

"The dedicated students in this program have researched cutting-edge issues in the area of employment discrimination, including employers' misuse of credit scores and criminal history information. We have relied on the students' work to challenge these practices and advocate for sound personnel policies. Indeed, one federal agency is exploring policy guidance to address the issues highlighted by the students."

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At Northeastern University School of Law, all first-year students participate in a one-of-a-kind, hands-on lawyering program. As part of small "law offices," students undertake extensive legal research projects for community-based or public service organizations. Students learn to work in teams and on deadline, while developing skills in legal research, writing and client representation. Students benefit from analyzing law's relationship to its multiple social contexts while also preparing for Northeastern's premier Cooperative Legal Education Program. Everyone benefits from the Northeastern advantage: students are better prepared for legal practice and community organizations gain legal assistance they could not otherwise afford.

## Recent Projects Include:

**Broadmoor Improvement Association**

*Conduct research and interview New Orleans residents to ascertain shortcomings of the Road Home Program (developed to assist inhabitants of the city return to their homes); devise innovative approaches for improvements.*

**Greater Boston Legal Services, Elder Unit**

*Address court-ordered/statutory remedies for elders abused by debt collection agencies.*

**National Center for Lesbian Rights**

*Identify legal steps available in several states that can be used by same-sex couples to protect their families.*

**National Center on Homelessness and Poverty**

*Comparison of US policies with those in the EU. Identify model laws and policies that could be used to oppose criminalization measures and promote constructive alternative approaches.*

**South Brooklyn Legal Services**

*Analyze potential for using New York City's Zoning Resolution to protect low-income and racially diverse communities.*

**Victim Rights Law Center**

*Create national manual to assist attorneys representing minor victims of sexual assault.*

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