

Activities of Georgian Technical University Law Clinic

The Georgian Technical University's Law Clinic was established in 2008 with the financial support of the American Bar Association and since then has been actively working in different directions.

Free legal advice is provided on the basis of the law clinic, which offers qualified legal assistance to socially vulnerable citizens and any interested person and offers the representation in judicial and administrative bodies. Free legal consultation works in three areas: blood, civil and administrative law. Legal counseling is provided by Graduate Course and Graduate Program students of GTU who provide legal assistance to citizens under the supervision of trainer-advocates. Since the legal clinic is a practical component of academic teaching, student participation in free legal advice is counted into relevant credits – for Bachelor program students: 10 credits, Master program students -12 credits.

Law Clinic has signed memoranda with various governmental and non-governmental institutions, including the Tbilisi City Court, the Police Academy, the Training Center of Justice, the National Prosecutor's Office, National Bureau of Enforcement, Tbilisi City Hall, Notary Chamber, Academy of the Ministry of Finance, the Batumi Constitutional Court etc. It is noteworthy that on the basis of the Memorandum signed with the Constitutional Court of Batumi, a three-day summer school is held for GTU students for three years annually on "Constitutional Court of Justice". The clinic students are actively involved in the "street law" project under which they provide the training for school graduates in the fundamental principles of law and basic human rights.

Initiative groups of students are also created within the frames of the clinic, providing various student activities covering the interesting and actual issues, moot processes, conferences, public debates etc.

Students of Law Clinics are actively involved in various student exchange programs in international moot processes, such as:

International Private Arbitration Moot Processes - Vienna, International Criminal Law Moot Processes - In The Hague, International Moot Processes for Human Rights - Strasbourg.

Within the frames of above mentioned Law Clinic projects about 250 students each year have the opportunity to acquire the skills of using theoretical knowledge into practice, which will be useful for their future career and professional promotion.