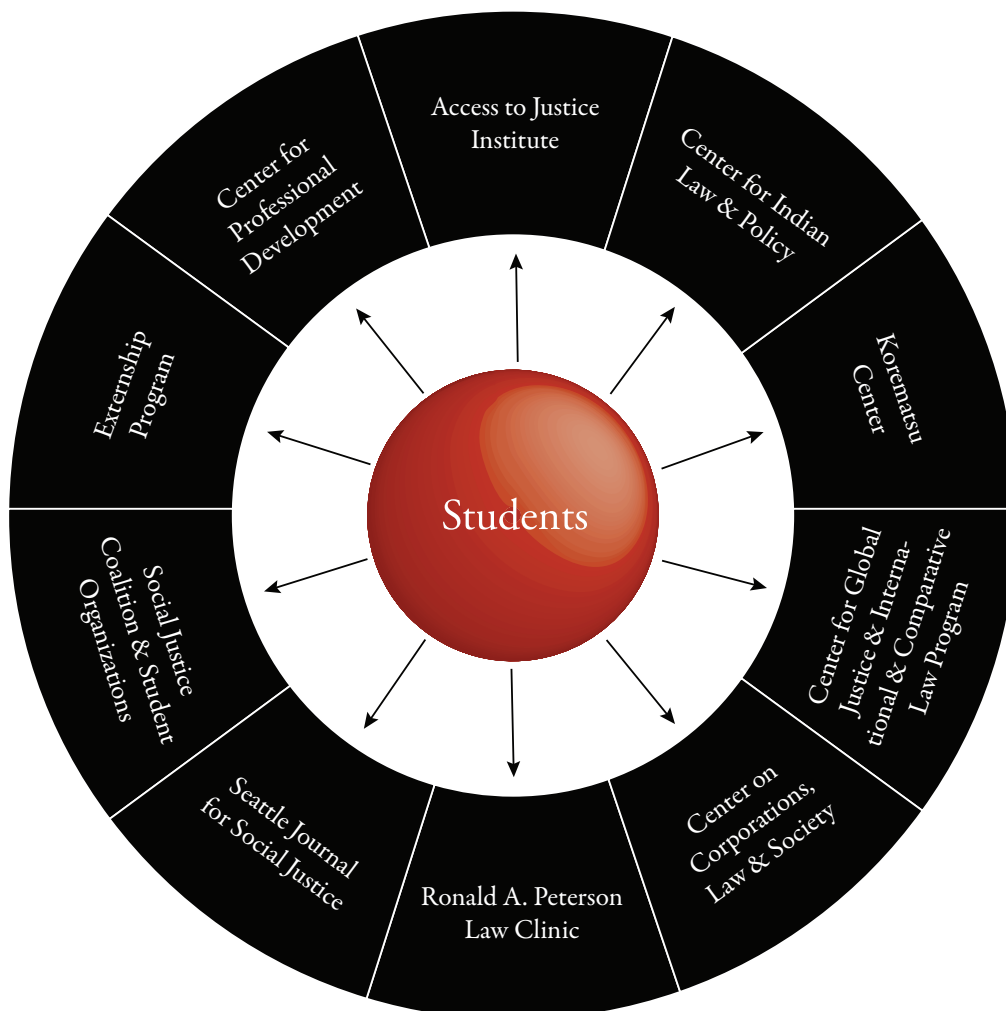


A Law Student's Guide to Finding Social Justice Opportunities

Consistent with our mission of academic excellence and education for justice, Seattle University School of Law offers many opportunities for students to learn about, engage in, and further social justice. This guide serves as a starting point for students to find social justice opportunities at the Law School. This guide is not comprehensive as it does not include every social justice-oriented opportunity at the Law School. This guide will continue to develop as community needs change, synergies grow, and opportunities increase.

If you have any questions about this guide or need help with navigating the many social justice opportunities within the Law School, we encourage you to contact the Access to Justice Institute staff at atji@seattleu.edu.

For more information about each program, please see the program descriptions below, which continue onto the backside.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

ACCESS TO JUSTICE INSTITUTE

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The Access to Justice Institute (ATJI) inspires law students to make a lifelong commitment to equal justice for all, especially marginalized or underserved communities, regardless of where their career paths may take them, through:

- (1) Law students' active engagement with communities to eliminate unfair and oppressive practices through short-term projects and Partnership Projects like the Immigrant Detainee Justice Project and Fair Debt Collection Observation Project;
- (2) Bridge-building between academics and action like the Legal Writing Collaborative where ATJI connects Legal Writing faculty with social justice legal organizations in order to assign first-year law students legal writing problems which are directly connected to the work of the organizations;
- (3) Community-building for law students who share a commitment to equal justice through programs like Social Justice Mondays and Lawyering in a Diverse World; and
- (4) Law students' leadership capacity-building through programs like the post-graduate Leadership for Justice Fellowship.

For more details on Native American advocacy opportunities, read more about ATJI's partnership with the Center for Indian Law & Policy.

How to Get Involved:

Students can find out about current opportunities on the Public Interest Opportunities page of the ATJI website. Students or student organizations can meet with any ATJI staff for assistance with networking with social justice organizations and developing their own social justice projects or programs. To make an appointment, you can call 206-398-4173, email at atji@seattleu.edu, or stop by our office.

CENTER FOR INDIAN LAW AND POLICY

3rd Floor • 206-398-4284 • ceballosl@seattleu.edu • www.indianwills.org

The Center for Indian Law and Policy is a national program assisting Native Americans in making informed decisions about their property by (1) establishing projects that provide free estate planning legal services, (2) training tribal members, governmental officials and the legal community on the American Indian Probate Reform Act, and (3) serving as a clearinghouse for the latest information on the new federal Act.

How to Get Involved:

Through a partnership between ATJI and the Center for Indian Law and Policy, law students have social justice opportunities to serve within Native American communities both locally and nationally, including the Indian Estate Planning Project. The Project is a paid internship and places law students on Indian reservations throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana every summer. Law students work under the direction of experienced attorneys and provide will drafting and other estate planning services to tribal members. For more information about this and other volunteer legal opportunities in Indian Country, contact Stephanie Nichols, Attorney for Native American Projects at nicholss@seattleu.edu or 206-398-4294.

RONALD A. PETERSON LAW CLINIC

901 12th Avenue • 206-398-4130 • lawclinic@seattleu.edu

The Law Clinic is a functioning law office within the law school that provides 2L and 3L students the opportunity to earn credit while representing real clients under the supervision of Law School faculty members. The Law Clinic offers ten or more courses each year in a range of subjects and practice settings. For a complete list of options and details on how to become involved, see the clinic website (http://www.law.seattleu.edu/Academics/Law_Clinic.xml) or contact faculty by email, phone or in person at the Clinic office.

How to Get Involved:

2L and 3L students enroll in clinic courses like any other course. Students may take up to 15 credits in clinics and externships during their law school career. Contact the Clinic for specific requirements.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

901 12th Avenue/Law Clinic • 206-398-4128 • connorsk@seattleu.edu

The Externship office assists students in securing placements in public legal service agencies and courts that provide real-life experience and promote social justice. Part-time and full-time externships are offered for credit during the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. Partnering agencies include Columbia Legal Services, King County Prosecutor, and the Center for Environmental Law & Policy.

How to Get Involved:

All students who have completed 60 credits are eligible to apply for part-time externships as long as they have taken the prerequisite or co-requisite courses for the desired placement. Students who have completed 45 credits may be eligible if they are in the top 75% of their class; if they have completed only 30 credits, they must be in the top 50% of the class. To apply for full-time externships, students must have completed 60 law school credits, must be in the top 50% of the class, and must satisfy any pre- or co-requisites.

CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 200 • 206-398-4100 • lawcareers@seattleu.edu

The Center for Professional Development (CPD) helps students identify career options, think about career development, and develop valuable job search skills. CPD has a counselor who specializes in helping students who want to explore and prepare for a career in the public interest sector as well as a website with extensive information on public interest fields. CPD also sponsors the Northwest Public Service Career Fair and offers public interest-related seminars, in addition to general networking, interviewing and career development seminars throughout the year.

How to Get Involved:

Any student should feel free to stop by, call or email CPD to set up an appointment with a counselor. 1Ls can schedule appointments after November 1st.

CENTER ON CORPORATIONS, LAW & SOCIETY

3rd Floor Faculty Offices • 206-398-4282 • ccls@seattleu.edu

The Center on Corporations, Law & Society (CCLS) was established to foster non-partisan, interdisciplinary scholarship and dialogue about the complex relationship between corporate institutions in our society and their many stakeholders. The Center sponsors conferences, a film series and guest speakers throughout the year.

How to Get Involved:

Contact the Program for more information on current opportunities.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW PROGRAM

4th Floor Faculty Offices • 206-398-4283 • ohnoj@seattleu.edu

The Program's Center for Global Justice sponsors a speakers series and internship opportunities. The Program also offers study abroad and summer internship opportunities in locations across the globe. Study abroad and overseas internship programs have been established in South Africa, Brazil, Cambodia, Nicaragua, Uganda, and some of the premier international organizations in Europe.

How to Get Involved:

Contact the Program for more information on current study aboard opportunities.

FRED T. KOREMATSU CENTER FOR LAW AND EQUALITY

4th Floor Faculty Offices • 206-398-4283 • ohnoj@seattleu.edu

The Korematsu Center's mission is to advance justice and equality through a unified vision that combines research, advocacy, and education. The Center sponsors research projects, advocacy projects, such as the Defender Initiative and the National Voting Rights Advocacy Initiative, and education projects. For more information on its activities, navigate to the Center's web page through the law school's home page.

How to Get Involved:

Contact the Program for more information about current opportunities.

SEATTLE JOURNAL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Room 309 • 206-398-4988 • sjsj@seattleu.edu

The *Seattle Journal for Social Justice* (SJSJ) is a peer-reviewed, student edited journal whose mission is to promote critical interdisciplinary discussions on urgent problems of social justice, including the often conflicting meanings of justice that arise in a diverse society. The SJSJ is published twice yearly and includes traditional academic articles as well as narratives, interviews, poetry, and artwork.

How to Get Involved:

Students can apply to join the SJSJ staff at the end of their 1L year. Students may also submit articles on topics related to social justice to be considered for publication.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Room 102 • 206-398-4328

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the parent organization of over 40 student organizations, many of which offer great ways to pursue social justice interests on and off campus. For a current listing of student organizations and non-SBA affiliated groups, please visit www.law.seattleu.edu/x2254.xml.

The SBA Public Interest Representative serves as a liaison between the SBA Council, the SBA organizations and the Access to Justice Institute. The Public Interest Representative also encourages participation in public interest or community outreach programs and advocates for public interest law programs including the Public Interest Law Foundation's summer grant program and the development of public interest law curriculum. The Public Interest Representative oversees the annual SBA Day of Service which is held during Social Justice Week and collaborates with student organizations to organize volunteer opportunities.

How to Get Involved:

Any student with ideas or suggestions for public interest activities or any student interested in getting involved in public interest opportunities within the school should feel free to email Eric Holte at holtee@seattleu.edu. To inquire about social justice opportunities with any of the student organizations, you should contact the organization leaders by visiting the Student Life section of the Seattle University School of Law's website at www.law.seattleu.edu or each organization's TWEN page.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COALITION

The Social Justice Coalition (SJC) creates space for meaningful collaboration between students and student organizations and serves as a meta-organization to build the capacity of student organizations, while holding the school accountable to its social justice mission. SJC is committed to: (1) approaching this work with an anti-oppression lens, which includes accountability, inclusivity, transparency and power-sharing; (2) fostering meaningful collaboration among students through co-sponsorship and coordination of events, improved communication, and support; (3) creating space to address social justice issues facing student organizations and the SU legal community; (4) unifying voices for change within the school and beyond, both in the general legal community as well as in the social justice community; (5) increasing accountability for and examination of Seattle University's social justice mission.

How to Get Involved:

SJC holds monthly meetings where organization representatives and individual students can inform each other of upcoming events and work on ad hoc committees (chaired by rotating students) to plan new events. All meetings are open to any student interested in social justice. Getting involved with SJC is a chance for every student to put in as much as they hope to get out. For more information, please sign on to the SJC TWEN page.

To learn more about these programs, please visit our website at www.law.seattleu.edu.

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