At Northeastern University School of Law, our Center for Health Policy and Law brings together leading scholars who produce pathbreaking research with the power to create practical change. We collaborate across disciplines and continents, applying our legal expertise to a wide range of the most critical health issues, from global health disparities to health care financing and public health crises.

AMONG OUR MANY ACTIVITIES:

- We analyze law’s role in perpetuating and redressing health disparities among immigrants, minorities and other vulnerable populations.
- We research the impact of law enforcement and legal policies on the opioid epidemic, and develop policy recommendations to stem abuse.
- We explore the use of legal tools to reduce tobacco use and reverse the obesity epidemic.
- We study the regulation of reproductive health, and look at how laws that are meant to help sex workers can have the opposite effect.
- We analyze the role of intellectual property and trade laws on access to medicines.
- We grapple with the complexities of health care quality reporting and the role of government in our private decisions around health.
- We make a difference, in these areas and many others, by asking tough questions, producing high-quality, timely research and by offering solutions that have the power to improve health across the globe.
Matthews Distinguished University Professor Wendy Parmet, an internationally recognized expert on health law, heads the School of Law’s Center for Health Policy and Law. In 2016, Professor Parmet received the Jay Healey Teaching Award from the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics at its annual conference. The eponymous award honors the memory of Jay Healey, a beloved teacher of health law at the University of Connecticut Schools of Law and Medicine and a leader among the nation’s health law teachers.
HEALTH LAW CONCENTRATIONS AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

• JD with Concentration in Health Policy and Law

The JD with a concentration in health policy and law is designed for students who wish to practice in the fast-growing field of health law or enhance their knowledge of health policy. This in-depth program helps prepare lawyers who aim to work in health-related roles, some of which include working with health care providers and insurers, government regulatory agencies, firms handling pharmaceutical products liability and toxic tort cases, and NGOs and community-based organizations.

• LLM with Concentration in Health Policy and Law

For those particularly interested in health law, Northeastern offers a concentration in health policy and law, which is open to international students and US lawyers who wish to practice in the fast-growing field of health law or enhance their knowledge of health policy.

• Graduate Certificate in Health Law

The Health Law Certificate is designed specifically to provide non-lawyer professionals with the skills necessary to understand, navigate and leverage the legal issues that arise within the health care field and to work effectively with counsel when a lawyer’s involvement is necessary. Students can apply their credits from this program to the Master of Legal Studies later on, if desired.

• MLS with Concentration in Health Law

For non-lawyer professionals who work regularly with lawyers and legal issues, the Master of Legal Studies with a concentration in health law provides the practical knowledge needed to more effectively address legal issues in health-related industries and organizations.
• **JD/MPH in Urban Health with Northeastern University Bouvé College of Health Sciences**

This program recognizes the growing need for professionals trained to respond to unique public health challenges and opportunities facing urban populations. The JD/MPH program brings together interdisciplinary faculty — from the School of Law, D’Amore-McKim School of Business, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Computer and Information Science and the Bouvé College of Health Sciences — with expertise in collaborating with diverse urban populations to provide students with the practice-based knowledge, skills and experience needed to address urban public health problems.

• **JD/MPH in Public Health with Tufts University School of Medicine**

In line with Northeastern University School of Law and Tufts University School of Medicine’s shared tradition of emphasizing the relationship between public policy and public health, this degree program allows students to choose from a wide array of courses at both institutions. The two schools’ common global perspective and commitment to active citizenship and interdisciplinary scholarship translate into a rich intellectual milieu in which to engage in critical thinking and focus on complex, population-based approaches to health. Students complete co-ops in legal and public health settings.

• **JD/MA in Sustainable International Development with Brandeis University**

The JD/MA in Sustainable International Development (SID) with Brandeis University’s Heller School for Social Policy and Management is a multidisciplinary program that prepares students to become development professionals meeting the needs of poor communities throughout the world. Students also acquire practical skills that will enable them to work directly with governments, nonprofits and other organizations to alleviate poverty; provide health, education and sanitation services; mitigate the effects of climate change; and create more effective paths toward sustainable development.
• **JD/MELP in Environmental Law with Vermont Law School**

Combining Northeastern’s top ranking for practical training with Vermont Law School, home to the country’s premier environmental law program, this partnership is uniquely positioned to train problem solvers equipped not only for today’s challenges, but also tomorrow’s crises. This joint program offers students an array of environmental courses with a strong foundation in law, policy, science, economics and ethics. This multidisciplinary approach constructs the critical skill-sets that will be required for the next generation of environmental leaders.

• **3+3 BS in Health Science and JD**

Northeastern University’s 3+3 Program is offered by invitation only to a select group of first-year, undergraduate students admitted into Northeastern University Bouvé College of Health Sciences. Students take advantage of an accelerated undergraduate program, earning a BS in three years, and then immediately enrolling in the School of Law’s three-year JD program. The program is designed to harness the outstanding academic performance and motivation within the students, connect them to distinguished faculty and an expansive network, and ultimately accelerate them into their careers in law.
SELECTED HEALTH LAW-RELATED COURSES

- Advanced Legal and Interdisciplinary Research
- Assisted Reproductive Technology and the Law
- Bioethics and the Law
- Bioproperty
- Current Issues in Health Law and Policy
- Disability Law
- Drug Law and Policy
- Economic Perspectives on Health Policy
- Elder Law
- Environmental Law
- Global AIDS Policy Seminar
- Health Care Fraud and Abuse
- Health Law
- Human Rights in the Global Economy
- Intellectual Property
- International Health Law
- Patent Law
- Problems in Public Health Law
- Public Health Advocacy Clinic
- Reproductive Rights and the Law
- Health Care Compliance and Regulation (MLS)
- Patient Records, Privacy and Security (MLS)
COLLABORATORS

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Public Health Law Watch
Public Health Law Watch is a collaborative initiative founded by the Center for Health Policy and Law and the George Consortium. It focuses on identifying proposed changes to statutes, regulation and policies at the federal, state and local level that may have a significant impact upon public and population health. It achieves its goal through:

- publishing white papers and regulatory comments
- participating in drafting and submission of amicus briefs
- organizing conference panels

Read the blog: publichealthlawwatch.org
@phlawwatch

Health in Justice Action Lab
Health in Justice is an action laboratory guided by a vision of a healthier, more just society. Based on the belief that community well-being is best advanced through public health principles, it opposes criminalization of health and social problems. The lab’s project portfolio includes:

- drug-induced homicide
- prescription drug monitoring programs
- involuntary commitment for substance use

healthinjustice.org
@HiJAction

ON-CAMPUS PARTNERS

- Public Health Advocacy Institute (PHAI)
- Domestic Violence Institute (DVI)
- Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy (PHRGE)
- Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research
- Center for Health Policy and Health Care Research
- Integrated Initiative for Global Health
“At the Center for Health Policy and Law, our focus is on harnessing legal tools to make individuals — and populations — more healthy. Whether it’s the opioid crisis or access to affordable health coverage, we engage many of today’s most pressing health policy challenges to generate real-world change.”

— PROFESSOR LEO BELETSKY
CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Domestic Violence Clinic**
  Students in the Domestic Violence Clinic assist in the representation of victims of domestic violence in restraining order cases (209A) as well as victims of sexual assault in Harassment Prevention Orders (258E). Restraining orders in Massachusetts include a broad range of relief (including no abuse, stay away conditions, no contact conditions, home surrenders, child custody and child support), designed to help stop the violence or threats of future violence in family or substantive dating relationships. The clinic — part of the law school’s Domestic Violence Institute — also assists community-based domestic violence organizations in longer-term projects related to policy, programming and outreach.

- **Public Health Advocacy Clinic**
  Students in the Public Health Advocacy Clinic work with the law school’s Public Health Advocacy Institute and its Center for Public Health Litigation on legal approaches (including litigation) to improve public health as well as developing sound public health research methodology. Class time is devoted to gaining a basic understanding of the relevant legal foundations of public health advocacy; effectively communicating to a target audience; and discussing the balance between government intervention to set public health policy and individual responsibility in a variety of contexts, such as food, tobacco, alcohol policy and others.

- **Poverty Law and Practice Clinic**
  Since its founding in 1980, the Poverty Law and Practice Clinic has represented 8,000 welfare recipients and 4,800 unemployment claimants, and preserved an estimated $20 million in income for those clients and their families. In addition to representing individual clients with welfare, housing, health access and employment needs, the clinic also assists community-based organizations that give poor people a powerful voice for self-determination. The clinic’s case load has expanded to include cases involving immigrant access to public insurance as well as appeals for coverage denial. Students in this clinic appear before administrative, legislative and judicial decisionmakers, and assist with legal needs in the areas of employment, housing and welfare.

HEALTH LAW SCHOLARS

Each incoming first-year class includes a cohort of Health Law Scholars — students selected to receive merit-based tuition awards because of demonstrated interest in health law and related fields. In addition to providing support on various health-related research activities, Health Law Scholars serve as the center’s ambassadors at events throughout the year. Visit our website to see profiles of selected scholars.
“At Northeastern, students interested in health law can develop essential legal skills and knowledge through tailored course offerings. These in-class skills are then easily translated into co-op experiences, where I’ve been able to build my legal toolkit, form professional relationships in the health law field and explore post-graduate options. Northeastern has taught me to be disciplined, flexible, resilient, creative and most importantly, kind, in the application and implementation of my legal education.”

– PAIGE BAUM ’20
Northeastern University School of Law’s signature Cooperative Legal Education Program guarantees all students almost a full year of work experience.

As the unparalleled leader in providing students with practical experience, Northeastern offers co-ops all over the world for JD and LLM students who are interested in pursuing health law-related careers. By integrating co-ops into the law school experience, Northeastern enables students to graduate with polished legal skills, valuable connections in the health field and the confidence and resumes of legal professionals.
**WASHINGTON, DC**
Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo
O'Donnell, Schwartz and Anderson
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Department of Public Policy Litigation and Law
US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights
US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**
Center for HIV Law and Policy
Center for Reproductive Rights, Domestic Legal Program
Community Service Society of New York, Health Initiatives Department
Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo
New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation
NYU Langone Medical Center (NYC)

**RHODE ISLAND**
CVS Health (Providence)

**MASSACHUSETTS**
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals (Cambridge)
Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services, Elder Law and Mental Health Rights (Cambridge)
Children's Hospital Corporation, Office of General Counsel (Boston)
Choate Hall & Stewart (Boston)
Community Catalyst (Boston)
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (Boston)
Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights (Boston)
Fresenius Medical Care North America, General Counsel (Waltham)
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care (Quincy)
Health Law Advocates (Boston)
Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, Health Care Division (Boston)
Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Boston)
Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (Boston)
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Navigant Consulting (Boston)
NaviNet, Inc. (Boston)
Partners HealthCare, Office of General Counsel (Boston)
Radius Health (Waltham)
UMass Memorial Health Care (Worcester)
Vericel Corporation (Cambridge)
Wellframe (Boston)

**VIRGINIA**
Enhesa (Arlington)
Strategic Management Services (Alexandria)
The Center for Health Policy and Law is guided by internationally recognized faculty and staff with diverse areas of expertise. Their research interests and participation in practical-oriented applications include:

- ACCESS TO MEDICINES
- BIOETHICS
- DRUG LAW AND POLICY
- GENDER AND SEXUALITY
- GLOBAL HEALTH
- HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS
- HEALTH CARE
- HEALTH GOVERNANCE
- IMMIGRANT HEALTH
- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
- PUBLIC HEALTH LAW
- REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

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PROFESSOR JASON POTTER
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“The law plays a key role in distributing resources that contribute to the health and well-being of all. The Center for Health Policy and Law brings together faculty, students and practitioners who are passionate about the pressing issue of how to alter the legal landscape to improve the health of Americans and people around the world.”

— PROFESSOR AZIZA AHMED
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

In addition to offering a broad curriculum in health and public health law, the Center for Health Policy and Law sponsors conferences, lectures, colloquia, a health law moot court team, the Health Law Society and workshops that introduce students to career opportunities in the growing field of health law and policy.

Activities and initiatives cover a range of issues, including:

- HIV/AIDS
- Reproductive health
- Health system reform and trends
- Human rights
- Global health (Africa, Europe)
- Pharmaceuticals, drug law, medication as treatment
- Public health (gun violence, obesity, tanning, domestic violence)
- Population health and social determinants of health

Recurring Events:

- Health Law Conference (April)
- Health Law Lecture (fall)
- Roundtables (monthly)
- Community Forums/Current Events
- Health Law Networking Event with Health Law Society

Student Activities

The Health Law Society is a student group committed to raising the visibility of health law at Northeastern and our broader community, with a particular emphasis on traditional public health concerns. We invite practitioners and academics to present on current health topics; build relationships between health care students and law students; provide resources to law students interested in learning more about health law topics; support law students enrolled or interested in the JD/MPH programs; sponsor student participation in health law moot court competitions; and attend health-related conferences.
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

The center’s advisory board, a mix of graduates and practitioners from across multiple practices of health policy and law, serves as a guiding force to help the center shape and achieve its vision, short- and long-term goals, create new connections and offer valuable insights into the current practice of health policy and law across the nation.

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CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION (CPIAC)

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