BE READY
TO HEAL THE SYSTEM

Health Law

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
School of Law
“After studying biology in undergrad, I found the health law electives at CWRU were the best, bar none. Even as a first-year student, I took Bioethics and Law.”

Carly Koza ’21

CWRU’s health law program complemented Carly Koza’s advocacy for Alzheimer’s research. Candid conversations with the school’s faculty intrigued her from her first visit to campus. “Professors are very open and willing to meet. And students are very collaborative,” she says. With help from the Career Development Office, she spent her 1L summer interning with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and with a Pittsburgh health law firm. A talented musician, she performed in “Razing the Bar,” our faculty–student rock band. Carly is now an Associate at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney in Pittsburgh.
The challenges that will face the medical and health law professions in the coming decades are enormous — and exciting. Our Law-Medicine Center has defined health law since its founding in 1953. From corporate practice to bioethics, from malpractice rules to government regulation, our health law curriculum offers a deep dive into the key issues with the leading scholars in the field.

We share a campus — and debate ideas — with the best medical researchers in the world. Our emphasis on healthcare access puts students in the forefront of casework in human trafficking, LGBTQ+ rights, mental illness, and refugee issues.

Comprehensive Curriculum

Nearly two dozen courses, from Hospital Risk Management to Reproductive Rights, provide grounding for working in corporate, government, or advocacy settings. Among our most popular offerings:

- Bioethics and Law
- Disability Law
- Elder Law
- Food, Drug, and Biotech Law
- Genetics and Law
- Healthcare Controversies
- Healthcare Finance and Regulation
- Health Law
- HIPAA Privacy & Security
- Hospital Risk Management
- Nonprofit Organization Law
- Psychiatry and Law
- Reproductive Rights

Health Law Clinic: Protecting the Vulnerable

Clients in the clinic include human trafficking victims, members of the LGBTQ+ community, those struggling with mental health or addiction, children with serious illnesses, and refugees, to name just a few. As first chair, you’re responsible for these pro bono cases, and work with advocates, hospitals, and community coalitions on their behalf.

On any given day in the Health Law Clinic, you may:
- Represent children and adults in disability claims, guardianships, and access to healthcare and special education
- Concentrate on disability law-related issues in administrative and court proceedings
- Interview clients and lay witnesses
- Work with medical professionals to collect and develop evidence
- Write pre-hearing briefs on behalf of clients
- Prepare clients for hearings
- Prepare and perform direct and cross-examinations of medical and vocational experts

Dual Degrees and a Doctorate

CWRU offers a Doctor of Juridical Science degree, the most advanced credential in the field, and dual degrees that enhance your health law studies:

- JD/MS (Biochemistry)
- JD/MA (Bioethics)
- JD/MM (Compliance and Risk Management)
- JD/MM (Medicine)
- JD/MM (Public Health)

It’s no surprise that we are perennially ranked among the top programs in the nation. As a partner with CWRU’s world-renowned School of Medicine, University Hospitals, and Cleveland Clinic, we offer unprecedented opportunities to play central roles in some of the fastest-growing legal fields.

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In the spotlight

Maxwell Mehlman, Professor and Law-Medicine Center Director, and Sharona Hoffman, Professor and Co-Director, are among the nation’s most prominent health law scholars.

Founded in 1953, the Law-Medicine Center is the oldest law school-based center for the study of legal medicine and health law in the United States.

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We rank 10th in the nation for practical training. (preLaw magazine)

CWRU Moot Court and Mock Trial teams ranked 8th best in the nation in competition success.

Ten law clinics and 100+ externships provide every 3L student with a capstone.

The Great Lakes are Cleveland’s front yard, and that energy flows through a diverse and welcoming metro area with friendly, affordable neighborhoods, downtown glam, live music, and three professional sports teams: the Cavs, Browns, and Guardians. Superb public transit, including a rail link to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, makes the area easy to explore.

Intrigued? Learn more about us at case.edu/law. Or contact lawadmissions@case.edu.

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