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# LAW CLINICS & FIELD PLACEMENTS



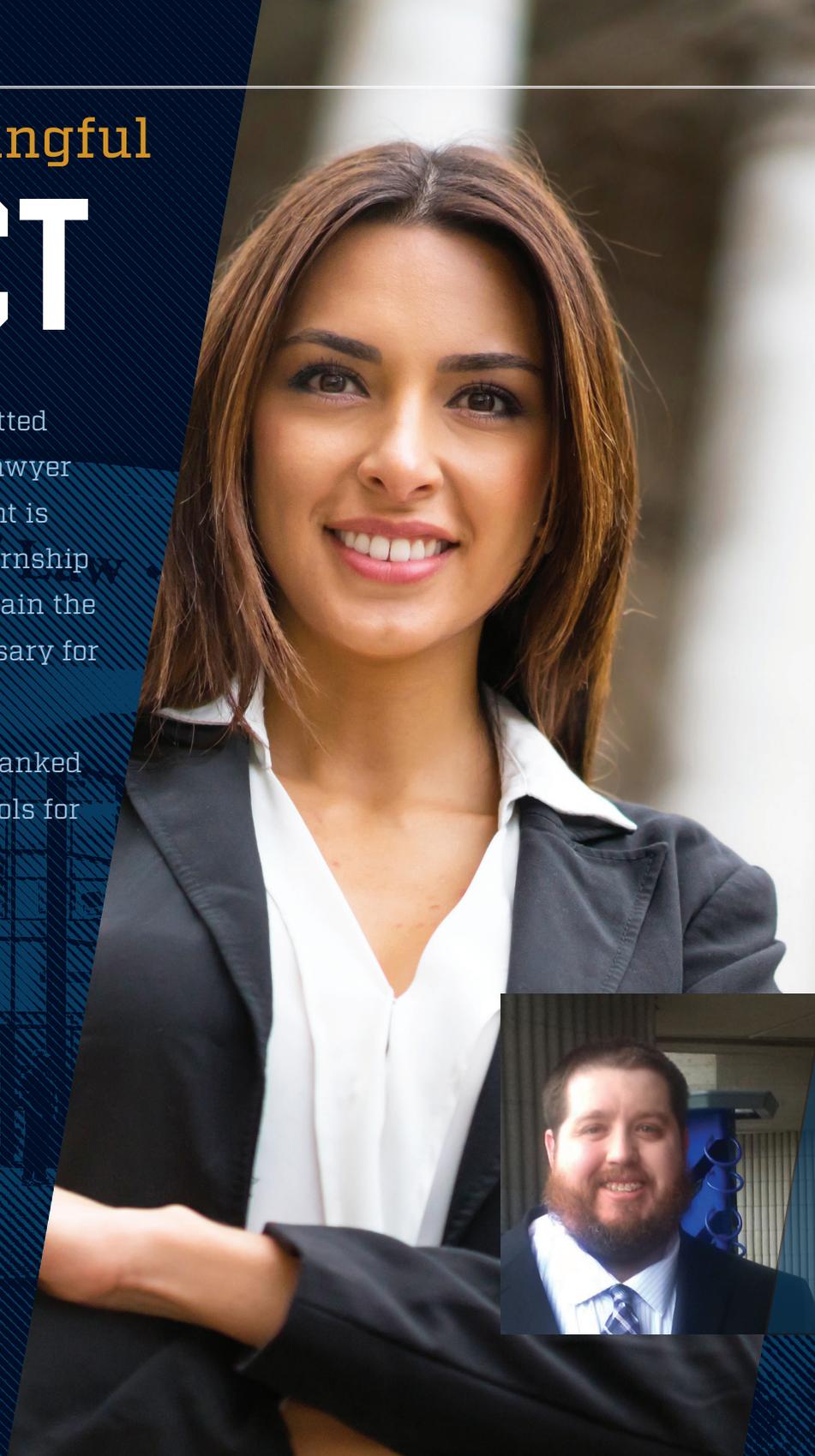
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# Make a meaningful IMPACT

At UMass Law, we're committed to helping you become the lawyer you want to be. Every student is guaranteed a clinical or internship placement, meaning you'll gain the real-world experience necessary for success after graduation.

It's no surprise that we are ranked among the top U.S. law schools for practical training.

Under the supervision of a professor or practicing lawyer or judge, you'll immerse yourself in the practice of law, building on the fundamental knowledge you learn in the classroom.



## Law Clinics

### Business/Community Development Clinic

Students in the Community Development Clinic (CDC) represent small businesses and nonprofit organizations throughout Massachusetts and engage in policy analysis on a national level. The CDC serves as an economic engine for the entire region, and its influence can be felt in the Massachusetts State House and in Washington, DC.

#### Experiential learning opportunities

- Conduct legal audits for businesses and organizations
- Draft corporate and transactional documents
- Incorporate businesses and establish nonprofits
- Prepare state and federal filings



The business clinic's experiential learning environment improved my communication, transactional drafting, and organizational skills as I guided clients to reaching their business goals. I am very proud to have provided valuable services to organizations in the community."

**Anthony Doss**

### Criminal Prosecution Clinic

Housed in the Bristol County District Attorney's Office, our Criminal Prosecution Clinic provides students with the opportunity to engage in the legal work of a prosecutor.

#### Experiential learning

- Manage arraignments and bail hearings
- Handle plea negotiations
- Draft and argue pre-trial motions
- Gain real-world courtroom experience



The hands-on experience that I gained in the courtroom was invaluable and prepared me for my current employment working for the Bristol County District Attorney's office."

**Christine Letsche**

### Human Rights at Home Clinic

This clinic represents socially marginalized clients throughout the United States. Students work with survivors of domestic violence, veterans, prisoners, children, and national, state, and community organizations.

#### Experiential learning

- Apply for civil protection orders
- Seek child custody orders
- Engage in policy analysis and advocacy
- Assist low-income taxpayers



Being a part of the Human Rights at Home Clinic has been the most rewarding part of my law school career. Nothing can compare to the hands-on experience or the opportunity to help people with basic human rights violations that happen every day."

**Nicolette DeSimone**

### Immigration Clinic

Students represent immigrants and their families, appearing and arguing motions before judges in Immigration Court and Probate and Family Court.

#### Experiential learning

- Defend against deportation
- File for family reunification
- Apply for political asylum
- Represent unaccompanied minors



The practical experience is priceless, and I know I've made a sincere difference in the lives of our clients."

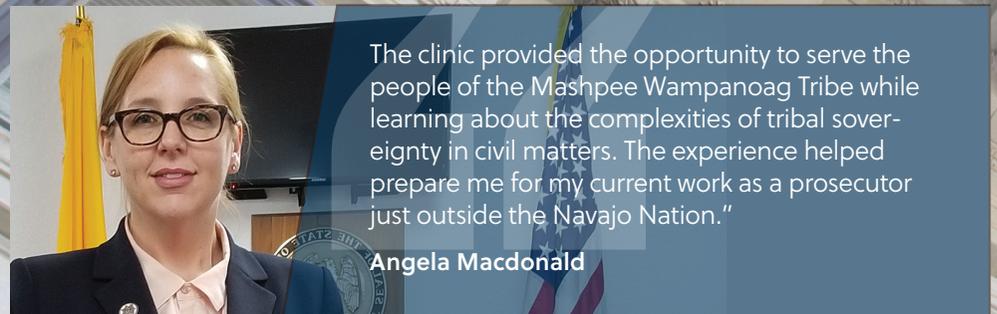
**Amy Marques**

### Mashpee Wampanoag Legal Services

The tribal law clinic is located in the Hyannis office of South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. Clients include low-income litigants in the Tribal Court and tribal members seeking legal assistance.

#### Experiential learning

- Client interviewing
- Assess causes of action
- Engage in settlement negotiations
- Represent tribe members in tribal and civil courts



The clinic provided the opportunity to serve the people of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe while learning about the complexities of tribal sovereignty in civil matters. The experience helped prepare me for my current work as a prosecutor just outside the Navajo Nation."

**Angela Macdonald**



## Field Placements

Hands-on experiences in our clinics and field placements immerse you in the practice of law with role models and mentors to learn from and observe. We are committed to fostering competent, ethical, and creative professionals who can thrive in a changing profession.

### Real-World Experience

Students in our field placement program serve as interns in judicial and legislative offices; law firms, corporations, and non-profit organizations; and district attorney and public defender offices. Field placements offer students real-world experience and the ability to network with established professionals.

### Experiential learning

- Assist with judicial opinions
- Assist in court proceedings
- Prepare regulatory filings
- Draft transactional documents



At the end of my second year, I was given the opportunity to intern at a local firm doing private litigation. They asked me to stay on and work for them after graduation."

**Julian Pinto**

Through our field placement program, UMass Law students intern with private law firms, state and federal offices, and public interest organizations across Massachusetts and throughout the country.



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## Some of our field placements include:

### Boston

- Harvard Legal Aid Bureau
- Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
- State and Federal Judicial and Legislative Offices
- Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

### SouthCoast

- Bristol County District Attorney's Office
- Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination
- South Coastal Counties Legal Services
- State Attorney General's Office

### National

- Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Florida
- National Guard JAG Office, Ft. Benning, Georgia
- Public Defender's Office, Boise, Idaho
- Supreme Court of Rhode Island

### Judicial Placements

Judicial placements are available to UMass Law students each semester.

- Assist with judicial opinions
- Conduct research
- Observe a judge in chambers and court



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