the resettlement process.

Define Your Legal Path

Emory Law clinics offer students opportunities to build on the theoretical foundation of their studies. They also provide first-hand experience with the greater legal community, a vast national network of lawyers, experts, and government officials developed by clinical faculty.



“The Juvenile Defender Clinic has given me practical experience that other courses often cannot provide, such as writing briefs, examining witnesses, interviewing clients, preparing for hearings, and even tracking hours—which is often required as a practicing attorney. The clinic also allows you to work with real clients, which provides a sense of fulfillment because you can see how your legal knowledge directly helps a child in need.”

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“I’ve always had an interest in human rights. Through the International Humanitarian Law Clinic, I had the opportunity to explore the intersection of human rights and international humanitarian law, an area of the law that is very much in development.”

MARIA PIVA 14L

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, JONES & ADAMS PA
WORKED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS FIRST, A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL NGO, ON LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO ARMED CONFLICT AND COUNTERTERRORISM OPERATIONS



Emory Law’s legal clinics provide students with the foundational skills, judgment, and values necessary to engage in the practice of law.

Barton Appeal for Youth Clinic—seeks to create systemic reform by providing holistic appellate and post-conviction representation to youthful offenders in the juvenile and criminal justice systems and to young people in the education system. Students provide representation to clients during direct appeals, habeas petitions, resentencing hearings and education proceedings.

Barton Juvenile Defender Clinic—provides holistic legal representation for children in delinquency and status offense proceedings. Students admitted to practice law under Georgia’s Student Practice Act represent child clients in juvenile court and provide legal advocacy derivative of a client’s case.

Barton Policy and Legislative Advocacy Clinics engages students in the process of policy development, from conceptualization to the drafting of concrete proposals for reform. Working in interdisciplinary teams, students begin by identifying and researching real life problems relating to children and youth and then pursue strategies to improve system responses, achieve better outcomes, and advance justice for children

Turner Environmental Law Clinic—provides important pro bono legal representation to individuals, community groups, and nonprofit organizations that seek to protect and restore the natural environment for the benefit of the public. Through its work, the clinic offers students an intense, hands-on introduction to environmental law and trains the next generation of environmental attorneys.

International Humanitarian Law Clinic—works directly with international tribunals, militaries, non-governmental organizations and other entities to promote the law of armed conflict, enhance protections during wartime, and ensure accountability for war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity. Students in IHLC work on the front lines—researching ways to hold perpetrators accountable, working on detainee cases and other issues in the “war on terror,” and partnering with the US military on strategies for enhanced education and training in the law of armed conflict.



“Clinics provide important, pro bono representation to individuals, community groups, and nonprofit organizations that may otherwise go unrepresented, an integral reflection of Emory Law’s commitment to public service.”

MINDY GOLDSTEIN

DIRECTOR, TURNER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC



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