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Health Law and Policy

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

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American University Washington College of Law's (WCL) health law concentration gives students the specialized skills necessary to provide expert legal services to the public and health care service industry. An internationally recognized institution with a distinguished faculty, WCL is an ideal place to acquire the mixture of public and private expertise needed to excel in today's health law practice.

WCL's health law curriculum trains students to become health lawyers who represent clients in specialty areas such as corporate, administrative, securities, contracts, intellectual property, tax, and litigation. Students also learn to deal with ethical and bioethical issues such as violation of professional standards, human research protocols, and patients' rights. Given that the landscape of the health care industry is constantly changing, health lawyers must obtain advanced knowledge and expertise in a variety of fields that form the essential components of an integrated health law program. WCL provides that variety of study.

I invite you to participate in the unique learning environment of the nation's capital, where leading policymakers help decide the future of the American health care system.

- Corrine Parver, Esq., Practitioner-in-Residence
Health Law Project Executive Director

What could be better than equipping the next generation of lawyers with the specialized legal tools necessary to represent our nation's health industry creatively, intelligently, and diligently?

- Rebecca L. Wolf, JD '09

Bringing together lawyers from across the country and other nations, the Health Law and Policy Program utilizes lectures, group exercises, and practical simulations in the education of its students. WCL distinguishes itself with a pragmatic approach to health law, offering a distinctive, well-designed curriculum focused on providing students the skills needed for future practice, taught by expert faculty.

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Students may select their courses from several educational tracks during their studies at WCL. The tracks follow growing health law specializations with focus on potential career paths. Students also have the option to create their own program based upon their interests.

Legislative/Regulatory Health Law and Policy

Current Trends in American Health Policy

Health Care Legislative and Regulatory Process

Food and Drug Law

Administrative Law

Advanced Problems in Administrative Law and Regulatory Policy

AIDS and the Law

Bioethics

Disability Law and Disability Rights Clinic

Elder Law: Policies and Practice

Federal Regulatory Process

Genetics

Health Law

Lobbying and the Legislative Process

Public Health

Psychiatry and the Law

Regulatory Law and Policy

Reproductive Rights



Health Care and Business Law

Health Law

Legal Issues in Health Care Fraud and Abuse

Advanced Corporate Law

Antitrust

Biotechnology

Business Associations and Corporate Law

Corporate Bankruptcy

ERISA/Pensions, Employment and Labor law

Federal Corporate Income Tax Law

Insurance Law

Intellectual Property, Patent Law and Access to Medicines

Medical Malpractice/Liability

Medicine for Lawyers

Mergers and Acquisitions

U.S. Patent Law

International Health and Human Rights

Economic, Social and Cultural Human Rights

Health Law

Human Rights

Intellectual Property, Human Rights and Development

International Business Transactions

International Health and Human Rights

International Health Care Organizations

International Humanitarian Law

International Trade Law

Public Health

Washington College of Law's advanced health curriculum and D.C. location were vital in positioning me for success in public policy.

- Marci Harris, LL.M. '07

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LL.M. Program on Law and Government Health Law Specialization

Law school graduates can obtain a Masters of Law degree with a health law specialization certificate at WCL as part of the LL.M. Program on Law and Government's Administrative and Regulatory Law concentration. For more information regarding this exciting opportunity for lawyers who wish to learn a new area of law, please visit the web site at www.wcl.american.edu/llmlawandgov.

STUDENT EXTERNSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Students earn academic credit for work experience through internships and externships with health care associations, government agencies, corporations, and law firms focusing on health industry clients. Available opportunities include:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Congressional Health Committees and Subcommittees
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- HHS Office of Inspector General
- Nationally ranked hospital health systems
- Food and Drug Administration

The Health Law and Justice Initiative (HLJI) is a student-run organization that promotes opportunities for students, focusing on health law issues from a human rights perspective. Its primary goal is to encourage professional development by exploring career options in the practice of health law and sponsoring programs and symposia, which create networking opportunities with leading health law lawyers from the Washington, D.C., community and the extensive health law bar.

The student-run **Health Law and Policy Brief** is the first WCL publication dedicated to the rapidly emerging and increasingly prominent field of health law. The *Brief* provides informative works from health care practitioners, attorneys, and students on cutting-edge legal and policy issues and features columns highlighting important issues in the field as well as health care regulatory updates.

The Health Law Advisory Council is comprised of WCL alumni working as health lawyers across the country. Members of the Council advise on curriculum, participate in seminars, lecture as adjunct professors, and serve as a resource for students.



Health Law and Policy Summer Institute

The Health Law and Policy Summer Institute offers a broad range of courses that are custom-developed for an intensive learning environment. The courses - taught by leading practitioners from private practice, health care organizations, government and non-governmental organizations, and academia - prepare legal professionals for the practice of health care law while focusing on both theoretical and practical aspects of health law and policy. For more information, visit www.wcl.american.edu/go/healthlaw.



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