

DePaul University
Asylum & Immigration Clinic

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After graduating from DePaul, Roman served as a legal officer with UNHCR in Moscow for two years. He went from there to Cambridge and Columbia to further his legal education, and then he returned to the UN. He served five years at the trial level at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania. Then he moved to the UNICTR Appeals Chamber in The Hague where he ultimately served as the Senior Legal Officer until the closure of the Tribunal. Afterward, he transferred to his current position.

What do you remember most about your time in the Clinic?

Professor Mousin's support for my work with Haitian asylum seekers in Miami and on the case of the Lithuanian asylum seekers in Chicago.

What lessons from the clinic do you still use today or have used in your professional career?

I learned a lot about interviewing clients and establishing facts at the clinic which served me well, especially in my work at UNHCR

How did your involvement with the clinic help you connect with other professionals in the field?

It connected me to the Amnesty International project for the Haitian asylum seekers and with Church World Service in Miami.

What would you tell current or future DePaul law students about the clinic?

It is the best way to put learning about immigration into practical experience.

Is there a message you would like to share with your fellow Clinic alums, faculty, or staff?

I am very grateful for the supportive environment of the clinic that let us help others while learning to become lawyers.