The Certificate in Public Interest Law & Policy is offered through the College of Law Center for Access to Justice. The certificate prepares law students to serve traditionally underserved populations.

Experiential courses and pro bono volunteer opportunities put theory into practice. With real world connections and guidance from faculty conducting research in the Center for Access to Justice, students build a foundation for serving the public interest.

**CURRICULUM**

**REQUIRED COURSES**
- LAW 7117 Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties
- LAW 7010 Administrative Law OR LAW 7225 Federal Courts

**UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES**
Students take one qualifying course focused on underrepresented communities.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**
Students take one qualifying experiential learning course, clinic or public interest externship.

**WRITING REQUIREMENT**
A substantial writing project on a public interest law and policy topic, which may also be used to satisfy the College of Law’s writing requirement.

**ELECTIVE COURSE**
Choose two elective courses from a list of more than 70 public interest offerings.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
Forty hours of approved pro bono work through the student-run Pro Bono Program. Pro bono legal work done outside the student-run Pro Bono Program is eligible, subject to approval.

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- Prosecutor and public defender offices

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- Georgia Innocence Project
- Georgia Legal Services Program
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- 130 state agencies
- Four immigration detention centers

HOW TO ENROLL
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- Andy Navratil (J.D. ’18)