PRACTICE MAKES PREPARED
Kline is an immersive and innovative law school experience in the heart of Philadelphia. Through real-world practice, you’ll be prepared to advocate for clients and advance justice in Philly and around the world.
At 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 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 at each stage from pretrial to appeals. If you’re more 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.

1. 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 programs. You will graduate with the first-hand experience and confidence to take on any challenge.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.
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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

Rachel López
A tireless advocate for human rights and government accountability at home and abroad, 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.

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.

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.
Our Professors

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Adam Benforado**

Working at the fascinating intersection of law and cognitive psychology, Professor Benforado conducts novel experiments to explain how our minds may negatively impact justice and equality before the law. His recent writings include the compelling 2015 book *Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Justice.*
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

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

“It seems like everything is very crystal clear. If X occurs, here’s what you do...sometimes the law is not in your favor. That’s something you gain a sense of in class, but it comes through so much more powerfully in legal practice.”

Chris Ricciuti

Clinic placement: Criminal Litigation Field Clinic

+ negotiated plea deals with the District Attorney’s Office
+ gained experience representing criminal defendants in court

“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.”

Joe McPeak

Co-op placement: U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware

+ produced drafts and revisions that turned out to be a particularly valuable learning experience about legal practice
+ observed courtroom action including pretrial proceedings, oral arguments, and post-trial motions

“In one case, the jury was completely lost...you have to be able to articulate your point so it’s understood without dumbing it down to where people feel insulted.”

Hiromi Sanders
From Collaborators to Co-Authors

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

“I am constantly inspired by David’s wealth of knowledge, commitment to women’s rights and reproductive justice, 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.

Philadelphia 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 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 underserved community members through Kline’s five legal clinics. Clinic students argue cases in family court, immigration court, and even 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. 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.

“For someone who learns better by doing rather than by reading out of a book, 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

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

Courses: Employment Discrimination, Property and Appellate Litigation Clinic, Faculty Research Assistant

Co-Curricular:
- Drexel Law Review
- 6th Semester, Spring 2016
- Course: Federal Courts and 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 Law Offices.

- 5th Semester, Fall 2015
  - Courses: Employment Discrimination, Property and Appellate Litigation Clinic, Faculty Research Assistant

- Summer 2015
  - Console Law Office Internship

- 4th Semester, Spring 2015
  - Courses: Criminal Procedure, Appellate Advocacy, Evidence, Professional Responsibility and Pro Bono Service
    - Co-Curricular:
      - Drexel Law Review, Dean's Scholar

- 3rd Semester, Fall 2014
  - Courses: Administrative Law; Sex, Gender and the Law; Immigration Law; First Amendment

- Summer 2014
  - Fellowship with the Friends of Farmworkers

- 2nd Semester, Spring 2014
  - Core courses & Pro Bono Service

- 1st Semester, Fall 2013
  - Core Courses

- Practice Makes Prepared
Shaina Hicks ’16
the litigator

1st Semester
Fall 2013
Core courses

2nd Semester
Spring 2014
Core courses

Summer 2014
Ballard Spahr Internship

3rd Semester
Fall 2014
Courses: Business Organizations, Federal Income Tax, Professional Responsibility, Pro Bono Service

Co-Curricular:
Drexel Law Review

4th Semester
Spring 2015
Courses: Pretrial Advocacy, Introduction to Trial Advocacy, Evidence, Employment Law

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

5th Semester
Fall 2015
Community Lawyering Clinic

Co-curricular:
Drexel Law Review

6th Semester
Spring 2016
Community Lawyering Clinic

Co-curricular:
Drexel Law Review

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.

Completed
560 hours at Community Lawyering Clinic

60 plus hours of pro-bono service
Why We Love Philly

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

Eat Philly

You’ll find Indian and Ethiopian delicacies, a dim sum brunch or a Brazilian churrascaria 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 — and 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 Mütter 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.

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, Hispanic, or LGBT 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 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.

“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

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

93 percent

Trophies from Mock Trial and Moot Court competitions

15,368 hours of pro bono service provided by the Class of 2016