Right to Counsel: What Michigan Law Schools Are Doing

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Michigan Law Schools

- Michigan State University
- Thomas Cooley (4 campuses)
- University of Detroit-Mercy
- University of Michigan
- Wayne State University

Clinics and Externships

- All five Michigan law schools provide opportunities for students to earn credit through clinics and externships.
- Clinics: Students work for real clients, receive most of their instruction and supervision from faculty members.
- Externships: Students work for real clients, receive most of their instruction and supervision from community-based practitioners.

Clinics at Wayne State

- Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic
- Business & Community Law Clinic
- Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Clinic
- Criminal Appellate Practice
- Free Legal Aid Clinic
- Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer
- Patent Procurement Clinic
- Practicum in Dispute Resolution
- Transnational Environmental Law Clinic

Wayne Clinics That Address Fundamental Rights or Basic Human Needs

- Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic
- Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Clinic
- Criminal Appellate Practice
- Free Legal Aid Clinic
- Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer

Clinics at Other Law Schools That Address Fundamental Rights or Basic Human Needs

- Asylum/Immigration (MSU, UDM, UM)
- Child Welfare (MSU, UDM, UM)
- Civil Rights (MSU, UM)
- Criminal (MSU,TC, UDM, UM)
- Family Law/DV (TC)
- Housing (MSU, UDM, UM)
- Public Benefits (TC, UDM, UM)

Wayne State's Professional Skills & Experiential Learning Requirements

All students must successfully complete at least six credits of curricular offerings that provide substantial instruction in professional skills beyond traditional legal research, writing, and analysis.

At least three of those credits must be earned through a clinic or externships.