

# Lawyering Practice Field Placement Guide

Placement Type	Description	Faculty for Questions
<b>Criminal Law Settings</b>		
Missouri State Public Defender (St. Louis office) <a href="http://www.publicdefender.mo.gov/">http://www.publicdefender.mo.gov/</a>	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.	McGraugh
Illinois Public Defender (Madison County and St. Clair County) <a href="http://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/public_defender/index.php">http://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/public_defender/index.php</a> <a href="https://www2.illinois.gov/osad/publicdefenderinformation/pages/pddirectory.aspx">https://www2.illinois.gov/osad/publicdefenderinformation/pages/pddirectory.aspx</a>	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.	McGraugh
Federal Public Defender (EDMO) <a href="https://moe.fd.org/">https://moe.fd.org/</a>	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.	McGraugh
Arch City Defenders (Nonprofit Criminal Defense) <a href="http://www.archcitydefenders.org/">http://www.archcitydefenders.org/</a>	Students assist lawyers with defending criminal cases, especially those involving people experiencing homelessness.	McGraugh
State and Local Prosecutor Offices in Missouri and Illinois (e.g., St. Charles County, St. Louis County, St. Clair County, Madison County) <a href="http://www.sccmo.org/414/Prosecuting-Attorney">http://www.sccmo.org/414/Prosecuting-Attorney</a> <a href="http://www.stlouiscopa.com/">http://www.stlouiscopa.com/</a> <a href="http://www.co.st-clair.il.us/government/officials/Pages/statesAttorney.aspx">http://www.co.st-clair.il.us/government/officials/Pages/statesAttorney.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/state_s_attorney/index.php">http://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/state_s_attorney/index.php</a>	Students may have opportunities to present preliminary hearings, handle bond review motions, try traffic bench trials, 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.  These field placements may require students to pass a background check, have a Rule 13 student practice license, and pass a drug test.	Darst
US Attorney (Eastern District of Missouri and Southern District of Illinois) <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo</a>	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,	Darst

<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil</a>	<p>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 6 or 8 credit hours of field work. In addition, students may not have concurrent outside employment.</p>	
<b>Health Law Settings</b>		
Ascension Health	Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system. Health Care Law is a prerequisite.	Sanders
BJC HealthCare	Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system. Health Care Law is a prerequisite.	Sanders
Express Scripts	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.	Sanders
Hospital Sisters Health System (Belleville, IL)	Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system. Health Care Law is a prerequisite.	Sanders
Mercy	Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system.	Sanders
SLU Office of General Counsel, Medical Campus	Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects in a general counsel's office. Health Care Law is a prerequisite. There is no free parking at this site.	Sanders
US Attorney (EDMO and SDIL) <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo</a> <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil</a>	<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.</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 outside employment. Health Care Law is a prerequisite. The SDIL opportunity is in Fairview Heights, Illinois.</p>	Sanders

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (Medical-Legal Partnership) <a href="http://www.lsem.org/">http://www.lsem.org/</a>	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.	Sanders
<b>Public Interest and Corporate Law Settings</b>		
ACLU of Missouri Foundation <a href="https://www.aclu-mo.org/">https://www.aclu-mo.org/</a>	Students may engage in activities such as drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, observing court proceedings, and communicating with potential clients and investigating their claims.	Lander
Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM) (office located at SLU LAW) <a href="https://sfcstl.org/locations/clam/">https://sfcstl.org/locations/clam/</a>	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, real estate disputes, and immigration. Students may engage in activities such as drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, observing court proceedings, and communicating with potential clients and investigating their claims.	Lander
Civil Legal Services for Low-Income Individuals (e.g., Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance in Illinois) <a href="http://www.lsem.org/">http://www.lsem.org/</a> <a href="http://lollaf.org/">http://lollaf.org/</a>	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.	Lander
Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Chief Counsel, Midwest District – West	The focus of this placement is on employment law. Students may assist with drafting motions for summary judgment, preparing witnesses for arbitration, and reviewing reasonable accommodation issues.	Rutledge
EEOC <a href="https://www.eeoc.gov/field/stlouis/">https://www.eeoc.gov/field/stlouis/</a>	Students may assist with employment related matters at this agency.	Rutledge
IRS Office of Chief Counsel <a href="https://www.irs.gov/about-irs/office-of-chief-counsel-at-a-glance">https://www.irs.gov/about-irs/office-of-chief-counsel-at-a-glance</a>	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 outside employment that could create potential conflicts of interest.	Rutledge
m.i.c.a. Project <a href="http://www.mica-project.org/">http://www.mica-project.org/</a>	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.	Lander

Missouri Commission on Human Rights <a href="https://labor.mo.gov/MOHUMANRIGHTS">https://labor.mo.gov/MOHUMANRIGHTS</a>	Students may engage in activities such as interviewing, drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, observing proceedings, and investigating potential claims.	Lander
Missouri Office of the Attorney General <a href="https://www.ago.mo.gov/">https://www.ago.mo.gov/</a>	Students may engage in activities such as drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, and observing court proceedings.	Lander
Phillips Black (office located at SLU LAW) <a href="http://www.phillipsblack.org/">http://www.phillipsblack.org/</a>	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.	Lander
St. Louis Zoo <a href="https://www.stlzoo.org/about">https://www.stlzoo.org/about</a>	Students assist with projects related to employment law, taxation, and animal regulation.	Rutledge
St. Louis University General Counsel <a href="https://www.slu.edu/general-counsel-home">https://www.slu.edu/general-counsel-home</a>	Students assist in providing counsel, litigation management, contract drafting and review, and a wide variety of risk management advice.	Rutledge
St. Louis University Human Resources <a href="https://www.slu.edu/human-resources-home/about-us">https://www.slu.edu/human-resources-home/about-us</a>	Students assist with projects related to human resources management.	Rutledge
Voices for Children <a href="https://voices-stl.org/">https://voices-stl.org/</a>	<p>Students develop their research, organization and investigating skills and participate as part of the staff team to ensure quality representation of abused and neglected children under the jurisdiction of the court. Students work collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team to advocate for children and interacts regularly with children, co-workers, court personnel, Children's Division, and service providers. Students may appear in court under the supervision of a staff attorney to represent the best interests of children.</p> <p>Students are required to complete CASA training, which is a 16 hour training to be completed at the beginning of the semester. A Rule 13 student practice license is helpful, but it is not required.</p>	Lander