

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INTEREST FIELD PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Instructor:

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Representative Projects:

- Perform legal research
- Review and draft a variety of litigation and/or transactional documents, such as complaints, briefs, memorandum, and contracts.
- Attend in-court proceedings, administrative hearings, and other meetings regarding case matters.
- Appear in court on behalf of your client/agency
- Participate in internal and external stakeholder meetings.

Semesters:

Year round – Fall, Spring, and Summer

Weekly Commitment:

Each office has different requirements and the general range is 12 to 40 hours per week.

Credit/Compensation:

Students may obtain 3 to 10 credits for a 14-week field placement (Fall/Spring), or 3 to 7 credits for a 10-week externship (Summer). Both credit and compensation are available for employers with paid field placement programs.

More information on credit hour requirements, the course component and registration are available under the Registrar tab on MyLaw.

Application Due Dates:

Each office has different due dates and application requirements.

Most opportunities are **posted in Symplicity**.

Students apply directly to the employer to secure a field placement.

Application deadlines may be up to a year in advance and students should frequently check Symplicity for postings. Students should also check the weekly Career Center digest for updated postings.

Experience:

Field placements are an excellent way to gain practical lawyering experience; form relationships with experienced attorneys; improve research, writing, and professional skills; enhance resumes; and help determine the career path/s that are the best fit for a student. These opportunities often provide one of the best law school experiences for students, as well as a structured and unique bridge to practice.

The subject matter and day-to-day experience varies widely, as do the placements themselves, from local governments, state and federal agencies, to individual client representation, advocacy, and legislative affairs. Below is a list highlighting a few government and public interest field placements where students recently have worked.

- Northwest Workers' Justice Project (Portland, OR)
- Washington Attorney General's Office Torts Division (Seattle, WA)
- Oregon Law Center (Portland, OR)
- Lane County Legal Aid Oregon Law Center (Eugene, OR)
- International Fund for Animal Welfare (Washington, D.C.)
- Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Community Services of Lane County (Springfield, OR)
- Oregon Department of Justice Civil Enforcement Division Child Advocacy Section (Eugene, OR)
- Oregon Department of Justice Trial Division (Salem, OR)
- Internal Revenue Service Office of Chief Counsel (Portland, OR)
- The Commons Law Center (Portland, OR)

Portland Program:

Information about field placement opportunities through the Portland Program is available on the Portland Program page on MyLaw.

If you plan to apply to the Portland Program for your 3L year and have an interest in field placement opportunities, contact Emily Wanner, Portland Program Managing Director (ejohnso5@uoregon.edu).

