



WAYNE STATE
Law School

About the Levin Center

The Carl Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy was established in 2015 to carry on the legislative oversight legacy and public vision of U.S. Senator Carl Levin, who represented Michigan in the U.S. Senate for 36 years, longer than any other Michigan senator. The Levin Center is headquartered at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit with an office in Washington, D.C.

Advancing Oversight. Strengthening Democracy.

The Levin Center works to build capacity in legislative bodies at all levels — federal, state, and abroad — to expose public and private sector abuses, ensure effective governance, and bring critical facts to light for the benefit of all. The Levin Center has developed a reputation as a leader in this area by helping to train congressional and state lawmakers and their staff from both parties on how to conduct bipartisan, fact-based oversight; conducting and supporting research on important issues; and educating future leaders about the value and practice of legislative oversight. The Center is working to inspire and train a new generation in the techniques of bipartisan, fact-based oversight to ensure public and private institutions operate with integrity, transparency, and accountability.

Our mission

To strengthen the integrity, transparency, and accountability of public and private institutions through the promotion and support of bipartisan, fact-based legislative oversight; to advance good governance, particularly with respect to the legislative process; and to promote civil discourse on current issues of public policy.



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WAYNE LAW STUDENTS

- **Student Coffee Hours**

During the semester we offer free coffee and tea every Tuesday from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor lobby (in front of the Levin Center offices). *Join us!*

- **Summer Internships**

We annually provide stipends to spend 10-12 weeks working as legal interns on Capitol Hill, experiencing first-hand a bipartisan approach to congressional oversight. Students work under the supervision of an experienced attorney engaged in conducting oversight on behalf of a House or Senate committee. *Watch out for our internship information Session in November to find out more.*

- **Externships**

In collaboration with the Damon J. Keith Center and the Experiential Learning Office, we offer the externship program "Lawyering in the Nation's Capital." The program allows students to spend an externship semester in Washington, D.C., working on congressional oversight committees or civil rights NGOs while earning credits. *Contact us or Professor Dan Ellman for more details.*

- **Research Assistant Roles**

We regularly have opportunities for Wayne Law students to work with us as Research Assistants, *get in touch to hear about upcoming opportunities.*

- **"Learning by Hearings" Volunteers**

In collaboration with the YMCA's Youth and Government program, we offer mock oversight hearings to high school students. Wayne Law students can join this fun experience as witnesses or counsels during the legislative oversight committee role play or can help us with the scenario's research each year. *Contact ljasinski@wayne.edu to find out more.*

- **Other Opportunities**

Discuss your interest in public services careers with us, come along to our career panels, use our new office space, or connect with our staff, previous interns and externs for guidance!