Women, Gender & Law: Opportunities for Graduate Education

Several law schools in the United States now offer joint degree programs that allow students to obtain a law degree in conjunction with a graduate degree in gender and women’s studies. Other law schools have feminist legal journals or legal clinics that provide hands-on experience working on a range of issues relating to women and gender studies, including employment discrimination, family law, reproductive rights, violence against women, LGBT rights, human trafficking, and immigrant women’s rights. There are also many legal advocacy organizations where students can gain valuable feminist legal experience.

Below are four lists:

1. Dual degree programs in law and gender/women’s studies
2. Law schools with feminist law journals
3. Law schools with feminist legal clinics
4. Feminist legal advocacy organizations

Note that these lists may not be exhaustive.

For general information about law school admissions, go to the Law School Admissions Council.

See also Feminist Law Professors.

1. Dual Degree JD and MA Gender and Women’s Studies Programs

George Washington University
http://www.gwu.edu/~wstu/programs/jointlaw.htm#JDMA

Pace University Law School and Sarah Lawrence J.D./M.A. in Women’s History
http://www.slc.edu/graduate/programs/womens-history/Joint_Degree_Program_with_Pace_Law_School.html

University of Arizona
http://gws.arizona.edu/node/206

University of Cincinnati
http://www.law.uc.edu/institutes-centers/rgsj/wgss/about

University of Florida
http://web.wst.ufl.edu/wst/graduate/MAJD.php

Other gender and law programs:

University of Indiana, Bloomington- JD with a minor in Gender Studies:
American University’s Women and Law Program, including an LLM with a specialization in Gender and International Law
http://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wilp/

2. Feminist Law Journals

American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law
Berkeley Women's Law Journal
Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law and Justice
Buffalo Journal of Gender, Law and Social Policy
Canadian Journal of Women and the Law
Cardozo Journal of Gender and Law
Circles: The Buffalo Women’s Journal of Law and Social Policy
Columbia Journal of Gender and Law
DePaul Journal of Women, Gender and the Law
Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy
Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law
Harvard Journal of Gender and Law
Hastings Women’s Law Journal
Law and Sexuality (Tulane University)
Michigan Journal of Gender & Law
Rutgers Women’s Rights Law Reporter
Southern California Review of Law and Women's Studies
Texas Journal of Women and the Law (UT Austin)
UCLA Women’s Law Journal
3. Women & Gender Rights Clinics at Law Schools

Albany Law School Family Violence Litigation and Immigration Project
American University Women and the Law Clinic
Capital University Law School Family Advocacy Clinic
Columbia Law School Sexuality and Gender Law Clinic
Cornell Law School LGBT Communities Clinic
CUNY International Women’s Human Rights Clinic
Emory University Law School Feminism and Legal Theory Project
Fordham Domestic Violence Action Center
Georgetown Law Domestic Violence Clinic
Georgetown Law International Women’s Human Rights Clinic
Golden Gate University Women’s Employment Rights Clinic
Harvard Law School Family Law and Domestic Violence Clinic
Pace Law School Women’s Justice Center
Suffolk University Battered Women’s Advocacy Program
Tulane Law School Domestic Violence Clinic
University of Buffalo Women, Children & Social Justice Clinic
UCLA School of Law Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy
University of Connecticut Asylum and Human Rights Clinic
University of Michigan Human Trafficking Clinical Program
University of Oregon Domestic Violence Clinic

4. Feminist Legal Advocacy Organizations

A Better Balance, NYC (work/family balance)
American Association for University Women, DC
Amnesty International Women’s Human Rights Program, NYC
Asian Immigrant Women Advocates, Oakland, CA
ACLU Women’s Rights Project, NYC
Battered Women’s Legal Advocacy Project, Minneapolis, MN
California Women’s Law Center, Los Angeles, CA
Center for Reproductive Rights, NYC
Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund, Hartford
Equality Now, NYC
Equal Rights Advocates, San Francisco
Institute for Women’s Policy Research, DC
International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, New York
Lambda Legal, NYC
Legal Momentum, NYC
Legal Voice, Seattle, WA
National Advocates for Pregnant Women, NYC
National Center for Lesbian Rights, San Francisco, CA
National Center for Transgender Equality, DC
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, NYC
National Partnership for Women and Families, DC

National Women’s Law Center, Washington DC

Sylvia Rivera Law Project, NYC (transgender rights)

Tahirih Justice Center, Falls Church, VA

Texas Advocacy Project (domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking)

Wider Opportunities for Women, DC

Women’s Law Center of Maryland, Towson, MD

Women’s Law Project, Philadelphia, PA

See also, links to other social justice organizations

For jobs, see http://jobs.feminist.org/