




Public Interest Law

# BE READY TO PROTECT THE POWERLESS



CASE WESTERN RESERVE  
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A portrait of Russell Hauser, a young Black man with short dark hair, smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a dark blue blazer over a light blue button-down shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a brick wall.

"There were so many practical training opportunities available at the law school. As a student, I held internship positions with the Law Clinic, Legal Aid and the Federal Public Defender's Office and worked as a law clerk with the City of Beachwood. My experiences with different government and nonprofit organizations have each proven invaluable in my career."

**Russell Hauser '21**

Before starting law school as a Stephanie Tubbs Jones Public Interest Scholar, Russell worked as a paralegal with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. He returned to Legal Aid as a staff attorney after graduation and his current position primarily involves representing students in school discipline and special education cases. Having taken advantage of CWRU Law's courses offering in Immigration Law, Health Law, Family Law and Education Law, his time at the law school greatly prepared him for this work. Russell was also active in several student groups, including serving as the Secretary for the Black Law Students Association and as a member of the Student Public Interest Law Fellowship (SPILF).



At Case Western Reserve University School of Law we put social justice at the heart of our mission. We work to improve the local bail bond system, reform municipal policing, prosecute international war crimes, research Innocence Project cases, address human trafficking, and work to remedy the lead contamination crisis in our city and the nation.

We raise our voices for social justice. In our Criminal Justice Clinic, students prepare and argue all pre-trial matters. We assist clients with naturalization and citizenship applications in our Immigration Clinic. The Ohio Attorney General's office supports the work of our Human Trafficking Clinic, which includes representation, advocacy, immigration status, and employment.

#### Dual Degrees

Earn two graduate degrees in just four years. Credit-sharing between the School of Law and the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences allows you to earn your JD and MNO (Master of Nonprofit Organizations) or MSW (Master of Social Work) simultaneously.

#### Stipends for Externships

The Social Justice Law Center provides stipends for summer and semester-long public interest law internships and externships. It also supports research projects for our Stephanie Tubbs Jones Scholars — talented students in each class recognized for their interest in public interest law. The Student Public Interest Law Fellowship (SPILF) also supports students interested in public interest law careers. Through an annual auction and other events, SPILF raises money to provide annual grants to law students who accept summer internships with public interest employers.

#### Street Law

Street Law student volunteers lead an innovative teaching program in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's juvenile detention center for youth ages 14 through 17. Lessons aim to help them understand relevant legal topics, such as discrimination, crime, and domestic law.

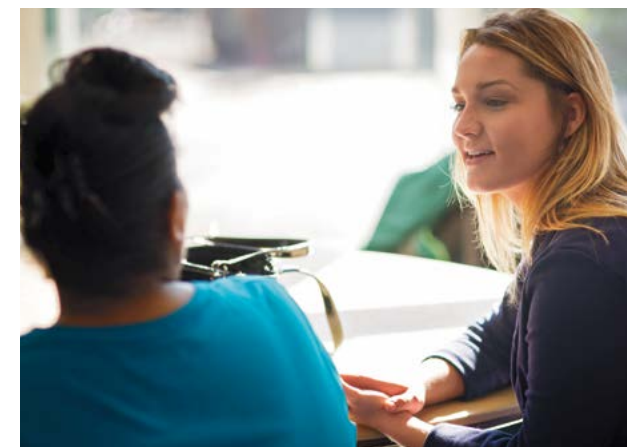
#### Loan Repayment

CWRU JD graduates who use their legal training to provide services in the public interest are eligible for a Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) grant to help cover student loan payments for up to eight years of eligibility. Our LRAP program has provided loan repayment assistance to alumni since its inception over 25 years ago.



#### Externships

- > Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services, Cleveland, Ohio
- > Habeas Corpus Resource Center, San Francisco, California
- > NAACP, Cleveland, Ohio
- > Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C. and New York, New York
- > Texas Innocence Project, Fort Worth, Texas
- > Equality Ohio, Columbus, Ohio
- > Disability Rights Maine, Augusta, Maine
- > Pulitzer Center, Washington, D.C.



#### Working for Social Justice

Our courses prepare you for real-life challenges. Some examples:

- > Death Penalty Lab
- > Human Trafficking Clinic
- > Immigration Law
- > LGBTQ+ Legal Issues
- > Prisoner Rights and Litigation
- > Race, Law & Society
- > Second Chance Reentry Clinic
- > War and Morality
- > War on Drugs
- > Wrongful Convictions

Top  
10

Named among the top ten schools that offer the most scholarship support by *U.S. News & World Report*.

# BE READY TO COUNT YOURSELF IN



# ONE AMAZING CITY

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.

“**A**”

ranking in 12 specialties

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

**100+**

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

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

**90%**

of graduates employed or pursuing graduate degree within 10 months  
(Class of 2022)

**30th**

for faculty scholarly impact  
(Heald and Sichelman Study)

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