director's message:

"Clinical education is one of the cornerstones of the University of Baltimore School of Law. The breadth of our clinical program is truly astonishing, enabling students to gain experience in legal matters ranging from housing to child custody to criminal appeals to incorporating nonprofit organizations. Our outstanding faculty and staff guide students through their first experiences of lawyering, giving them the foundation that they need to enter the legal profession as confident, competent and community-minded attorneys. There is no better preparation for the practice of law than participation in UB's clinical program."

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Professor of law and director of clinical education

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"Our law school's clinical programs offer students hands-on legal experience in a wide range of practice areas under the close supervision of expert faculty. Clinical education is a key element of our curriculum and a great asset to graduates in the current legal marketplace. Our students develop real-world lawyering skills while they significantly improve the lives and communities of those they serve."

— Ronald Weich
Dean of the University of Baltimore School of Law

FACULTY
The voice of experience

Once you are enrolled in a clinic at the University of Baltimore School of Law, you’ll learn how to practice client-centered counseling under the close watch of top-notch clinical faculty. These faculty members will serve as your advisers, as your counselors and often as your friends for the duration of your clinical experience — and beyond.

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Once you have completed 30 hours of law school coursework, including certain prerequisites, you are eligible to apply for a clinic placement. Placements are determined by a lottery.

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Community Development Clinic

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Disability Law Clinic

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Family Law Clinic

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Immigrant Rights Clinic

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Mediation Clinic for Families

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Innocence Project Clinic

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