

CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES

We recognize the importance of providing students with opportunities to put their education and faith into action. The Trinity Legal Clinics offer students a unique opportunity to apply their classroom education to helping actual clients before they have completed law school. Each clinic is supervised by an attorney faculty member and is designed to immerse students in the world of law practice while providing much needed service to the community. Practicing law under the guidance of an experienced attorney in a service setting not only equips students with practical skills, but also instills a life-long commitment to serving others. Participation in the clinical programs is reserved for students in the Juris Doctor degree program only.

Regional Opportunities

Trinity Law School has long and valued relationships with the Pacific Justice Institute and the Orange County Rescue Mission. Additionally, Trinity runs a public bankruptcy clinic and a mediation clinic where students have the opportunity to gain skills in alternative dispute resolution and become certified court mediators prior to completing law school. Trinity is proud to offer these legal clinics and is excited about the opportunities they provide for students.

Pacific Justice Institute

The Pacific Justice Institute (PJI) is a nonprofit legal defense organization that specializes in defending religious freedom. The law school hosts one of PJI's Southern California offices on our campus. Trinity Law School students have the rare opportunity to participate in cutting edge constitutional law litigation by serving as interns for PJI. The students are able to support ongoing cases that address some of the most significant issues in religious liberty today.

Orange County Rescue Mission

The law school operates a legal clinic at the Orange County Rescue Mission where students provide legal services for the residents under the supervision of a licensed attorney. The law school also operates the Mobile Legal Clinic in partnership with the Orange County Rescue Mission. The Mobile Legal Clinic serves the transient community of Orange County. Through these clinical programs, students address many of the biggest legal issues faced by the homeless. The programs include classroom instruction on the provision of legal services, as well as hands-on training on client interviews, assessing legal needs, and providing answers to difficult legal issues.

Mediation Clinic

The Trinity Law School Mediation Clinic operates in conjunction with the Orange County Superior Court and Waymakers Orange County, a nonprofit organization that assists in resolving family and community conflicts. Students receive hands-on experience providing mediation services in the courts and in private settings. The clinic equips students interested in entering the field of alternative dispute resolution or those desiring to incorporate peacemaking principles and skills into their legal practice.

International Opportunities

The Center for Human Rights

The Center for Human Rights is a premier research and educational facility for the promotion and protection of international human rights and religious freedom. The Center provides research and educational

facilities, classroom instruction in human rights, and opportunities for students to participate in international human rights conferences and educational seminars around the world. The Center has access to the law school's robust and growing collection of human rights books, periodicals, and international documents.

European Summer Study Program

A special benefit of study at Trinity Law School is the opportunity to participate in the International Human Rights Institute, the Programme Européen d' Été Études des Droits d' Homme in Strasbourg, France.

The Institute was founded in 1969 to teach lawyers, judges, law professors, students and government officials the importance of international human rights. Students learn how countries address some of the world's greatest human rights abuses such as religious persecution, racial discrimination, human trafficking, slavery, torture, and genocide.

Each summer, this program gathers more than 400 students from 100 countries to teach and study international human rights. Program participants spend the month of July studying current human rights issues. Law students may earn 4 to 6 units of credit upon completion. Students may attend the program a second time at the discretion of the Director; however, priority is given to first-time attendees.

Other Opportunities

Trinity law students also have the opportunity to participate in other clinical programs, internships, clerkships, and fellowships. During their legal education, our students have worked for judges, lawyers, government agencies, legislators, Christian legal organizations, corporations and nonprofits. Trinity encourages this type of experience and works with students to help them find opportunities that best serve their interests.