



**LL.M. in Law & Government
Administrative Law &
Regulatory Practice Concentration**

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All about the Concentration in Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice

Students may obtain a Concentration in Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice by completing 12 credits from the courses listed below. Students may also complete an in-depth study of a particular area within the concentration, a Specialization, by completing 12 credits from a particular listed area. Students who complete a concentration or specialization will receive a certificate from the Program on Law & Government.

Please note that not all courses are offered every semester and each semester new courses are added to the law school's scheduled classes. Students may also petition the Program to approve additional relevant courses, and certain courses from the Summer Institute on Law & Government will be approved each year.



Approved Courses (not all courses are offered every semester)

General Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice Courses

LAW-601-001 Administrative Law (3 hrs.)

Addresses the structure, powers and processes of administrative agencies that are the source of much of U.S. law. Topics include the delegation of power to agencies, the constitutional right to a hearing, agency procedures of adjudication and rule making, information law debates, judicial review of agencies, and administrative reform.

LAW-654-001 Government Contracts (3 hrs.) Covers the fundamental law of federal government contracts, basic theory of public contracting, authority, policies and limitations, procurement procedures, contract types, cost and price principles, remedies, claims procedures, and extraordinary remedies.

**LAW-795-020 Advanced Admin. Law: -
Writing Seminar (2 hrs.)** Designed to help students create publishable articles on administrative law. Students may start a project from scratch or build on research and writing they have completed in connection with preparation of a law review note. A previous

course in either Administrative Law or a particular field of Administrative Law (e.g., Food and Drug Law) is recommended.

LAW-795-024 Global Corruption & the Rule of Law (2 hrs.) Examines international hard and soft law and institutions. Explores new laws, regulations, policies and forms of international cooperation required to be passed and implemented in various international conventions, including the new United Nations Convention against Corruption and the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and how these relate to human rights under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

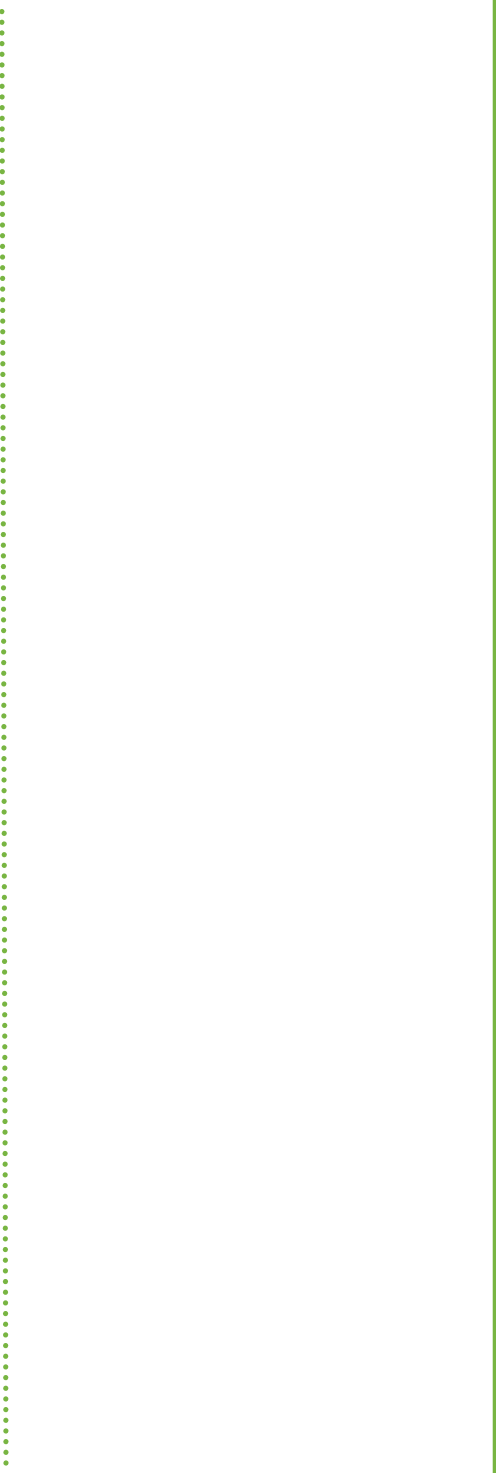
LAW-85801 Aviation Law: Domestic and International Aspects (2 hrs.) Examines the legal framework for the international aviation industry, including relevant multilateral agreements; bilateral aviation agreements and U.S. "open skies" policies; economic and competition rules governing the industry; airline alliances and other commercial arrangements; and international aviation safety, security, and liability issues.


LAW-894-001 Legislative Process: Congressional Lawmaking & Oversight (3





hrs.) Examines the power of Congress to engage in oversight of the other branches of government, the nominations process in the Senate as a means of oversight, congressional lawmaking and contentions that Congress has become dysfunctional and proposals for change. The class will focus on case examples.





**Intellectual Property & Information
Policy Specialization Courses**

LAW-604-001 Patent & Trademark Appeals before the Federal Circuit (2 hrs.)

Addresses the intricacies of patent and trademark appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Includes jurisdiction, standards of review, and the selection and structure of arguments on appeal. Substantive knowledge of patent and trademark law is helpful but not required.

LAW-609-001 U.S. Trademark Law (3 hrs.) Develops an understanding of the competing theoretical rationales for protection of trade symbols. Explores the historical development of trademark and unfair competition law, protection of nontraditional subject matter; conflicts in IP laws; dilution; free expression; publicity; domain names; acquisition or loss of rights and trademark litigation.

LAW-623-001 Copyright Law (3 hrs.) Examines legal protection afforded the fruits of literary and creative endeavor, the Federal Copyright Act of 1976, the nature of copyright protection, types of works covered, mechanisms of securing protection, and procedures for enforcement. Topics include the history of copyright; the relationship of copyright to other forms of protection for intellectual property; and the interaction between new technologies, including data processing and copyright law.

LAW-642-001 Entertainment Law (3 hrs.) Examines entertainment industry contracts, the entertainment industry, and related non-contract law.

LAW-646-001 International & Comparative Trademark Law (3 hrs.) Focuses on the international system regulating the protection of trademark rights, conventions and some bilateral treaties. Examines reciprocity; the emergence of new jurisdictional issues raised by the internet; and such new rights as the right of publicity, anti-dilution, appella-

tions of origin, trademark law in the European Union and efforts toward harmonization. Prerequisite: U.S. Trademark Law (LAW-609) or Intellectual Property Law (LAW-670) or Unfair Trade Law (LAW-689) or permission of the instructor.

LAW-667A-001 Intellectual Property in Cyberspace (3 hrs.) Investigates the legal regulation of copyright and trademark law through the internet. Studies how the fundamental principles of intellectual property law apply to the facts of the internet, regulation of internet service providers, digital rights management, and the role of “user generated content” and open or public licensing of copyrighted works on the internet.

LAW-674-001 Law of Professional Sports (2 hrs.) Introduces legal and business aspects of the sports industry by examining the structure of professional sports, including the interrelationship of leagues, clubs, and individual athletes and their representatives. Antitrust, labor, and contract law principles will be discussed, as will practical aspects of practicing law in the professional sports industry such as negotiating and drafting contracts and ethical considerations in representing the professional athlete.

LAW-688-001 Patent Law (3 hrs.) Provides an introduction to issues of legal protection and incentives for technological innovation, focusing on the Patent Act, federal court decisions, Patent Office rules, and relevant provisions of international patent law treaties. Covers the history and philosophic underpinnings of American patent law: why people seek patents, the economics of inventive activities; the patent application process; substantive requirements for obtaining patents; how patents are enforced; licensing of patented inventions and antitrust law considerations; and international patent protection.

LAW-698-001 Int'l & Comparative Copyright (3 hrs.) A survey of the multinational and bilateral agreements governing the enforcement of copyrights across national



boundaries. Explores the similarities and differences existing between U.S. copyright and other countries, copyright in developing countries, and the problems of enforcing the rights of American copyright owners overseas. Prerequisite: Copyright (LAW-623).

LAW-700-002 Seminar: Government Information Law & Policy (3 hrs.) Examines operation of the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act of 1974, and related laws and policies throughout the federal government, including matters of national security, personal privacy, and law enforcement sensitivity. "Pseudosecrecy" of document safeguarding labels such as "For Official Use Only (FOUO)," "Sensitive But Unclassified Information (SBU)," and "Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)" will also be covered.

LAW-795-014 Intellectual Property Protection & Enforcement (2 hrs.) Explores intellectual property as protected assets of any venture, interaction between business activity/decisions and intellectual property protection and enforcement and how the interaction is dealt with in law and international agreements. Uses customs to illustrate the legal framework to protect IP and the real world practical limits of protection and enforcement. Will NOT detail processes and prosecution.

LAW-805-001 Law of Information Privacy (2 hrs.) Examines digital surveillance, the privacy implications of social networking technologies, electronic health records, cloud computing, online behavioral advertising, and the role of anonymity in a networked world. Introduces cutting-edge information privacy and security issues, and various means of developing public policy.

LAW-836-001 Seminar: Computer Crime (2 hrs.) Considers how crimes in cyberspace challenge traditional approaches to the investigation and prosecution of crimes that have evolved from our experience with crimes in physical space. Topics include the Fourth

Amendment in cyberspace, the law of electronic surveillance, computer hacking, computer viruses, encryption, on-line economic espionage and intellectual property protection, cyber-terrorism, federal-state relations in the enforcement of computer crime laws, and civil liberties online.

LAW-846-001 E-Commerce Law and Drafting (2 hrs.) Focuses on the practical legal and drafting issues facing developers, licensors, licensees, and users of computer software, hardware, multimedia works, and on-line networks including drafting and modifying a variety of contracts and agreements; copyright, patent, and trade secret protection; licenses and warranties; roles and responsibilities of system operators and service providers; and the regulation of emerging technology of electronic commerce.

LAW-855-001 Patent Prosecution (2 hrs.) Focuses on the realities of the U.S. Patent Office and the specific issues relating to the preparing, prosecuting, and securing of a U.S. patent. Examines cases from the U.S. Supreme Court, Federal Circuit, Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, and Patent Office Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Prerequisite: Patent Law (LAW-688)

LAW-896-001 Law & the Visual Arts (3 hrs.) Covers the fate of works of art in wartime, the international trade in stolen and illegally exported cultural property, artistic freedom, censorship and state support for art and artists, copyright, moral rights and trademark rights, collectors and the art market, and art museums and their collections. Major themes will include the policy balance between public and private interest, the impact of law on heritage, and the role that law plays in shaping cultural policy.

LAW-924-001 Advanced Copyright Law & Policy (3 hrs.) Covers the effect of technological developments on copyright law and policy, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and more recent legislative proposals, an exploration of the legislative process





in developing copyright policy, and the effect of the DMCA and other proposals on such traditional copyright principles as the doctrines of fair use and first sale.

LAW-925-001 Intellectual Property Management (3 hrs.) Encompasses a broad range of disciplines, including copyright, trademark, trade secret, commercial, and contract law, discussing infringement, licensing, and the use of copyrighted material on the Internet. Utilizes an organizational audit, economic, and transaction-based approach, rather than legislative and judicial analysis.

LAW-962-001 Advanced Intellectual Property: IP & Human Rights (3 hrs.)

Examines international intellectual property rules through the lenses of human rights law and development policy. Explores intellectual property frameworks and global inequality; access to essential goods and services; global movements mobilizing around issues of access to medicines, textbooks, and other essential knowledge goods. It is highly recommended that students complete at least one course in intellectual property law or international law before enrolling in this class.

LAW-963-001 Int'l & Comparative Patent Law (2 hrs.)


Provides a general introduction to international patent law in theory and practice with a focus on practical aspects of international patent acquisition and enforcement. Students also look at: jurisprudence; fundamental principles; current themes in international policy debates such as biotechnology and electronic commerce. The class considers various treaties; unity of invention and other examination standards; and U.S.-global harmonization. Recommended: Patent Law (LAW-688)

LAW-971-001 Antitrust, Innovation & Intellectual Property (2 hrs.)

Looks at the way the law promotes innovation, animated by the question of whether the antitrust laws as currently enforced give too much or too little deference to the intellectual property

laws, with particular reference to encouraging innovation. Students who have not taken a class in Antitrust or are not doing so currently must have permission of the instructor to enroll.





Environmental Law & Policy
Specialization Courses

LAW-618-001 International Environmental Law (3 hrs.) Focuses on specific environmental threats and the most recent manifestations of the law. Considers environmental law in the European Community, the general foundations of international law, and the relationship to human rights law and international trade law.

LAW-629-001 Environmental Law (3 hrs.) Provides an overview of environmental law with particular emphasis on the administrative law background; the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended; the governance of public lands; and air and water pollution control.

LAW-630-001 Regulation of Energy (2 hrs.) The development, pricing, and delivery of energy resources, including oil, gas, coal, electricity, and nuclear energy; and the environmental aspects of energy development.

LAW-685-001 Oil & Gas Law (2 hrs.) Nature and ownership of oil and gas interests, conveyancing and leasing of hydrocarbon interests, royalties, implied covenants in oil and gas leases, pooling and utilization, Oil and Gas Conservation Commission practice, and oil and gas lease operational rights and restrictions.

LAW-686-001 Federal Public Lands & Natural Resources (2 hrs.) Covers public land law history, sources of authority, judicial review, the NEPA, planning statutes, the Endangered Species Act, resources of water, minerals, range, wildlife, preservation and recreation.

LAW-710-001 Environmental Issues in Business Transactions (2 hrs.) Explores the real-world environmental problems that practitioners encounter in counseling clients pursuing transactions in the corporate, real estate, banking, and bankruptcy contexts. Prerequisites: Environmental Law (LAW-629) and Business Associations (LAW-611).


LAW-721-001 Seminar: Law of the Sea (3 hrs.) Combines a traditional overview of the law of the sea with a focus on contemporary issues such as environmental preservation, fisheries management, public enjoyment, and resource exploitation with case studies. Emphasizes the interrelationship between international law and policy, noting how law shapes policy outcomes and how policy choices shape the development of law.


LAW-730 Land Use Planning & Practice (4 hrs.) Explores land use controls: of zoning, the role of the comprehensive plan, the urban planning process, variances, special exceptions, subdivision regulations, rezoning, nonconforming uses, growth controls, exclusionary zoning, inclusionary zoning remedies, and various other zoning issues. The practice part of this course involves student mooting of simulated land use cases before a hearing examiner.

LAW-795-012 Advanced Environmental Law Research Seminar (2 hrs.) Allows students with prior environmental law experience to dig deeper into the actual workings of a practical and timely environmental law topic under the guidance of leading practitioners.

LAW-795-013 Advanced Oil & Gas Law (2 hrs.) Studies the distinctions between oil and gas developments on the federal lands of the Outer Continental Shelf and private lands. Includes environmental regulations, federal and state regulation of production, pricing, conservation, derivatives regulation, securities regulation and taxation.

LAW-813-001 Seminar: Comparative Environmental Law (3 hrs.) Presents different approaches for protecting the environment through national environmental legislation. The approach will be practical, designed to emphasize the policy trade-offs inherent in designing and implementing environmental law and policy, drawing upon examples from civil and common law systems as well as from developing and industrialized countries.






LAW-824-001 Natural Resources, Energy & the Environment (2 hrs.) Deals with the development of hard minerals, particularly coal, through environmental, mineral, and mining law. This course has three parts: the first part deals with the extraction and mining of minerals, mostly coal mining; the second deals with the environmental regulation of mining; and the third deals with the energy produced from coal.

LAW-844-001 Advanced Environmental Law: Liability & Torts (3 hrs.) Focuses on advanced issues in liability under federal environmental law, particularly advanced issues in Superfund, and an extensive survey of common law issues of environmental torts. Surveys issues of environmental federalism, including commerce clause and choice of law issues arising in environmental cases.

LAW-851-001 Global Warming: Law & Policy (3 hrs.) Examines one of the most critical air and atmospheric issues of our time: global warming or climate change. Related areas, such as transboundary air pollution and ozone depletion, are also studied.

LAW-932-001 Environmental Impact Assessment Laws in Nation-Building and Government Decision Making (3 hrs.) Analyzes practice and legal requirements for environmental impact assessments in a variety of legal contexts, including different U.S. counties and states and international organizations such as the UN, World Bank, and IMF. Focuses on U.S. federal law (NEPA), requiring environmental impact statements.



Health Law & Policy
Specialization Courses

LAW-640-001 Health Law (4 hrs.) Focuses on statutory and common law obligations of health care providers to render care; private insurance; government programs; cost controls; quality care; systems of measurement; informed consent and standards of care; regulatory versus free-market approaches; rationing of services; and health reform.

LAW-648-001 Food & Drug Law (2 hrs.) Examines the ways in which Congress, the FDA, and the courts have gone about regulating the food, drug, cosmetic and medical device industries. Focuses on the historical development of food and drug law, as well as on current issues involving, among other things, carcinogens and risk assessment in food safety; regulation of nutrition; and approval of new drugs, devices, and vaccines for infectious diseases.

LAW-715-001 Seminar: Disability and the Law (3 hrs.) Explores the ways in which the legal system deals (and has dealt) with people with disabilities in such areas as employment, education, housing, institutionalization, transportation, and health using case law, and statutes.

LAW-719-001 Seminar: Health Care Business Transactions & Fraud Prevention (3 hrs.) Delves into the regulatory, legal and business issues surrounding health care business transactions. Emphasizes fraud and abuse prohibitions and their impact on structuring and negotiating business arrangements. This course will also examine the nuts and bolts of health care merger and acquisition transactions.

LAW-719-001 Seminar: Current Trends in American Health Policy (3 hrs.) Provides an overview of health care reform, coverage, benefits and payment issues, the legislative and regulatory processes governing the U.S. health care system, the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) and prescription drug benefit, employer-sponsored health care, the un-

insured, medical malpractice insurance, ERISA, HIPAA, advances in biotechnology, end-of-life, genetics, and other recent developments.

LAW-719-001 Seminar: Health Law: Legislative and Regulatory Process (2 hrs.) Focuses on the federal legislative, regulatory and lobbying processes in health care in three major pieces of recent health legislation: Stark, HIPAA privacy provisions and Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. The course will also examine the recently-enacted Health Care Reform law, and the unique legislative process Congress and the White House engaged in to pass the law.

LAW-719-002 Seminar: Health Law: Bioethics (2 hrs.) Considers legal, ethical, and public policy problems posed by developments in health care financing, allocation, and delivery. Seminar topics include bioethics, fraud and abuse in the health care industry, federal reform of health policy, health care dispute resolution, health care transactions, managed care, medical liability, health law legislative and regulatory process, and public health law.

LAW-719-002 Seminar: Medical Liability & Public Health (2 hrs.) Provides an in-depth look at medical liability/malpractice, a specialized topic within the field of tort law. The course will offer an overview of the traditional medical liability system; explore the state of the law of medical liability and provide practical insights into the field. The seminar will benefit students wishing to work in the medico-legal field, as well as students interested in tort litigation in general.

LAW-719-002 Seminar: Privacy & Health Information Technology (2 hrs.) Traces the development of available health care and associated biomedical research data. Covers health care systems, the ways in which health related information is and can be collected and used, the structure, pace and focus of clinical research, and competing demands of the need for information for the greater

good versus the right of privacy of the individual.

LAW-719-003 Seminar: Genetics & the Law (2 hrs.) Examines the legal and moral issues raised by genetic research and technology. Looks at history, technology, eugenics, and the use of genetic information through the mapping of the human genome, federal and state regulation of genetic research investigation, and stem cell research. Explores the application of genetic technology to life events including reproduction, birth, illness, crime, disability and employment.

LAW-719-004 Seminar: Health Law: Int'l Organizations & Public Health (2 hrs.) Intends to give students an understanding of the roles played by major international organizations in the achievement of the MDG's in Sub-Saharan Africa and elsewhere – the UN, WHO, UNESCO, WTO, World Bank, IMF, Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and transnational corporations.


LAW-719-005 Seminar: Selected Topics in Health Law: Gender & Health Law Policy (2 hrs.) Focus on the development of law and policy addressing women's health. Covers health care reform, Title VI protection against discrimination, employment discrimination based on women's physical differences from men, reproductive rights, pregnancy discrimination, women in research studies, the breast cancer advocacy movement, health disparities due to race/ethnicity/socio-economic status, and the policy response to AIDS in women (particularly women of color).

LAW-719-005 Seminar: Global Health & Comparative Health Systems (2 hrs.) Examines global health issues and health systems from a comparative perspective. Begins begin by defining "health systems" and exploring what they do and how they have evolved; looks at the configuration of health systems, examining different frameworks for healthcare delivery, financing, coverage, and allocation of resources.

LAW-812-001 Seminar: Elder Law: Policy and Practice (2 hrs.) Provides a basic working knowledge of various elder law issues, including planning for incapacity, guardianship, social security, Medicare coverage, and long-term care planning, and attendant public policy issues.

LAW-834-001 Public Health Law (3 hrs.) Focuses on measures intended to protect or improve the health of populations or the community, as distinct from the health of particular individuals. Examines federalism, privacy and other individual rights, criminal law, First Amendment law (particularly the commercial speech doctrine), and takings law. Particular attention is given to difficult policy issues raised by HIV/AIDS, the tobacco industry, the use of illegal drugs, and the threat of bioterrorism

LAW-991-001 Drug Products Liability (3 hrs.) Considers the theory and practice of such lawsuits before, and now after, the Supreme Court's recent landmark decision in *Wyeth v. Levine* (2009). Using case studies, considers the legal principles governing such lawsuits, such as inadequate warning; the learned intermediary doctrine; and medical causation. The course will also consider the practical application, including doctors as witnesses, discovery strategies, and techniques to present complex information to juries.



**Immigration Law & Policy
Specialization Courses**

LAW-655-001 Immigration & Naturalization Law (3 hrs.) Examines the U.S. immigration system from the perspective of limitations and exceptions, and explores topics such as preference; labor; treaties; students; visa procedures; documents; exclusion and deportation; pardons; judicial recommendations against deportations and citizenship.

LAW-656-001 Asylum & Refugee Law (3 hrs.) Explores interplay of law, moral obligations, and national sovereignty in reviewing the causes of refugees, the evolution of international legal refugee protection, and the extent to which Congress sought to make U.S. asylum law comport with U.S. international obligations. Reviews and critiques prevailing asylum law, litigation issues in asylum removal proceedings and on appeal, and overarching policies.

LAW-637-001 Domestic Violence Law (2 hrs.) Explores historical, anthropological, sociological, psychological, and legal aspects of battering. Topics include criminal law and process, family law, and alternative dispute resolution. Considers the historical, social, and cross-cultural context of domestic violence; social and legal reform efforts on behalf of battered women; battered women who kill their batterers; and theory and practice regarding battered women.


LAW-795-011 Advanced Immigration: Ethics & Reform (2 hrs.) Examines how and why working with immigrants can be ethically unique, considering the stakes involved for clients and the complexity in the laws that need to be considered. Considers the ethical questions arising from current immigration structures and practices, thinking both about what the rules of professional conduct offer as guidance, as well as the broader ethical imperatives of reform.

LAW-927-001 International Trafficking in Persons (3 hrs.) Examines the legal issues

related to the trafficking of persons from an international and comparative perspective. Considers international trafficking prohibitions of the various international conventions, analyzes legislative texts of domestic trafficking laws of selected jurisdictions worldwide, and analyzes the U.S. statutes prohibiting trafficking in human beings.

LAW-967-001 Immigration Issues: Employment and Family (2 hrs.) Specifically addresses family- and employment-based immigration topics and provides students with an in-depth, practice-oriented look at both the issues and the procedures involved in handling family- and employment-based immigration cases.

LAW-976-001 Business Immigration Law (3 hrs.) Examines the law, regulations and policies governing the entry of foreigners into the United States for employment and business-related purposes. Students will examine the fundamental principles and defining concepts of the various temporary and permanent visa categories permitting employment.



Labor & Employment Law & Policy
Specialization Courses

LAW-664-001 Employment & Labor Law: The Employment Relationship (3 hrs.)

Examines the legal issues that arise at various stages of the employment relationship by considering the history of employment and labor law and the current economic, demographic, and technological developments that are changing the way work is organized and creating new challenges for the law. Analyzes hiring, regulating the terms and conditions of employment during the employment relationship, and discharge and termination.

LAW-668-001 Employment Discrimination (3 hrs.) Surveys major federal statutes prohibiting discrimination in the workplace, with special emphasis on practical problems encountered in litigation. Primarily focuses on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and race discrimination. Discrimination on the basis of age, sex, national origin, or disability will also be considered.

LAW-691-001 Sex-Based Discrimination (3 hrs.) Explores the application of the U.S. Constitution, Title VII, Title IX, and the Equal Pay Act in the context of discrimination against men and women, taking into account historic, social, economic, and psychological factors.

LAW-700-001 Seminar: Public Employment Law (2 hrs.) Covers the connection between public health and safety disasters are linked to public employment laws, how public employment law influences the development and implementation of public policy, ethics, whistleblower protection, the right to disobey illegal orders, the protections of public employees from improper disciplinary or personnel actions and the history of civil service law in the United States.

LAW-795-005 Labor Law: Public & Private (2 hrs.) For the private sector, this course will cover union organizational campaigns, unfair labor practices, representation, elections, collective bargaining, arbitration,


strikes, lockouts and secondary boycotts. For the public sector, this course will cover selection of a union, collective bargaining, mediation, arbitration, and constitutional rights of employees.

LAW-715-001 Seminar: Disability and the Law (3 hrs.) Explores the ways in which the legal system deals (and has dealt) with people with disabilities in such areas as employment, education, housing, institutionalization, transportation, and health using case law, and statutes.

LAW-745-001 Seminar: Pension and Employee Benefit Law (3 hrs.) Provides an introduction to the federal regulation of the pension system and evaluates the policy underpinnings of the current system of pension regulation. It will focus on the legal rights established to protect individual employees and "rank and file" employees.

LAW-889-001 Labor and Employment: Work, Family, and Equality (2 hrs.) Reviews the restrictions on employees' choice of time allocation and the problems those restrictions cause. Students will look at non-legislative solutions and will consider how restraints on time allocation have a disproportionate effect on women's pay and success and on men's ability to participate in family life.

LAW-923-001 Employment Discrimination: A Case Model Approach (3 hrs.) Combines issues of employment discrimination (primarily Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) and trial skills for students who are interested in learning about the disparate impact and treatment theories of Title VII liability and applying Title VII principles to a litigation setting. Recommended but not required: Employment Discrimination (LAW-668), Evidence (LAW-633), Civil Procedure (LAW-501, LAW-502).



**Communications Law & Policy
Specialization Courses**

LAW-667-001 Cyberlaw (3 hrs.) Examines holistically the treatment of information by law and lays out the main legal, economic, and political models for the ownership and control of information. The overall theme of the class is the "information economy" issues confronted in each new area of information regulation, e.g., privacy and confidentiality concerns versus free speech concerns.

LAW-667A-001 Intellectual Property in Cyberspace (3 hrs.) Investigates the legal regulation of copyright and trademark law through the internet. Studies how the fundamental principles of intellectual property law apply to the facts of the internet, regulation of internet service providers, digital rights management, and the role of "user generated content" and open or public licensing of copyrighted works on the internet.

LAW-683-001 Media Law (3 hrs.) Examines the relationship between the news media and the law, including the First Amendment and a variety of federal and state statutes. Topics include libel and a number of related privacy torts; a broad array of issues related to news gathering; prior restraints; business regulation of the news media; and other timely problems.

LAW-719-002 Seminar: Privacy & Health Information Technology (2 hrs.) Traces the development of available health care and associated biomedical research data. Covers health care systems, the ways in which health related information is and can be collected and used, the structure, pace and focus of clinical research, and competing demands of the need for information for the greater good versus the right of privacy of the individual.

LAW-805-001 Law of Information Privacy (2 hrs.) Examines digital surveillance, the privacy implications of social networking technologies, electronic health records, cloud computing, online behavioral advertising, and

the role of anonymity in a networked world. Introduces cutting-edge information privacy and security issues, and various means of developing public policy.

LAW-810-001 Communications Law (2 hrs.) Provides an overview of legal and public policy issues in contemporary regulation of broadcasting, cable television, and other electronic mass media by the Federal Communications Commission and other federal agencies. Includes consideration of First Amendment issues only as they affect regulation.

LAW-828-001 Seminar: Space Law & Satellite Communication (3 hrs.) Provides an overview of international and U.S. domestic law applicable to satellite communications, satellite remote sensing, launch vehicles, the space station, and other space projects. Focuses on international treaty interpretation, domestic licensing procedures for satellites and launch vehicles, launch service agreements, and satellite procurement contracts.

LAW-846-001 E-Commerce Law and Drafting (2 hrs.) Focuses on the practical legal and drafting issues facing developers, licensors, licensees, and users of computer software, hardware, multimedia works, and on-line networks including drafting. Covers modifying a variety of contracts and agreements; copyright, patent, and trade secret protection; licenses and warranties; roles and responsibilities of system operators and service providers; and the regulation of emerging technology of electronic commerce



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