

Field Placement Guide for Students

This guide provides information related to local field placements at SLU Law (more information available here: <https://www.slu.edu/law/experiential-learning/clinic-field-placement-information.php>). This guide covers the following local placements:

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Some placements may have special limitations related to concurrent legal employment (e.g., at a law firm), and some concurrent legal employment is prohibited entirely (e.g., federal judicial placements). Placement sites may also require extensive background checks, conflicts checks, drug screenings, and other paperwork. Students should consult with individual faculty advisors about these requirements.

Students with transportation and scheduling limitations (e.g., no access to a car, work obligations, family obligations) that could impact their participation in a field placement should consult with individual faculty advisors about their specific circumstances.

This guide does not cover the [Employment Law Semester in D.C.](#) or [Health Law Semester in D.C.](#) programs.

Corporate Placements

Students may be placed in a variety of nonprofit and for-profit corporate counsel and government settings where they assist with a variety of transactional or litigation matters.

Placements noted with a plus sign (+) may satisfy a Concentration in International and Comparative Law requirement, subject to approval.

Placements noted with a carrot (^) may satisfy a Concentration in Intellectual Property Law requirement, subject to approval.

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Placement	Description
Aegion General Counsel ⁺ https://www.aegion.com/	Aegion is a multinational company providing pipeline services including the protection, rehabilitation, engineering, and design of infrastructure projects for a wide range of industries. Students assist the legal department in a variety of transactional and contract matters. This placement is located in Chesterfield.
Anheuser-Busch General Counsel https://www.anheuser-busch.com/	Students assist the general counsel with contracts, compliance and other matters related to brewery operations, marketing and distribution.
Bayer General Counsel [^] https://www.bayer.com/en/homepage.aspx	Bayer (formerly Monsanto) offers students the opportunity to work on transactional, IP, and other matters related to their agricultural business.
Coolfire Studios General Counsel [^] http://www.coolfire.com/	Coolfire is a full-service entertainment production company that produces TV shows, advertising, and other entertainment products both in studio and on location. The work typically includes production contracts, IP issues, and other issues related to producing entertainment content.
Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Chief Counsel, Midwest District – West https://www.va.gov/OGC/	The focus of this placement is on employment law, but can also include general corporate work (depending on student preference). Some examples of the kinds of matters with which students might assist include drafting motions for summary judgment, preparing witnesses for arbitration, and reviewing reasonable accommodation issues.
Eagle Infrastructure Services Corporate Counsel https://www.eagle-infra.com/	Eagle Infrastructure Services is a leading provider of third party inspection, integrity management, civil survey, mapping, GIS, environmental, qualification testing, right of way, and NDE auditing services for pipeline and related facilities infrastructure in transmission, gathering, utility, LDC, storage, and downstream markets. Students work directly with the general counsel on transactional matters. While the offices are virtual (i.e., there is no physical office), the student meets regularly (i.e., in person) with the general counsel.

Placement	Description
Enterprise Holdings General Counsel* https://www.enterpriseholdings.com/en/index.html	Enterprise Holdings is the parent company for Enterprise, Alamo, and National car rental companies. Students work with the office of general counsel on corporate, employment, and transactional matters, including likely some international projects.
IRS Office of Chief Counsel https://www.irs.gov/about-irs/office-of-chief-counsel-at-a-glance	The Office of Chief Counsel serves as the law firm for the IRS. The focus of this placement is on tax law. Students assist the Office of Chief Counsel with a variety of tax-related projects. While at this placement, students may not engage in certain concurrent employment that could create potential conflicts of interest.
Macy's Inc. General Counsel https://www.macysinc.com/about	Students work with St. Louis based counsel on national litigation matters.
FKG Oil/Moto Mart General Counsel https://mymotomart.com/-About-Us	FKG Oil is a family owned company that owns Motomart and its 70+ convenience stores located in the Midwest. Students work with the general counsel on a range of corporate issues. The placement is located in Belleville, Illinois.
Paramount Bank General Counsel https://paramountbank.com/	Paramount Bank is a local bank with a strong national residential mortgage related business. Students work with the general counsel on banking, compliance, and mortgage lending issues.
Saint Louis Zoo https://www.stlzoo.org/about	This placement introduces students to the inside workings of a major nonprofit organization. Students assist with projects related to employment law, real estate law, nonprofit law, taxation, and animal regulation.
Saint Louis University Office of General Counsel^ https://www.slu.edu/general-counsel/legal-services/	The Office of General Counsel is the principal representative for legal matters involving Saint Louis University. The office provides legal counsel, litigation management, contract drafting and review, and preventative advice. Students assist in providing counsel, litigation management, contract drafting and review, and a wide variety of risk management advice. This placement also offers opportunities for intellectual property work.
Schnucks General Counsel https://nourish.schnucks.com/about/	Students work with in-house counsel on transactional and litigation issues related to Schnucks grocery store operations.
Tom Lange Co. General Counsel* https://www.tomlange.com/	Tom Lange Co. is an importer and distributor of produce from around the US and globally. Students gain exposure to transactional and employment issues working directly with the general counsel.
United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	The EEOC is the federal agency that enforces federal employment discrimination laws such as Title VII

Placement	Description
(EEOC), Saint Louis District Office https://www1.eeoc.gov/	of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Students primarily perform legal research; write legal memoranda and short briefs; communicate with class members in large lawsuits; and may attend mediations, witness interviews, depositions or hearings. This placement requires 4 or 6 credit hours of field work.

Criminal Defense Placements

Students interested in criminal defense may be placed at sites providing criminal defense representation for individuals accused of crimes who cannot afford a private attorney.

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Placement	Description
Missouri State Public Defender (St. Louis office) http://www.publicdefender.mo.gov/	Students have opportunities to assist in criminal defense representation for individuals accused of state crimes who cannot afford a private attorney. Students may appear in court as student lawyers.
Illinois Public Defender (Madison County and St. Clair County) http://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/public_defender/index.php https://www2.illinois.gov/osad/publicdefenderinformation/pages/pddirectory.aspx	Students have opportunities to assist in criminal defense representation for individuals accused of state crimes who cannot afford a private attorney. Students may appear in court as student lawyers.
Federal Public Defender (EDMO) https://moe.fd.org/	Students have opportunities to assist in criminal defense representation for individuals accused of crimes who cannot afford a private attorney. Students do not appear in court as lawyers. This placement requires 8 credit hours of field work.
Arch City Defenders (Nonprofit Criminal Defense) http://www.archcitydefenders.org/	Students assist lawyers with defending criminal cases, especially those involving people experiencing homelessness.

Criminal Prosecution Placements

Students interested in criminal prosecution may be placed in a federal or state prosecutor's office in Missouri or Illinois where they assist in criminal prosecution matters.

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Placement	Description
<p>State and Local Prosecutor Offices in Missouri and Illinois (e.g., St. Charles County, St. Louis County, St. Clair County, Madison County)</p> <p>http://www.sccmo.org/414/Prosecuting-Attorney http://www.stlouiscopa.com/ http://www.co.st-clair.il.us/government/officials/Pages/statesAttorney.aspx http://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/state_s_attorney/index.php</p>	<p>The primary role of state prosecutor offices is to prosecute violations of state law. Students may have opportunities to present preliminary hearings, handle bond review motions, second-seat jury trials, and participate in plea and sentencing hearings. Students also engage in legal research and writing, as well as listen to jail calls or other evidence review. Students may also spend time in the warrant office where they can observe witness interviews and how the prosecutor makes charging decisions.</p> <p>These field placements may require students to pass a background check, have a Rule 13 student practice license, and pass a drug test.</p>
<p>US Attorney (Eastern District of Missouri and Southern District of Illinois)</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil</p>	<p>The US Attorney's Office prosecutes violations of federal crimes that occur in its district. These crimes may include, for example, terrorism, drug trafficking, financial fraud, public corruption, firearms, child exploitation, bank robberies, interstate kidnapping, tax fraud, counterfeiting, human trafficking, immigration crimes, and civil rights violations.</p> <p>Students have opportunities to work in civil and criminal divisions. Students may be involved with witness interviews, agent meetings, grand jury preparation, research and writing, depositions, document and evidence review, and court appearances. Court appearances may include witness examination or trying petty offenses. Students may also have opportunities to be involved with appellate cases, including assisting with writing appellate briefs.</p> <p>This field placement requires students to pass a background check and an extensive security clearance. This placement requires at least 4 credit hours of field work. In addition, students may not have concurrent employment.</p>

Health Law Placements

Students pursuing a concentration in Health Law may be placed with a health system, corporate counsel office, or U.S. Attorney's Office to work on health law-related matters.

Placements noted with an asterisk (*) may satisfy a Concentration in Health Law requirement, subject to approval.

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Placement	Description
American Association of Orthodontists* https://www.aaoinfo.org/	<p>The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) was created in 1900. Only dentists who successfully complete an accredited orthodontic residency program after dental school are accepted for membership in the American Association of Orthodontists. The AAO represents 19,000 orthodontist members throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad. The AAO encourages and sponsors key research to enable its members to provide the highest quality of care to patients, and it is committed to educating the public about the need for, and benefits of, orthodontic treatment.</p> <p>The Legal Department of the AAO is responsible for both the organization's general in-house legal needs, as well as monitoring and coordinating advocacy efforts at both the state and federal level on behalf of the interests of AAO members and their practices.</p>
Ascension Health* https://ascension.org/	Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system. Health Care Law is a prerequisite.
BJC HealthCare* https://www.bjc.org/	BJC HealthCare is one of the largest nonprofit health care organizations in the US and delivers services to the greater St. Louis, southern Illinois, and mid-Missouri regions. Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system. Health Care Law is a prerequisite.
Express Scripts* https://lab.express-scripts.com/	Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large company. Health Care Law is a prerequisite. This site requires drug testing as part of the on-boarding process.
Hospital Sisters Health System (Belleville, IL)* https://www.hshs.org/	Hospital Sisters Health System is a multi-institutional health care system focusing on Illinois and Wisconsin. Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system. Health Care Law is a prerequisite.

<p>Mercy* https://www.mercy.net/</p>	<p>Mercy focuses on providing care in hospitals, physician clinics, outpatient facilities, outreach ministries, and other health and human services. Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system. Health Care Law is a prerequisite.</p>
<p>Saint Louis University Office of General Counsel, Medical Campus* https://www.slu.edu/general-counsel/legal-services/</p>	<p>Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects in a general counsel's office such as, for example, contract review and compliance issues related to human subject research and clinical trials. Health Care Law is a prerequisite. There is no free parking at this site.</p>
<p>Saint Louis University Office of University Compliance and Ethics* https://www.slu.edu/compliance-ethics/</p>	<p>Students have opportunities to work on health industry related compliance issues such as those related to human subject research and clinical trials. Health Care Law is a prerequisite. Students may be asked to split time between offices at main and medical campuses depending on projects. Students should be particularly interested in the compliance field for this placement. There is no free parking at this site.</p>
<p>US Attorney (EDMO and SDIL)* https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil</p>	<p>Students have opportunities to assist in prosecuting defendants who commit federal crimes. The health care fraud division primarily is involved in the investigation and prosecution of health care providers for fraudulent billing practice. Students may engage in research and writing assignments and attend meetings, hearings, depositions, and other case litigation activities. Students may also appear in court.</p> <p>This placement requires students to pass a background check and an extensive security clearance. This placement requires 6 or 8 credit hours of field work. In addition, students may not have concurrent employment. Health Care Law is a prerequisite. The SDIL opportunity is in Fairview Heights, Illinois.</p>
<p>Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (medical-legal partnership)* http://www.lsem.org/</p>	<p>Students have the opportunity to assist in providing legal services to low-income families and individuals who receive health care at Affinia Healthcare, Family Care Health Centers, and the Saint Louis Integrated Health Network.</p>

Judicial Placements

Students are placed with judges to serve as part-time law clerks. Depending on the chambers, students may assist in preparing bench briefs and opinions; observe oral arguments, trials, or hearings; and perform legal research and write legal memoranda.

In both the fall and spring semesters, students may be placed in a federal district court (i.e., district and magistrate judges in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri or U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois), a state or local trial court in Missouri, or a state or local trial court in Illinois. In addition, students with some bankruptcy knowledge may be placed in a federal bankruptcy court. In the spring semester, students have an additional opportunity for placement with a judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals or the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Placement	Description
Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District (spring only) https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=99	Depending on the chambers, students may assist in preparing bench briefs and opinions, observe oral arguments, and perform legal research and write legal memoranda. This placement requires 4 credit hours of field work. Concurrent legal employment is not permitted. Students are selected by the Missouri Court of Appeals through a process that includes a mandatory interview.
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (spring only) https://www.ca8.uscourts.gov/	Students may assist in preparing bench briefs and opinions, observe oral arguments, and perform legal research and write legal memoranda. Concurrent legal employment is not permitted. Students are selected by the judge through a process that includes a mandatory interview.
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri https://www.moed.uscourts.gov/	Depending on the chambers, students may assist in preparing bench briefs and opinions, observe trials or hearings, and perform legal research and write legal memoranda. Concurrent legal employment is not permitted.
United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois https://www.ilsd.uscourts.gov/	Depending on the chambers, students may assist in preparing bench briefs and opinions, observe trials or hearings, and perform legal research and write legal memoranda. Concurrent legal employment is not permitted.
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri https://www.moeb.uscourts.gov/	Depending on the chambers, students may assist in preparing bench briefs and opinions, observe trials or hearings, and perform legal research and write legal memoranda. Concurrent legal employment is not permitted.
State or local trial courts in Missouri and Illinois	Depending on the chambers, students may assist in preparing bench briefs and opinions, observe trials or hearings, and perform legal research and write legal memoranda.

Public Interest Placements

Students may be placed in a variety of nonprofit public interest and government settings where they assist with a variety of litigation matters.

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Placement	Description
Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM) (office located at SLU LAW) https://sfcstl.org/locations/clam/	Students assist in providing legal representation in areas of family law (e.g., paternities, child support, child custody, divorces, domestic violence, modifications, and guardianships of minors and adults), veterans (e.g., family law and municipal law, guardianships, and veteran benefits), real estate disputes, and immigration (e.g., asylum and citizenship applications, immigration court, Board of Immigration Appeals, filings with USCIS). Students may engage in activities such as drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, observing court proceedings, communicating with potential clients and investigating their claims, and court and administrative appearances.
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri http://www.lsem.org/	Students may assist in providing legal assistance to low-income individuals in the areas such as family, housing, and consumer law. Students may engage in activities such as interviewing clients, drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, observing court proceedings, and communicating with potential clients and investigating their claims.
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Neighborhood Vacancy Initiative http://lsem.org/community-economic-development-neighborhood-vacancy-initiative/	Students assist local residents and community-based organizations reduce the problem of vacant and abandoned housing in the City of St. Louis, primarily by using the tools described in this guide .
Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation (East St. Louis or Alton, Illinois) http://lollaf.org/	Students may assist in providing legal assistance to low-income individuals in the areas such as family, housing, and consumer law. Students may engage in activities such as interviewing clients, drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, observing court proceedings, and communicating with potential clients and investigating their claims.
m.i.c.a. Project http://www.mica-project.org/	Students may engage in activities such as interviewing clients, drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, observing court proceedings, and communicating with potential clients and investigating their claims.
Missouri Commission on Human Rights https://labor.mo.gov/MOHUMANRIGHTS	Students may engage in activities such as interviewing, drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, observing proceedings, and investigating potential claims.

Placement	Description
Missouri Office of the Attorney General https://www.ago.mo.gov/	The Missouri Attorney General serves as the chief legal officer of the state, representing and providing legal advice to most state agencies, enforcing consumer protection and civil rights laws, and prosecuting complex financial crimes. Students may engage in activities such as drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, and observing court proceedings.
Phillips Black (office located at SLU LAW) http://www.phillipsblack.org/	Phillips Black, Inc., a nationwide nonprofit public interest law practice with an office and associate attorneys located within the SLU LAW building, provides experience with direct representation and advocacy for individuals facing the death penalty or serving a juvenile life without parole sentence. The practice focuses on post-conviction litigation in state and/or federal courts, and students are immersed in hands-on case work supplemented with doctrinal seminars in this complex area of constitutional law and capital defense work. The work entails legal research and writing, case file digesting and analysis, and, during some terms, assistance with client and/or witness interviews conducted in the field by Phillips Black attorneys.
Arch City Defenders (Nonprofit Criminal Defense) http://www.archcitydefenders.org/	Students work with lawyers to provide holistic representation to impoverished residents of the St. Louis Region. Students may work with one of two teams: Direct Representation or Systemic Litigation. The Direct Representation team handles a wide range of civil and criminal matters. The Systemic Litigation team handles civil rights and complex litigation.