

Human Trafficking Prevention Project

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The Human Trafficking Prevention Project, housed within the Saul Ewing Civil Advocacy Clinic, focuses on reducing the collateral consequences of criminal-justice involvement for survivors of human trafficking and those populations most vulnerable to exploitation. Under faculty supervision, student-attorneys represent clients filing expungement, shielding, and state or federal pardon petitions. Students also represent survivors of sex trafficking who seek to vacate their prostitution convictions under Maryland's "vacating convictions" law. In addition, students work on special projects, providing community education presentations at partnering community organizations and engaging in legislative advocacy (on both the state and federal levels) to support systemic criminal justice reform.

Seminars for the Human Trafficking Prevention Project are held jointly with the Civil Advocacy Clinic. Students have weekly supervision sessions with the Human Trafficking Prevention Project faculty. In addition, the course has a trial advocacy component that culminates in a mock expungement hearing before guest judges. Students are advised that the Human Trafficking Prevention Project requires a significant time commitment of, on average, 20 hours per week.

Co- or prerequisite: [Evidence](#), [Professional Responsibility](#)

Recommended: [Constitutional Criminal Procedure](#)

Policies and procedures:

The Human Trafficking Prevention Project selects its students through the lottery process.

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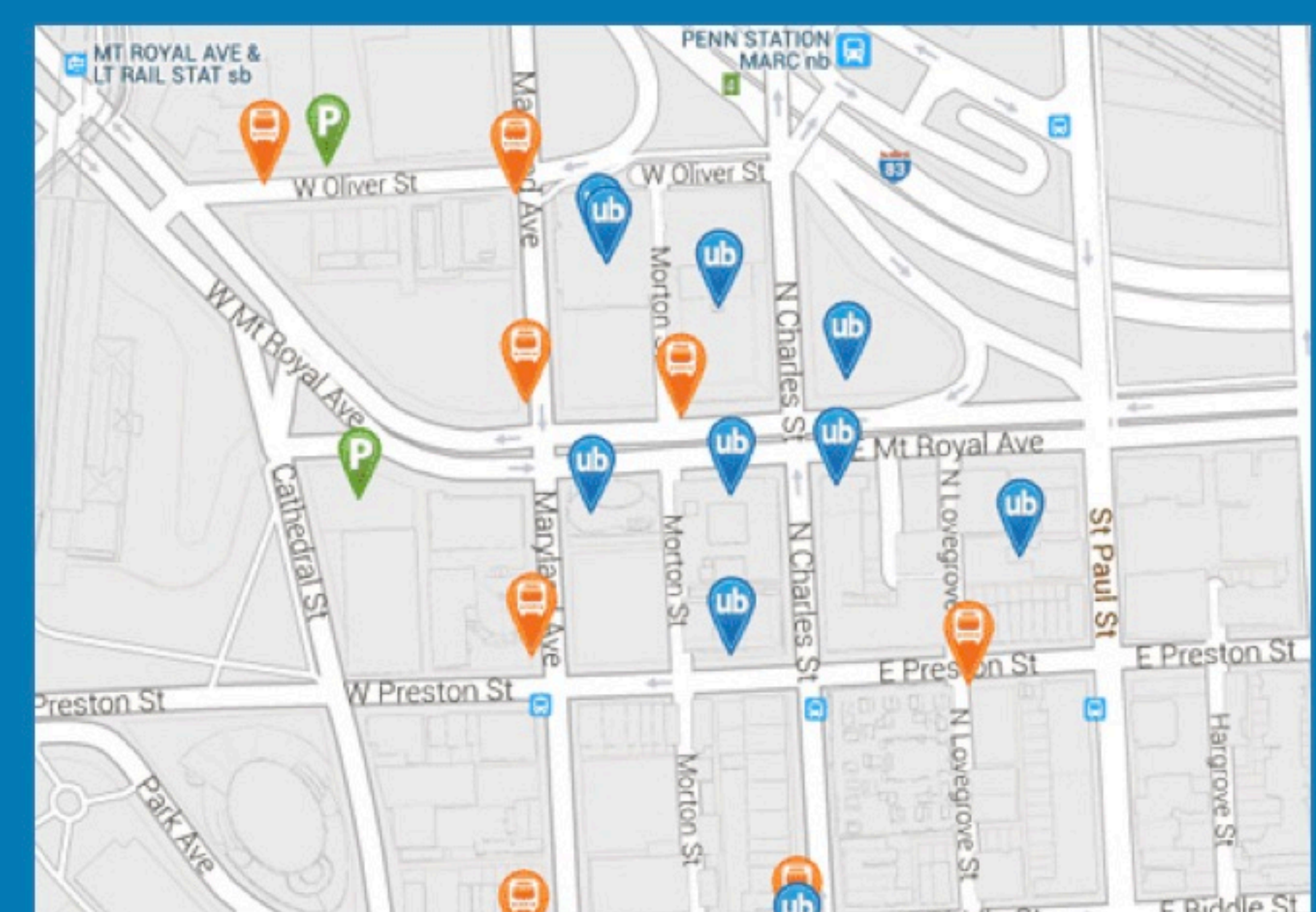
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