

# PRACTICE MAKES PREPARED



DREXEL UNIVERSITY  
Thomas R. Kline  
School of Law

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*\*Kline is an immersive and innovative law school experience in the heart of Philadelphia. Through deep exposure to legal doctrine and real-world practice, you'll be prepared to advocate for clients and advance justice in Philly and around the world.*

**A**t the Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, we believe that *practice* — immersive, real-world, hands-on legal practice — is the best preparation.

The Kline School of Law is young, yet we have quickly gained recognition as one of the nation's top law schools, ranked #30 for employment outcomes by *The National Law Journal* and #46 overall by *Above the Law. U.S. News* ranks our Trial Advocacy, Health Law and Legal Writing programs among the nation's best.

The Kline Co-op Program is a game-changer — choose from 200 co-op externship sites across Philadelphia and around the world, representing every field of law. Work on real cases, advocate for real clients, make a real difference. Through our pioneering Trial Advocacy and Clinical Programs, you'll experience what it's like to prepare and argue a full case from pretrial to appeals. If you're interested in the deal-making side of legal practice, you will gain unsurpassed experience in transactional law.

At the Kline School of Law, you will connect with extraordinary faculty and engage with a singular American city. And you will join the ranks of *passionate* and *prepared* Kline alumni making a real impact across Philadelphia and the world.

**Kline is a new type of law school for a new school of lawyers.** Kline attracts ambitious and engaged law students looking for a high-caliber academic experience grounded in real-world practice. With Kline's innovative co-ops, clinics and pro bono program, you will represent real clients and argue real cases. Through it all, your professors will be your allies, forging connections between groundbreaking legal ideas and career-building experience.



# The Drexel Difference

It starts with our immersive legal education and extends to our famously engaged faculty and bull's-eye location in dynamic Philadelphia.

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## **Intensive Real-World Experience**

Kline is an immersive legal education. Dive into a full-time co-op, fight for pro bono clients and hone your courtroom skills in our innovative trial advocacy and transactional law programs. You will graduate with the first-hand experience and confidence to represent clients in court and at the negotiating table.

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## **Passionate and Principled Students**

Kline students are in this together. Their backgrounds are different, but they approach the study of law with the same focused integrity. Hard-working, collaborative and compassionate, Kline students see no disconnect between pursuing their career goals and advancing justice.

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## **Acclaimed and Connected Faculty**

Through small classes and a tight-knit community, you'll know your professors and they'll know you. Kline faculty are renowned scholars and undaunted advocates for their students, leveraging strong connections across the legal profession to create exciting opportunities to research, serve and succeed.

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## **Nimble and Responsive Innovation**

The law never stands still, and neither does Kline. Inventive and adaptive, the Kline School of Law is quick to respond to the fast-changing legal landscape. There is an entrepreneurial and innovative spirit here that you won't find at more traditional schools.

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## **Small Community, Big City**

Because we're a small, tight-knit school, you'll forge close relationships with your professors and peers. At the same time, our campus is in the heart of Philadelphia, one of the most dynamic and diverse legal communities in the world. There's no better place to get your start.

Get ready for a **life-changing learning experience**. Kline degree programs represent the full breadth of legal practice in the U.S. and around the world. Choose the Kline program that **feeds your passion** and matches your professional goals. Kline degree programs offer everything you'd expect from an **innovative and ambitious** law school. At their core are rigorous and engaging courses **taught by acclaimed faculty**. But what really sets Kline apart are the myriad ways you'll add marketable skills to your resumé before your first job interview. You'll build networks with experienced lawyers and judges and be eligible for funding to travel to conferences. This is a legal **education that works**.

## Optional Concentrations



Business and  
Entrepreneurship Law



Health Law



Criminal Law



Intellectual  
Property Law

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## 3-Year JD

Our traditional 3-Year JD is anything but traditional, offering unparalleled hands-on learning experiences through co-ops, clinics, and pro bono work, plus opportunities for in-depth concentrations and joint degrees.

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## Fast Forward: the 2-Year JD

Earn your Kline JD in just two years. This accelerated JD delivers the same immersive Kline experience — co-ops, clinics, trial advocacy, and more — at a faster pace. Save time and money, and get a head start on your career.

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## Joint Degree Programs

Double-down on Drexel University by combining your JD with a second professional degree in psychology, business, public health, public policy, or library and information science. Accelerated schedules let you earn the degrees in less time and with lower tuition costs.

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## Global Access JD

Exclusively for international applicants who earned a Bachelor of Law degree outside the U.S., this JD fully prepares Kline graduates for the complexity and intensity of American legal practice in as little as two years.

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## LLM in American Legal Practice

This one-year degree distills the best of the Kline experience — including opportunities to complete a 15-week co-op externship in Philadelphia — for international students seeking an American law degree with global respect.

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## Master of Legal Studies

Expand your legal knowledge and qualify for exciting careers with a Master of Legal Studies. Available fully online, the MLS includes concentrations in criminal law, entrepreneurship and law, and compliance in cybersecurity and information privacy, health care, human resources, financial regulations, higher education and NCAA and sports law.

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# Kline Faculty

Meet your mentors. Kline professors are so much more than the sum of their resumés — renowned scholars, veteran practitioners and pioneering legal thinkers. Most importantly, they are passionate advocates for your success. When graduates are asked to identify what makes Kline exceptional, it's always the accessibility and personal engagement of our incredible faculty. Compelled by their examples and guided by their expert advice, you will embark on a life-changing law school experience and a rewarding career.

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## Rachel López

A tireless advocate for human rights and government accountability as well as a Fulbright Scholar, Professor López brings powerful firsthand experience to her role as director of the Community Lawyering Clinic. Through her work, López has represented victims of state sanctioned massacres in Haiti and challenged the NSA's warrantless surveillance of American citizens.



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## Donald Tibbs

With his deep expertise and personal conviction surrounding issues of race, law, civil rights, and criminal procedure, Professor Tibbs is a prodigious scholar and a beloved teacher. In 2015, he co-edited *Hip Hop and the Law*, a collection of essays based on his revelatory course and lecture series first developed in 2012.

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## Robert Field

A nationally recognized expert in health care regulation, Professor Field holds a joint appointment at Drexel's Dornsife School of Public Health. His recent scholarship explores the effects of health care reform and ethical issues surrounding vaccination and genetic databases. *Mother of Invention: How the Government Created 'Free-Market' Health Care* was published in 2013.







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### David Cohen

A scholar of gender and the law, and a committed public interest attorney, Professor Cohen continues to work with Philadelphia's Women's Law Project while he teaches and mentors Kline students. His eye-opening 2015 book *Living in the Crosshairs: The Untold Story of Anti-Abortion Terrorism*, was co-authored with Krysten Connon '12.

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### Gwen Roseman Stern

An experienced malpractice and product liability attorney and a recognized leader in trial advocacy, Professor Stern directs Kline's innovative Trial Advocacy Program. She also directs the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, which teaches high-school students the power of trial advocacy and their rights under the Constitution.



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### Karl Okamoto

A seasoned corporate attorney and entrepreneur, Professor Okamoto is also a pioneering scholar and educator in contemporary corporate law and finance. He created and launched the *LawMeets*® and *IP LawMeet*® competitions, the premier "moot court" experiences for students interested in a transactional practice.



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### Deborah Gordon

An accomplished trusts and estates lawyer, Professor Gordon is among the most widely recognized scholars in this legal arena. The author of numerous law review articles in journals from Yale, William & Mary, the University of Kansas and Seattle University, she is also an award-winning classroom teacher.



Our co-op and clinic programs allow students to see how concepts they've mastered in the classroom translate into legal practice.

Co-op placement:  
**BakerHostetler**



Chris Ricciuti

- + handled **two patent applications** start to finish
- + immediately gained valuable **experience with litigation**

“In class, it seems like solutions to a problem are crystal clear. But outside the classroom, things aren't. You gain a powerful sense of how that works in legal practice and what to do when the law is not in your favor.”

Clinic placement:  
**Criminal Litigation  
Field Clinic**



Joe McPeak

- + **negotiated plea deals** with the District Attorney's Office
- + **represented** criminal defendants at trial

“At first, my client didn't want to fight the charge. But I convinced him we had a strong case. He said ‘I'm gonna roll with you.’ And then we won.”

Co-op placement:  
**Comcast**



Brianna Wheeland

- + produced drafts and revisions to **licensing agreements, real estate contracts and international trade terms**
- + **observed pitch** by a law firm seeking to represent the company as patent counsel

“Comcast is a huge company, and I had a chance to work on a wide variety of projects during the company's merger with NBC. It really drove home the importance of communicating clearly and professionally.”

# From Collaborators to Co-Authors

At Kline, you never know where a single conversation might lead.

**“I am constantly inspired by Professor Cohen's wealth of knowledge and his kindness. I'm grateful for all of his guidance and mentorship”**

-Krysten Connon



For '12 alumna Krysten Connon, a simple interview with a Pennsylvania abortion provider blossomed into a full-blown research collaboration leading to a book co-authored with Professor David S. Cohen and published by *Oxford University Press*. Together, the lauded constitutional law professor and his ambitious student chronicled nationwide campaigns of terror waged against abortion doctors and clinic staff in their widely acclaimed *Living in the Crosshairs: The Untold Story of Anti-Abortion Terrorism*, named one of the Top 10 feminist books of 2015 by *Ms. Magazine* and featured in dozens of national media outlets, including *Rolling Stone* and NPR's Fresh Air.

A former staff attorney with the Women's Law Project in Philadelphia, Cohen recruited Connon and other students to help him with a pro bono case involving a women's health clinic. During a conversation with the clinic director, Connon learned about shocking but commonplace threats and real physical violence suffered by clinic employees.

“When Krysten met this woman and heard her story, it was really the jumping-off point for this book,” says Cohen. “To think that in the United States in the 21st century, someone engaged in a lawful profession has to wear a bulletproof vest out of fear for her life?”

To research and write the book, Cohen and Connon interviewed more than 90 clinic doctors, staff and volunteers across the country, many of whom face death threats, stalking and worse. Their book outlines legal reforms that would protect providers from violent extremists.

Nationally known law firm Pepper Hamilton LLP provided support to Cohen and his students in a key case. Today, Connon is an attorney with Pepper Hamilton practicing commercial litigation.

# The Kline Experience

The best way to learn the law is to live it. A Kline education will give you experience in professional practice and the very kind of know-how that employers want.

## Co-ops

A Kline co-op offers so much more than a traditional externship. Pick a focus area and we'll match you with one of our co-op partners in Philadelphia or cities from Washington, D.C. to New York, San Diego or Tokyo. Earn academic credit while you work as a part-time or full-time team member in private practices, non-profits, corporate law offices, government agencies and more. A good match provides great on-the-job experience and invaluable professional contacts.

## Clinics

Represent real clients and fight for the rights of diverse community members through Kline's five legal clinics. Clinic students represent startup owners and argue cases in family court, immigration court and even the U.S. Courts of Appeals. Experience the thrill and satisfaction standing up for justice in Philadelphia.

## Pro Bono

Kline students routinely exceed the 50-hour pro bono requirement for graduation, a symbol of our deeply held commitment to closing the gap to legal access in the community. Pro bono opportunities abound, from assisting domestic violence victims to counseling local small businesses on tax and legal issues.

## Trial Advocacy

When you step into a courtroom as a practitioner, it will not be your first time serving as an advocate. From pre-trial to closing arguments, the two-semester Trial Advocacy Program immerses you in every step of effective litigation. Our Trial Team and Moot Court Board offer opportunities to demonstrate your advocacy skills in front of veteran judges and lawyers. Our students translate this superb classroom training into success that has helped make Kline one of the nation's top-ranked Trial Advocacy programs.

**“For someone who learns better by doing, Kline is a perfect fit. I worked with staff attorneys in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. This gave me substantive knowledge of securities law and introduced me to attorneys who I still keep in touch with today”**

Ernie Holtzheimer, '16, Associate at Montgomery McCracken

*While each Kline journey is unique, all are packed with opportunities to gain real world experience.*



Dan Mita '16

# the accelerator



- 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
Summer 2014  
Core Courses
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
Fall 2014  
Core Courses
- Co-Curricular:  
Student Bar Association
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester  
Spring 2015  
Electives: i.e.  
Real Estate Transactions,  
Federal Income Tax
- Co-Curricular:  
Dean's Scholar
- 4<sup>th</sup> Semester  
Summer 2015  
Co-op at Duane  
Morris Law Firm
- Co-Curricular:  
Dean's Scholar
- 5<sup>th</sup> Semester  
Fall 2015  
Electives: i.e.  
Private Equity Law
- ABA Negotiation  
Competition
- 6<sup>th</sup> Semester  
Spring 2016  
Electives: i.e.  
Bankruptcy, Land Use



# 60

plus hours of  
pro-bono service



Completed

# 400

co-op hours and  
10 credit hours

Dan chose Kline's 2-Year Accelerated JD, a faster path to a Drexel law degree.

Dan is now an associate at Duane Morris LLP.

Emily Derstine Friesen '16  
**the fighter**



**1<sup>st</sup> Semester**  
**Fall 2013**  
 Core Courses

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**  
**Spring 2014**  
 Core courses & Pro Bono Service

**Summer 2014**  
 Fellowship with the Friends  
 of Farmworkers

**3<sup>rd</sup> Semester**  
**Fall 2014**  
 Courses: Administrative Law; Sex,  
 Gender and the Law; Immigration  
 Law; First Amendment

Co-Curricular:  
 Drexel Law Review,  
 Dean's Scholar

**4<sup>th</sup> Semester**  
**Spring 2015**  
 Courses: Criminal Procedure,  
 Appellate Advocacy, Evidence,  
 Professional Responsibility and  
 Pro Bono Service

Co-Curricular:  
 Drexel Law Review

**Summer 2015**  
 Console Law Office Law Clerk

**5<sup>th</sup> Semester**  
**Fall 2015**  
 Courses: Employment Discrimination,  
 Property and Appellate Litigation  
 Clinic, Faculty Research Assistant

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Co-Curricular:  
 Drexel Law Review

**6<sup>th</sup> Semester**  
**Spring 2016**  
 Course: Federal Courts and  
 Appellate Litigation Clinic



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**issues of Drexel Law  
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**500**

**hours of experience through  
 the Appellate Litigation Clinic  
 and pro bono service**

Through the Appellate Litigation Clinic,  
 Emily sought to overturn a first-degree murder  
 conviction in the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Emily is now an attorney at  
 Console Mattiacci Law.

Shaina Hicks '16  
**the litigator**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
Fall 2013  
Core courses
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
Spring 2014  
Core courses
- Summer 2014  
Ballard Spahr Summer Associate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester  
Fall 2014  
Courses: Business Organizations,  
Federal Income Tax, Professional  
Responsibility Pro Bono Service
- Co-Curricular:  
Drexel Law Review
- 4<sup>th</sup> Semester  
Spring 2015  
Courses: Pretrial Advocacy,  
Introduction to Trial Advocacy,  
Evidence, Employment Law
- Co-Curricular:  
Drexel Law Review,  
Dean's Scholar
- 5<sup>th</sup> Semester  
Fall 2015  
Community Lawyering Clinic
- Co-curricular:  
Drexel Law Review
- 6<sup>th</sup> Semester  
Spring 2016  
Community Lawyering Clinic
- Co-curricular:  
Drexel Law Review



**Completed**

# 560

**hours at Community  
Lawyering Clinic**



# 60

**plus hours of  
pro-bono service**

Shaina clocked 560 hours at the Community Lawyering Clinic conducting workplace rights training for community members and even litigating an employment discrimination case.

Shaina is now an associate at Ballard Spahr.

# Why We Love Philly

Philly's University City is a world-class neighborhood of students and scholars, dominated by Drexel University and the University of Philadelphia and located a short walk from 30th Street Station.

Philadelphia has been named one of America's hottest cities by *Business Insider*, a "startup hub" by Technet and the #2 Best Place to Vacation in the country by *U.S. News*.



## Eat Philly

You'll find Indian and Ethiopian delicacies, a dim sum brunch or a Brazilian churrasceria nearby, thanks to the wide range of nationalities and ethnic groups that call Philadelphia home. A diverse fleet of food trucks visits the campus daily, bringing gourmet treats – as well as the city's legendary cheesesteaks – within footsteps of the law school.

## Explore Philly

Philadelphia is steeped in fascinating history and it all starts at Independence Hall National Park, birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, and home of the iconic Liberty Bell. Then there are can't-miss museums like the flagship Philadelphia Museum of Art or the oddly wonderful Mutter Museum. On the weekends, there's live theater, live music, stirring dance, and boundary-pushing art — Philly will keep you busy.

## Engage with Philly

Kline students aren't tourists. You will quickly feel at home in Philadelphia, a citizen of this hard-working and ambitious American city. You'll volunteer with neighborhood organizations, mentor local high-school students, and cheer (or boo) with Philly's diehard sports fans. Through it all, you will become an active and engaged member of the legal community at large, making lifelong contacts and laying the foundation for a terrific career.



# Together, Let's Plan your Future

Law school is just the start. As a Kline student, you'll get one-on-one counseling to guide you every step of the way and identify your strengths, interests and values. Our Career Strategies Office helps every Kline student develop a detailed and personalized plan for achieving their short-term and long-term career goals. *It's no wonder [The National Law Journal](#) ranked us #30 in the U.S. for job placements.*

## Mentoring and Networking

People are the greatest resource, and Kline has established strong mentoring and networking programs with attorneys, firms, government agencies, non-profits, and more. Meet face-to-face with established professionals representing every facet of the legal community. Learn about the real work of lawyers and find out exactly what it takes — which specific co-ops and clinics and coursework — to launch your career.



## Workshops and Training

The Career Strategies Office sponsors ongoing workshops on career options and the best way to position yourself for the legal job market. We also know that the best preparation is practice, so we organize mock interview sessions and interactive interview training to ensure that the first impression you make is a positive one.



## Recruiting and Job Fairs

Reflecting strong relationships we've developed with hiring managers from Philadelphia's top firms, government agencies, and public interest organizations, Kline students receive offers for summer positions and full-time jobs. We sponsor and promote many local and regional job fairs, including events that serve Black, Latino or LGBTQ students, or targeting specific fields like public interest law or intellectual property law.



# Join the Kline Community

This is a welcoming community for diverse students with different sexual and gender orientation, from different racial and ethnic backgrounds, from different parts of the country and world, and from different socioeconomic backgrounds.

## Open Doors

At Kline, faculty and administrative office doors are open, and the faculty and staff go out of their way to address students' individual needs and concerns, whether they are academic, professional, financial or personal.

## Academic Support

You'll get guidance, starting on the first day of orientation. In your first year, the Dean's Scholars Program will allow you to learn from upper-level students who've already mastered the material. Our Academic Skills Program and our faculty writing specialist will provide workshops, study tips and personalized support year-round, while our bar strategies course and faculty advisors will help you prepare for the bar exam.

## Events and Activities

Dozens of student organizations from the American Constitution Society to the Black Law Students Association, the Women's Law Society, the Health Law Society and Business Law Students Organization keep the calendar filled with events that bring leading lawyers and jurists to campus. The *Drexel Law Review*, Trial Team and Moot Court Board all give students a chance to hone their skills. The Student Bar Association organizes a variety of social and professional events where you'll meet other students and alumni.

## Visit the Kline School of Law

You'll feel the enthusiasm and collaborative spirit when you walk in the door! Apply early, since we limit the size of our classes so that we can promise a high-quality, life-changing educational experience.

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**“Every professor was dedicated to ensuring my success. Each semester I felt like teachers and students were really *in it* together. My professors went above and beyond to make sure I understood the material and was confident making strong legal arguments.”**

- Katrina Mavroudis, '16, Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia

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# 200

co-op sites representing the full breadth of legal experience: small and large law firms, public interest groups, government agencies, judicial offices, and corporations



Has one of the highest rates for students receiving financial aid at

# 96

percent



2017 rankings by The National Law Journal and Above the Law

# Top

# 50

law school



# 10,576

hours

of pro bono service provided by the Class of 2017



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