

Field Placement Guide for Students

Placement Type	Description	Faculty for Questions
Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Chief Counsel, Midwest District – West	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.	Chivetta
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 outside employment that could create potential conflicts of interest.	Chivetta
St. 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.	Chivetta
Saint Louis University General Counsel https://www.slu.edu/general-counsel-home	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.	Chivetta
St. Louis University Human Resources https://www.slu.edu/human-resources-home/about-us	Students assist with projects related to human resources management.	Chivetta
Other Corporate Counsel Placements (various in-house counsel offices at St. Louis companies)	Students assist with a variety of matters that are typically faced by in-house counsel offices (e.g., counsel, litigation management, contract drafting and review, risk management). The particular focus varies, depending on the placement.	Chivetta

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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.	McGraugh
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.	McGraugh
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.	McGraugh
Arch City Defenders (Nonprofit Criminal Defense) http://www.archcitydefenders.org/	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) 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	The primary role of state and local prosecutor offices is to prosecute violations of state and local law. 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

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US Attorney (Eastern District of Missouri and Southern District of Illinois) https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil	<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 6 or 8 credit hours of field work. In addition, students may not have concurrent outside employment.</p>	Darst
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system. Health Care Law is a prerequisite.</p>	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)	Hospital Sisters Health System is a multi-institutional health care system	Sanders

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	<p>focusing on Illinois and Wisconsin.</p> <p>Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system. Health Care Law is a prerequisite.</p>	
Mercy	<p>Mercy focuses on providing care in hospitals, physician clinics, outpatient facilities, outreach ministries, and other health and human services.</p> <p>Students have opportunities to work on health law related projects within a large health system.</p>	Sanders
SLU Office of General Counsel, Medical Campus	<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>	Sanders
<p>US Attorney (EDMO and SDIL)</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 outside employment. Health Care Law is a prerequisite. The SDIL opportunity is in Fairview Heights, Illinois.</p>	Sanders
<p>Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (Medical-Legal Partnership)</p> <p>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>	Sanders

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ACLU of Missouri Foundation https://www.aclu-mo.org/	<p>The ACLU of Missouri defends civil liberties through its litigation, legislative, and public education programs.</p> <p>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 working on specific community projects.</p>	Lander
Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM) (office located at SLU LAW) https://sfcstl.org/locations/clam/	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>	Lander
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri http://www.lsem.org/	<p>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.</p>	Lander
Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation (East St. Louis or Alton, Illinois) http://lollaf.org/	<p>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.</p>	Lander

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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.	Lander
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.	Lander
Missouri Office of the Attorney General https://www.ago.mo.gov/	<p>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.</p> <p>Students may engage in activities such as drafting legal memoranda, drafting court documents, conducting legal research, and observing court proceedings.</p>	Lander
Neighborhood Vacancy Initiative, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri 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 .	Lander
Office of the St. Charles County Counselor https://www.sccmo.org/276/County-Counselor	<p>The County Counselor's office conducts all of the civil law business for the County, its departments, divisions, offices, officers, boards and commissions. It provides legal services to the County's governing body, its officials and employees. The County Counselor's office provides legal representation for these entities during civil litigation in state and federal courts. It also prosecutes violations of County Ordinances in the County Municipal Court. Students may work on projects related to state and municipal prosecution, workers' compensation, employment law, civil litigation, and ordinance drafting.</p> <p>This placement requires a Rule 13 student practice license, an interest in government work, a drug test, and an onboarding orientation.</p>	Lander

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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.	Lander
Voices for Children https://voices-stl.org/	<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