Grunin Center for Law and Social Entrepreneurship
NYU School of Law

International Transactions Clinic

Crossing Borders to Make a Better World

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What is the ITC?

The International Transactions Clinic (ITC) is a clinic offering law students (JD and LLM candidates) the opportunity to provide pro bono legal services to internationally focused clients that are intent on making the world a better place. The ITC is part of the Grunin Center for Law and Social Entrepreneurship, which aims to accelerate the effective participation of lawyers and legal institutions engaged in social entrepreneurship, impact investing, and sustainable development.

What kinds of clients does the ITC support?

The range is diverse. Some are organized as for-profit organizations; others are nonprofits. Some are impact investors; others are social enterprises. Some are based in the United States; others are located in different countries. Together, the ITC's students and clients are doing deals around the globe to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges, such as poverty, unclean water, food insecurity, and the adverse effects of climate change. (See the indicative client list on the next page.)

How big of a time commitment is the ITC?

Fieldwork: Students participating in the ITC should expect to work on transaction matters for clients for an average of 10 to 15 hours per week, in addition to seminar time.

Seminar: Students meet twice per week in a seminar setting to build the requisite foundational knowledge and skills necessary to serve ITC clients.

Where does the ITC work?

The ITC operates globally, although the students are physically based in New York. The clinic has supported transactions taking place in Africa, Asia, and Central and South America.

What skills will students learn by participating in the ITC?

The ITC concentrates on teaching students skills that are critically important to their professional development as they enter into practice areas that involve international transactions. Students participating in the clinic will learn drafting and negotiation skills as applied to cross-border transactions, build skills at structuring and documenting investments in enterprises that work primarily in emerging markets, analyze ethical issues that can arise in international business, and gain exposure to the types of disputes that can occur in the international context. Students also learn how to give legal advice and support clients that work in challenging business and legal environments.

Case study of an ITC client

CrossBoundary, LLC, is an advisory firm that unlocks the power of capital for sustainable growth and strong returns in underserved markets. Over the course of the 2025–26 academic year, ITC students drafted template agreements for two novel structures designed to mobilize capital from a new class of investors into international impactful investments. After reviewing a range of conventional lending and guarantee structures to address cash flows, risk allocation, and alignment with impact objectives, the students set out the parameters for the new structures and produced template term sheets at the end of Fall 2025. By the end of Spring 2026, they had converted the term sheets into template long-form agreements.

At CrossBoundary's request, and in strict compliance with the NYU Law Clinical Law Center's policy on the Use of Generative AI in Experiential Learning Courses, the students made thoughtful and productive use of generative artificial intelligence tools to enhance the drafting and review process and create more value for CrossBoundary.

What ITC students, clients, and supervisors are saying about the ITC

ITC students from 2025–26

“The ITC has been my most valuable experience of law school so far, giving me substantive legal skills that I can immediately carry into practice. Beyond that, it's also shown me how transactional lawyering can be a powerful vehicle for impact and social good in communities around the world.”

“Participating in the ITC has been the single most rewarding experience I have had at NYU. Both the seminar and clinic have given me skills that make me a better lawyer and a better person. Working with our clients on cutting-edge issues within development and impact investing has helped me grow in my communication skills, analysis, and build confidence.”

“The ITC has been one of the most meaningful parts of my law school experience, providing substantive learning alongside the opportunity to develop practical legal skills. There is an incredible community and ecosystem that has been built up around it, from current students and alumni to experienced supervising attorneys and incredible mission-driven clients.”

“My experience in the ITC was truly transformative. From the interactive seminar sessions to the client work we completed, I walked away from the clinic with not only a better understanding of the law, but a firmer grasp on how I wanted to shape my legal career.”

Recent ITC clients

“IFPIM had the privilege of partnering with the ITC, whose students brought strong commitment and complementary skills—from a deep dedication to IFPIM's mission to rare expertise in artificial intelligence and machine learning. Both students demonstrated remarkable proactivity, taking ownership of the work with autonomy and a genuine willingness to lead. This spirit was mirrored by the ITC's supervisor, who invested significant time, engaged closely with IFPIM's needs, and showed real adaptability throughout the collaboration.”

Hélène de Villaine, General Counsel, International Fund for Public Interest Media

“Working with the ITC continues to be a win-win scenario. The students, given a complex brief, produced top-flight templates for unique transactional structures. Working with them is a fulfilling experience, and it is a joy to watch their growth over the year. The experience will serve the clinicians well, and they will hit the ground running upon graduation.”

David Wolf, Chief Counsel, CrossBoundary Group

Recent ITC supervisor

“The ITC is a vibrant community of current and past students, clinic clients, NYU Law faculty members, pro bono supervising attorneys, and law firms. Along the way, we and the students learn so-called “hard” skills from meaningful client work. We also focus on skills such as asking about and listening for what impact clients and their stakeholders, including investees, need; developing professional (and personal) resilience; and collaborating respectfully”

Mary Rose Brusewitz, Member, Clark Hill PLC

ITC's Core Values for 2025–26

COLLABORATION
We share our diverse perspectives and experiences to strengthen our collective understanding. We work together both with our clients and with those around us with respect, openness, and shared purpose to build stronger outcomes.

STAKEHOLDER-CENTERED
We take every action with our stakeholders' goals and interests in mind. We are thoughtful in considering how our work advances our stakeholders' goals. We recognize that our stakeholders include the organization we are working with, our supervising attorneys, and the communities that our work impacts.

JUSTICE
We center justice in the way that we approach our clinic work. We carefully consider the ways that our work impacts the communities that it interacts with. We bring these considerations to the conversation.

PROFESSIONALISM
We recognize the ways that our work can impact the work of others and commit to being responsive to the needs of our fellow clinicians, our clients, and our communities. We engage honestly and respectfully with peers, clients, attorney supervisors, and advanced clinicians.

INNOVATION
We focus on learning and building our expertise throughout the year. We are able to adjust ourselves to new information at all times. We embrace creativity and resourcefulness in solving complex legal and business challenges.

In 2025–2026, ITC students provided more than 2,000 hours of pro bono support to the ITC's clients. Clients included:

- Builders Vision
- Cultural Heritage Finance Alliance
- CrossBoundary
- Enosis Capital
- Habitat for Humanity International
- International Finance Corporation
- International Fund for Public Interest Media
- Jibu
- MCE Social Capital
- Root Capital
- Symbiotics Group