



Sonia Queralt '12 (left)  
with FLC supervisor Amy  
Egloff at Schlesinger and  
Buchbinder

### Students benefit from this clinic through:

- A deepened awareness of the complex dynamics of domestic violence, and the particular challenges facing abuse survivors in Massachusetts family courts.
- Enhanced skills in interviewing and counseling survivors and in providing client-empowering legal services.
- Concrete substantive knowledge of Massachusetts family law and procedure, and familiarity with the practices of the Probate and Family Court.
- Experience in the intricacies of case management and record-keeping, including proper pleading and document preparation.

# Family Comes First

As a national leader in experiential education, Northeastern University School of Law is taking our hands-on, collaborative model to the next level with a new Family Law Clinic. While all Northeastern law students complete four, full-time, quarter-length field placements (co-ops), many students want even more time to delve into complex legal work. This new clinic accomplishes that goal, offering students a six-month experience in lawyering for domestic violence survivors in Probate and Family Court.

It all starts with a family law litigation seminar that simulates a divorce involving domestic violence. In class, students take the divorce from initial client interview to a trial of contested issues, experiencing the intricacies of family court practice and the complexities of the lawyer/client relationship. At the same time, students begin the clinical component: 12 to 16 hours a week with a family law practitioner in either a nonprofit or private firm setting. Students spend the next quarter working full time with the same employers as part of our signature co-op program. As a result of this unique program, our students come away with unparalleled hands-on experience in one of the most complex — and rewarding — areas of legal practice.

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