

PACE UNIVERSITY

Elisabeth Haub School of Law
JOHN JAY LEGAL SERVICES

Semester in Practice

Application for Spring 2026

*Applications must be submitted by email to
applicationsJJLS@law.pace.edu by April 11 at 12:00 p.m.*

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

U Number: _____

Email: _____

Phone Primary #: (____) _____ Work #: (____) _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Summer contact information if different from current address and telephone:

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Primary #: (____) _____ Work #: (____) _____

Degree: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____
(JD, JD/MBA, etc.)

SECTION 2: SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION MATERIALS:

Please include the following; incomplete application packages will not be considered.

1. **Statement of interest:** Please attach a statement that, in 250 words or less, describes how the Semester in Practice aligns with your long-term career goals.
2. **References:** Please list the name and information of **two** references who can speak to your character, work ethic, and academic/personal/career achievements and goals. References may include a former employer, a faculty member, a staff/administrator, or a community member. Letters are not required, although your references may be contacted.

Reference 1:

Name: _____

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Title: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Reference 2:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

3. **Transcript** _____

4. **A brief (5 pages) writing sample**

5. **Resume:** Please attach a resume that captures the relevant co-curricular and professional work you have done to date. This document will be shared with host organizations. *Note: Host organizations have the option to (and most often do) interview students prior to finalizing placement.*

SECTION 3: PLACEMENT PREFERENCES:

1. **Type of Placement:** check all placements that would be of interest:

- _____ Large law firm
- _____ Medium size/small law firm
- _____ Corporate law department
- _____ Government agency
- _____ Not-for-profit organization

2. **Area(s) of Interest:** check all substantive areas that would be of interest

- _____ Compliance
- _____ Environmental
- _____ General law practice
- _____ Intellectual Property

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- Litigation
- Matrimonial
- Real Estate/Land Use
- Transactional
- Trusts and Estates
- Other (specify) _____

3. Student Proposed Placement

If you have a proposal for your placement if you are accepted to Semester in Practice, please provide the following information concerning the employer:

Employer: _____

Contact person/information: _____

Description of type of work you anticipate doing: _____

Description of prior work relationship, if any (e.g., confirmed internship for Summer 2025 or Fall 2025, prior internship in Summer 2024):

Please note:

(1) The Student Proposed Placement information is requested for the purpose of consideration by JJLS and Professor Scambia. If you are accepted into Semester in Practice, the proposed placement will be considered but not guaranteed to be deemed acceptable for the Semester in Practice externship.

(2) As with all Semester in Practice externship positions, you cannot be paid for your work and your time cannot be billed by your potential employer.

SECTION 4: WORK PREFERENCES:

1. What specific lawyering work would you most like to learn about and practice during the Semester in Practice? (e.g., litigation, transactional lawyering, interacting with clients, drafting motions and other legal documents, fact investigation, witness preparation, etc.) Why?

2. Write a brief statement of what you would like a colleague or client to say about you after you have been in practice for a few years (e.g., “_____ can always be relied on to get things done with time to spare and has all the patience in the world” or “_____ really knows how to get people to work out their differences so that everyone is happy with both the outcome and the process”).

3. For conflict of interest reasons, it is important that you identify all legal employers, securities brokers, or investment firms that you have worked for during the past two years. Please list employers and dates below (include both volunteer and compensated employment, full-time and part-time):

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4. In addition to the Semester in Practice, what other major time commitments do you expect to have during the Spring 2026 semester?

5. Please describe any geographical preferences or constraints.

SECTION 5: OTHER ATTRIBUTES/EXPERIENCES:

1. Languages other than English: _____ / _____

Oral level of fluency: _____ / _____

Written level of fluency: _____ / _____

2. Other special skills: _____

SECTION 6: OTHER ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. Have you satisfied the Upper Level Writing Requirement? YES NO

2. Have you satisfied the Upper Level Skills Requirement? YES NO

3. Do you plan to satisfy the Upper Level Skills Requirement through the Semester in Practice? YES NO

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Attach additional sheets if necessary for any question. Submit this application and all attachments by email to:

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(Semester in Practice Spring 2026 in the subject line)

All documents should be submitted in one PDF file

****All graduation requirements, other than the Upper Level Skills Requirement, must be completed before the end of the Fall 2025 semester.***