

# **CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS LAW REQUIREMENTS**

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## **1. Course Requirements**

The certificate requires a total of 24 credit hours of business-related courses, including the legal writing and experiential requirements described below.

The three courses listed in Section I of the Appendix are required for the certificate. In addition, students must take at least two Core Courses listed in Section II of the Appendix. The remaining hours must be taken from Sections II or III of the Appendix.

**A student may not take any course fulfilling the requirements of the Certificate pass/fail basis (except courses only graded pass/fail).**

## **2. Legal Writing Requirement**

The student must fulfill a legal writing requirement related to business law, which may be satisfied in one of the following ways:

- (a) a business-related Legal Writing IV class;
- (b) a law review or journal note related to a business topic;\*
- (c) an independent study where the student writes a paper on a business law topic;\*
- (d) a business-related seminar in which the student writes a paper.\*

\*The professor supervising an independent study, law review/journal note, or seminar paper must certify to the director that the topic was business law related.

## **3. Experiential Requirement**

The student must fulfill an experiential requirement, which may be satisfied inhouse by taking Business Entity Formation\*, Business Entity Transactions\*, Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, or Tax Clinic or alternatively by engaging in an externship or internship or other form of work experience that provides exposure to business law work/practice. If you intend to satisfy the requirement with an externship, internship, or work experience, you must submit a statement from the supervising attorney briefly describing your work and stating that the experience was related to business law. The program director will determine whether the externship, internship, or work experience fulfills this experiential requirement.

\*One of these courses may not satisfy both the Core Course requirement and the Experiential Requirement.

## **Appendix**

### **Section I. Required Courses**

Business Organizations; Personal Income Tax; Securities Regulation

### **Section II. Core Courses (at least two of the following courses must be taken)**

Antitrust; Bankruptcy; Business Entity Formation or Business Entity Transactions; Commercial Law: Secured Transactions; Corporate Finance; Taxation of Business Enterprises

### **Section III. Additional Courses**

The remainder of the 24 credit hours must be fulfilled by taking any Core Course not otherwise taken to fulfill the Core Course Requirement or any of the courses listed on the next page.

Additional business-related courses and seminars may be added to the curriculum; contact the Program Director to see if a particular course will qualify for the Certificate.

## **General Business**

Accounting/Finance for Lawyers  
Advanced Property: Real Estate Finance and Transfers  
Advanced Property: Real Estate Transactions  
Business Planning  
Business Valuation and Financial Statements  
Business Legislation Practice  
E-Commerce  
Entrepreneurship  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Nonprofit Law  
Real Estate Fundamentals and Syndications

## **Taxation**

Advanced Tax Transactions  
Advising Clients on Tax Matters  
Federal Transfer Taxes  
Tax & Budget Policy  
Tax Procedure  
Tax Planning for International Business  
Tax Fraud

## **Commercial Law**

Advanced Bankruptcy: Corporate Reorganizations  
Commercial Law: Survey  
Commercial Real Estate Transactions  
Commercial Law: Payment Systems  
Construction Law

## **International Law**

International Capital Markets  
International Trade  
International Business Transactions  
Multinational Business Bankruptcy and Reorganization or International Bankruptcy Law

## **Employment Law**

Employment Relationships

## **Regulatory Law**

Banking Law  
Commodities and Derivatives Regulation  
Compliance in Financial Institutions  
Futures Regulations

## **Seminars**

Antitrust and Intellectual Property  
Comparative Competition Law  
International and Comparative Antitrust  
Investment Funds  
Tax Policy  
The Corporation and the Constitution

The list of additional courses is indicative not exclusive. Other classes may be eligible. If in doubt contact the Program Director.