

# BUSINESS LAW

The Business Law Program at American University Washington College of Law offers extraordinary curricular, scholarly, and extra-curricular opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

## CURRICULUM IN LAW AND BUSINESS

With over 150 courses touching every area of business law, the breadth of the Business Law Program is unparalleled. Whether students seek a foundation in basic business law or intend to focus on a particular field, the Business Law Program offers courses in numerous practice areas, including:

- Antitrust
- Banking & Financial Institutions
- Commercial Law & Bankruptcy
- Commercial Litigation & Arbitration
- Corporate Finance and Securities
- Employment & Labor Relations
- Intellectual Property
- International & Comparative Business Law
- Real Estate
- Regulated Industries
- Tax

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

**Clinical Program.** The law school boasts a Clinical Program that is indisputably among the best in the world. Students have the opportunity to begin to practice law under the supervision of the faculty and are exposed to the many dimensions of lawyering, including client counseling, transactional work, litigation, and administrative and legislative advocacy. Several clinics offer extensive work for students interested in business-related fields.

In the Community and Economic Development Clinic, students use the tools of corporate lawyers to empower neighborhood-based and other small organizations in underserved communities. Work includes drafting articles of incorporation and organizing limited liability companies, cooperative associations, and nonprofit organizations; negotiating and drafting contracts; assisting in financing; and advising on corporate governance.

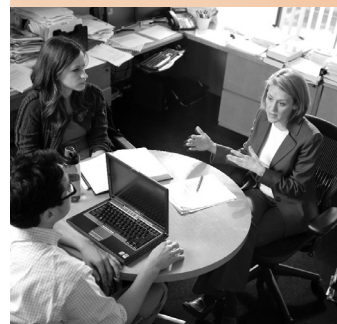
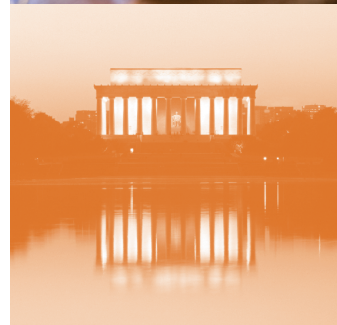
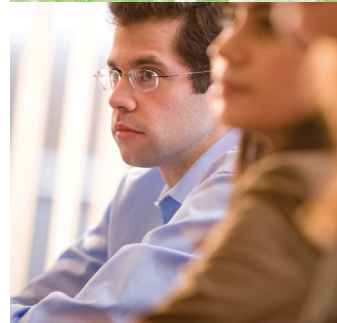
Students in the Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic represent individual taxpayers in judicial cases and administrative controversies with the Internal Revenue Service and hone the skills fundamental to any tax or business practice.

**Externships.** Studying law in Washington, D.C. provides students with unique opportunities to integrate practical experience with theory. Through the Supervised Externship Program, students may earn academic credit for doing legal work at institutions including the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, as well as countless other organizations that focus on U.S. and international business. Qualified students may also complete for-credit fieldwork at some of these agencies.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON  
COLLEGE OF LAW

**CHAMPION  
WHAT MATTERS.**

[wcl.american.edu/business](http://wcl.american.edu/business)



## Student Publications & Organizations

The *Business Law Brief*, a magazine-format publication, is now in transition to a full-length scholarly journal: the *American University Business Law Review*. It will offer symposia on current topics in business law as well as other scholarly and student articles related to business law. Students will choose, edit, and write articles as with any other law review.

The Business Law Society provides students with access to information concerning the study and practice of business law, as well as social events and opportunities to network with alumni who are working in various areas of business law.

The International Trade & Investment Law Society explores current issues in trade law and sponsors a moot court team that competes in an international World Trade Organization style competition.

The JD/MBA Club offers a social outlet and forum for students pursuing the dual JD/MBA degree and their peers.

## Contact information:

**David V. Snyder, Professor of Law and Director, Business Law Program**  
dsnyder@wcl.american.edu

**American University  
Washington College of Law  
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016**

[www.wcl.american.edu/business](http://www.wcl.american.edu/business)

## SPECIALIZED DEGREES & PROGRAMS

Aside from the wide-ranging curriculum in business law, students (as appropriate) may pursue specialized degrees and/or take courses within the law school's leading programs:

- The International Legal Studies Program offers an LL.M. with a specialization in International Business Law, providing students the knowledge and qualifications to practice on an international scale.
- The JD/MBA Program gives students the invaluable chance to develop skills in both law and business.
- The Center on International Commercial Arbitration offers courses for credit as well as numerous seminars and special events that bring the most prominent international arbitrators and practitioners to the law school for study, learning, practice, and networking. The Center also sponsors the Vis Moot teams, which travel each year to mock international arbitrations in Vienna and Hong Kong.
- The Program in Information Justice and Intellectual Property offers numerous opportunities for students with a particular interest in trademark, copyright, patent, and related fields.

---

**American University Washington College of Law is a dynamic law school at the center of policy, business, and all things international. We are a law school of over 1,700 JD, LL.M., and SJD students who Champion What Matters.**

**Founded on the principles of humanity, diversity, and equal rights, our students, faculty, and alumni incorporate these values into everything they do within our walls and around the globe. We offer more than 20 specialized programs including international law, human rights, law and government, intellectual property, business, and gender studies; as well as nationally recognized clinical and trial advocacy programs. Our location in Washington, D.C. opens up extraordinary internship and employment opportunities within branches of government, international organizations, private and public interest law firms, and non-governmental organizations. What's more, you'll be surrounded by a community of students and faculty that encourages and inspires one another.**

EO/AA University and Employer

