

**THE ROLE OF LEGAL CLINICS IN LEGAL EDUCATION'S
DEVELOPMENT IN EGYPT:**

THE MODEL FROM MANSOURA LAW SCHOOL

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What is the legal clinic

The role of the legal clinic is to promote practical legal education through a practical educational and training program for students that represents a link between the legal sciences in both theoretical and practical aspects with the aim of developing their practical skills to qualify them to compete in the domestic and international labor market.


The history of the legal clinic in Mansoura law school

The legal clinic was established in Mansoura University Law School in February 2015 in cooperation with Johns Hopkins University in the United States of America.

An equipped hall was created in the law school building for practical training for students through performing mock trials in various legal fields. It was opened in the presence of the university president, the dean of the law school and judges.

The activities of the legal clinic

- 1- Students were trained on mock trial skills in various legal disciplines in both Arabic and English languages.
- 2- Several workshops, seminars and courses were held in various legal fields, the most important of which are: legal writing skills, electronic litigation, contract drafting, investigation and trial procedures, and others.

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- 3- Field visits were made with students to: the Supreme Constitutional Court - the Court of First Instance in Mansoura - the Council of State - the House of Representatives to gain knowledge on how these courts and institutions work.
 - 4- The legal clinic team has participated in Price Media Law moot court competition in Oxford University for the last three years. In the last two years, we won the first and second place in the Middle East, and we were qualified to compete globally in Oxford University in England.
 - 5- The legal clinic held The United Nations models.

The impact of legal clinic on the students

- 1- The legal clinic helped to develop students' legal skills.
- 2- The legal clinic has grown the passion for studying law for law students.
- 3- The legal clinic gave a realistic picture of the legal work in the minds of law students.

Challenges

There are several challenges facing legal clinics like:

1- The absence of adequate financial support for the legal clinic.

2- Some difficulties related to the administrative procedures necessary to implement the activities of the legal clinic.

Future plan

- 1- increasing the financial support for the legal clinic.
- 2- promoting the role of the legal clinic in legal education.
- 3- Facilitate the necessary administrative procedures to implement the activities of the legal clinic.