

# CLP Spring 2026 NEWSLETTER

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## Experiential Learning in the Field

As a cornerstone of our program, students once again had the opportunity to visit the San Diego Superior Court, where they developed a deeper understanding of how to effectively navigate the courts self-help clinics. They also toured Your Safe Place, gaining valuable insight into the legal and social services available to individuals who have experienced violence. With a more in depth understanding of services that might be available to individuals who come to the Community Law Project, our students are better informed and more effective advocates.



CLP students and professors visit the San Diego Superior Court.



CLP students visit Your Safe Place for a guided tour by Executive Director Diane Doherty.

## Students in Action at Our Clinics



Left: CLP student Fiona Hernandez at the Hoover High School legal clinic helping a client.



Right: CLP student Jenna Van Pelt at the First Lutheran Church legal clinic assisting a client.

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## Spotlight: Student Community Presentations

This semester’s CLP cohort has successfully completed the term, culminating in their community education presentations. While both the presentation sites and topics varied, each shared a common purpose: providing meaningful, practical information to their audiences. From Know Your Immigration Rights to Cleaning up Your Criminal Record and more. Our students delivered critical resources to vulnerable communities throughout San Diego. We are proud of their dedication and the impact of their hard work.



**From left to right:** CLP students Janet Nguyen and Muskaan Chopra presenting on Immigration Rights to the Karen Organization of San Diego. CLP students Jenna Van Pelt and Rebecca Iniguez teaching parents at Rosa Parks Elementary School about the Small Claims Court process. CLP students Cheyenne Pence and Fiona Hernandez present on the importance of good credit to community members at Your Safe Place.

## Congratulations & Best Wishes to Our CLP Student Leaders



CWSL students Louisa Twitchell and Caitlin Burns first joined CLP during their second years of law school and continued to serve our program as student leaders throughout their 3L years. We are grateful for their commitment to providing services to San Diego's underserved communities and guidance to newer CLP interns. We know that they both have bright futures ahead and wish them all the best!

