

COMPONENTS OF SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

To assist you in determining if your organization could benefit from a partnership with Northeastern University School of Law's Legal Skills in Social Context (LSSC) program, below are some of the components that have made prior project partnerships successful. These components are not determinative; no project will be excluded because it does not contain one or more of these elements. The list is intended to serve only as a guide and is based on a history of successful experiences.

1. **Clearly Defined Goals.** What are you trying to achieve? We have found that projects that result in the most useful outcomes for both the organization and the students are clearly defined at the outset and do not change over the life of the project. Successful projects may seek to analyze the effect of a change in law or policy, provide guidance to further legislative efforts, examine the impact of a law or policy on certain populations and create solutions to rectify such impacts.
2. **Compatible Time Line.** Due to logistical issues, such as the limited time frame for completion and the fact that first-year students will be doing the majority of the work, projects with deadlines before or after the end of the academic year (spring of 2024) cannot readily be undertaken.
3. **Set Deliverables.** Projects that forecast a need and have a concrete deliverable, such as a final report analyzing legal findings, the preparation of legal materials for a website or conference on a substantive legal issue, or the production of a training manual for practitioners or for the public, are ideal for the LSSC program.
4. **Library Research and Investigative Field Research.** Because the students' work on the projects helps develop their legal skills, projects that have both a library research component and a field research component are most effective and successful.

NOTE: Descriptions of successful projects and sample project abstracts in recent years are available by request and also on our website at law.northeastern.edu/lssc.