ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, LEGISLATION, AND GOVERNANCE

Administrative Law, Legislation, and Governance and Its Application to Legal Practice

The focus of this cluster is lawmaking by Congress (statutes) and administrative agencies (regulations and rules). The reach of the modern administrative state is vast and involves areas such as financial regulation, health and safety regulation, the administration of disability and welfare programs, discrimination law, workplace regulation, food and drug law, and immigration policy, to name just a few. Correspondingly, the range of courses that fall within this cluster is extensive and signals the pervasive importance of administrative law to legal practice today.

Understanding the functions of lawmakers and rule-making entities in all levels of government is critical to a number of legal practices. Many lawyers work within administrative agencies and on the Hill, playing a key role in drafting and implementing statutes and defending agency decisions in court. Some attorneys work as litigators, representing their clients or public interest causes before administrative agencies and other rule-making bodies. Private sector regulatory and transactional attorneys are tasked with interpreting and providing counsel with respect to agency rules as they apply to their clients’ particular facts or case and must draw from their understanding of the government processes central to the enactment of these laws and regulations. Students interested in the area of government regulation not only need to cultivate a basic understanding of how agencies regulate and how lawyers can most effectively interact with agencies (by taking introductory offerings like Administrative Law), but also need to consider how they will apply these concepts in their career with respect to particular agencies and statutes (by taking courses in their desired subject-matter area, such as public health law, securities regulation, environmental policy, etc.). Proficient administrative law practitioners acquire the skill to use and adapt procedural rules in ways that advance the policy objectives that are present in particular substantive areas of the law.

Introductory and First-Year Offerings

In this field, the basic introductory courses are Administrative Law and Lawmaking or Legislation. These courses provide a gateway for many other offerings.

Administrative Law studies the delegation of power to agencies, the procedures followed by agencies, and judicial and other oversight of agencies. The power of agencies to promulgate rules, decide individual cases, and conduct investigations is carefully studied. While the focus in Administrative Law is on federal programs and cases, the principles developed in the federal domain dominate state and local regulatory and administrative law as well, although of course their application sometimes differs. In short, whether or not one expects to practice in areas that involve federal programs, Administrative Law is often a basic framework course. The upperclass curriculum offers Administrative Law each semester, including at least one section a year that gives priority to our evening students.

Lawmaking (or the course by the title, Legislation) is a course about how laws are created and the relationships among legislators, courts, and agencies. A critical component of the course is teaching students the basic skills of statutory interpretation.

While only a few upperclass electives formally require that students first complete the basic course in Administrative Law, it is generally a good idea to take Administrative Law sooner rather than later when one is studying government regulation. Similarly, Lawmaking is not a stated prerequisite for any upperclass electives, but its focus on teaching the skill of statutory interpretation is applicable to all statute-based legal fields.

The Law Center offers its first-year students the opportunity to be exposed to this area as part of their first-year curriculum.

- First-year day students in Curriculum A have the opportunity to choose their first-year elective in this area of study, offering courses such as Administrative Law, Congress and the Administrative State, Lawmaking, and The Regulatory State.
- First-year students in Curriculum B take Government Processes, which looks closely at the regulatory state and its institutional actors.
- Part-time students have a choice of upperclass courses in this area that will meet their "first-year" elective requirement, including Administrative Law and Lawmaking which are offered once a year in the evening.

Connections to Other Curricular Areas

The area of government regulation is so vast that several other curriculum clusters are closely related to it in the sense that Administrative Law and Lawmaking are sensible introductory courses for students interested in those fields. Examples include the Antitrust Law, Commercial and Advanced Contract Law, Communications Law, Corporate Law and Securities Regulation, Education Law and Policy, Environmental Law, and Taxation clusters. In addition we offer a number of courses and seminars in specific areas exploring government regulation of a single activity. Below we highlight some of these courses in order to illustrate the range this field offers. On the Courses tab, we provide a more comprehensive list of the courses offered in this area in the current and past two years. In each case, the goal is to unite the general principles of administrative law, legislation, and governance with the particular attributes of the subject matter at hand.

- Aviation Law encompasses air transportation, including liability and economic regulation issues.
- Of great interest in Washington, D.C. is the regulation of elections and campaign financing. The Election Law course and practicum focus on these issues.
- The regulation of banking and financial institutions has been an important area of government regulation in recent years.
  - Federal Banking Regulation: Modern Financial Institutions and Change focuses on federal regulation of banks, bank holding companies, and their affiliates, and examines the global financial crisis of 2008, the fractured financial regulatory system, and the proposals for reform.
  - Federal Regulation of Financial Institutions covers the federal deposit insurance system, bank failures, restrictions on bank activities in investment banking and mutual funds, and current issues surrounding geographic expansion.
- The graduate program offers a host of advanced courses on regulation of the financial industry, including Derivatives Market
Regulation Under Dodd-Frank and SEC Regulation of Financial Institutions and the Securities Markets.

- Food and drug and health law are rapidly growing areas covered in several courses and seminars. The Food and Drug Law survey course and the fieldwork practicum Public Interest Advocacy: Government Regulation of Food and Personal Care Products focus on the activities of the Food and Drug Administration. There are also courses and seminars on health law and policy, public health law, and on the regulation of medical technology.
- Immigration Law and Policy explores immigration regulation and lawmaking, with attention paid to the multi-branch process of establishing, implementing, and reviewing immigration law.
- The course in Local Government Law studies how local governments act, often through administrative agencies such as the school board or the zoning board, thereby bringing fundamental issues of administrative law into play.
- The Space Law Seminar explores similar topics in the context of scientific and commercial uses of outer space.

Opportunities to Experience Administrative Law in Washington, D.C.

One of Georgetown Law’s greatest assets is its physical proximity to all three branches of government. Through practicum and clinical offerings and externship placements, students can observe and participate in the creation, implementation, and interpretation of the law. The following experiential offerings are examples of the countless ways to gain this first-hand view of Administrative Law through our experiential offerings:

- Technology, Innovation, and Access to the Civil Justice System integrates classroom learning on how regulatory agencies work with hands-on collaboration with these agencies. As part of the experiential component, students develop apps that increase access to justice and/or improves the effectiveness of legal representation.
- In the Public Interest Advocacy: Government Regulation of Food and Personal-Care Products practicum, students utilize legislative and administrative materials as well as case law to become acquainted with the processes by which the federal government regulates food and personal-care products, and to critique both the statutory framework and the performance of FDA in carrying out its administrative duties. In their fieldwork, students are assigned to projects at the Environmental Working Group.
- Policy Clinic (Harrison Institute for Public Law) is a Fall-semester or year-long opportunity for students to serve legislators, attorneys general, regulatory agencies, citizen coalitions and Georgetown programs that support government needs. As their policy lawyers, clinic students analyze lawmaking authority, identify options for changing policy, help clients plan their strategy, and draft policy based on client choices. Students work in one or more project teams: (1) health and food policy (e.g., regulation and purchasing of school food, legal issues in health reform); (2) human rights and worker strategies (e.g., human rights and labor standards in government purchasing, employment policies of universities); (3) trade policy (e.g., regulation of services, foreign investor rights, subsidies, procurement); and (4) climate policy (e.g., adapting to sea level rise, drought, and urban heat effects through land use regulation, transportation planning, and funding of infrastructure).
- In the Federal Legislation Clinic students are prepared to work as "legislative lawyers." In addition to classroom instruction on the organization and operation of the federal legislative and executive branches, students participate in intensive field work involving legislative research, preparation of written advocacy materials, and participation in hearings and other legislative encounters.
- Students have participated as externs for academic credit at a number of agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGO) working in the area of administrative law. Some externs participate in litigation before courts and agencies, help develop comments on agency rulemakings—or, if placed with an agency working on a rulemaking, receive, review, and analyze comments submitted in response to a proposed rule—and conduct research that informs strategic litigation and counseling decisions. Past externs have also contributed to agency and NGO efforts to shape legislation. As discussed above, students interested in a practice involving government regulation and administrative law should also choose a specific subject matter. To take one example, some of our past students interested in the regulation of the environment found externship placements at the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in both the Office of Criminal Enforcement and Office of Administrative Law Judges, as well non-profit organizations such as Oceana and the Natural Resource Defense Council. Students placed at CEQ helped staff advise agencies and the Executive Office of the President on how to apply environmental impact review requirements and also to develop and shepherd initiatives requiring coordination among multiagency agencies.

Search Administrative Law, Legislation, and Governance Courses (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?cluster=cluster_1)

LAW 025 v00 Administrative Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20025%20v00)

J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours

This course considers the constitutional, statutory, and other legal limitations on what government agencies can do and how they can do it. What constraints govern the power of agencies to make law, decide cases involving private parties, and investigate citizens? How much "due process" must government agencies give citizens whose lives they affect; what limits has Congress imposed on the procedures for agency decision making; and to what extent can people call on courts to check what they regard as abuses of governmental power? These are among the questions addressed in the course, which draws together problems ranging from the legitimacy of New Deal institutions to the dramatic procedural innovations of recent federal administrations and problems created by renewed Congressional interest in the details of agency decision making.

Recommended: For Professor Nager’s section: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law I: The Federal System.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the first-year elective by the same name or the first-year course, Government Processes.
LAW 025 v06 Administrative Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20025%20v06)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course introduces you to the modern administrative and regulatory state. You will come to understand both the tremendous power exercised by administrative agencies and the significant constraints (legal and political) under which they operate. You will learn to identify the design features that might make an agency constitutionally problematic, the factors that make one type of decision-making framework more appropriate than another, the prerogatives and limits of agencies in interpreting the statutes they are charged with administering, and agencies’ prerogatives and limits in adjudicating facts and exercising policymaking discretion. You will also learn to identify the factors that affect the availability and timing of judicial review of agency action.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and the upperclass course with the same title.

Note: This course is a first-year elective. First-year day students select an elective offered in the spring.

LAW 1349 v00 Administrative Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201349%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
There is no more fundamental course in law school than administrative law. This course introduces you to the modern administrative and regulatory state. You will come to understand both the tremendous power exercised by administrative agencies and the significant constraints (legal and political) under which they operate. You will learn to identify the design features that might make an agency constitutionally problematic, the factors that make one type of decision-making framework more appropriate than another, the prerogatives and limits of agencies in interpreting the statutes they are charged with administering, and agencies’ prerogatives and limits in adjudicating facts and exercising policymaking discretion. You will also learn to identify the factors that affect the availability and timing of judicial review of agency action.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the first-year elective by the same name or the first year electives, The Regulatory State or Legislation and Regulation, or Government Processes, or Legislation and Regulations: Law, Science, and Policy.

LAW 1611 v00 Administrative Law and Public Administration Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201611%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
Administrative law scholars have observed an increasing disconnect between the legal framework and doctrine governing agencies, on the one hand, and the way that the administrative state actually operates, on the other. For example, administrative law tends to concern itself with external sources of control over agencies, while in fact most of the work of the administrative state takes place in day-to-day internal operations.

In this seminar, we use administrative law as a jumping off point to study a complementary set of frameworks and practices that govern and explain the operation of the administrative state: those drawn from public administration and political science. Lawyers who understand these complementary tools will be better prepared to advise clients on their interactions with institutions in the administrative state; to work within the institutions of the administrative state themselves; and to design and reform those institutions in the first instance.

This course is also a writing-intensive class that satisfies the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. To that end, each of you will devote a considerable amount of time this semester to developing a paper proposal about a conflict, crisis, or controversy within the operations of a government institution; researching your idea in depth; and both drafting and revising a substantial paper of at least six thousand words (exclusive of footnotes) that meets the different elements of the Writing Requirement. The last month of the semester will be devoted to workshopping these papers—that is, giving feedback to and receiving feedback from your colleagues.

Finally, as with every class in law school, this class provides an opportunity to deepen your professionalism. In your interactions with your colleagues and me in class, your communication with me in my office and in writing, and your work with other staff members in the Law Center to whom you might turn for research or writing assistance, each of you will have many chances to practice the collaborative, respectful, and diligent conduct that is the hallmark of the best of the legal profession.

Learning goals:

By the end of the course, students will be able to describe and discuss the core insights of the classic texts we will read; to assess the merits of these insights; and to apply these insights to everyday situations relevant to the institutions of government in D.C. and beyond. Students will also have written a paper of publishable quality analyzing and assessing a conflict, crisis, or controversy within the operations of a government institution using the lens of the tools we have studied.

Prerequisite: Students must take one of the following courses: Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation or Legislation and Regulation or The Regulatory State or Administrative Law or Government Processes.

Note: THIS COURSE REQUIRES PROFESSOR PERMISSION
TO ENROLL: Please email Professor Eloise Pasachoff (eloise.pasachoff@law.georgetown.edu) by 5:00 pm on Monday, June 4, 2018 a statement of interest that includes a statement about what recommended class, if any, you have taken.
LAW 029 v00 Advanced Environmental Law: Climate Change (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20029%20v00) (Project-Based Practicum)

J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In a project-based practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work on a project under the supervision of their professor. This project-based practicum course will focus on the evolving legal and policy developments concerning global climate change, and provide students the opportunity to engage in hands-on work with policymakers in addressing the issue. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out ten hours/week of project work including regularly scheduled meetings with professor and Georgetown Climate Center attorney advisors.

SEMINAR: This seminar covers the current understanding of climate change science and impacts, international and domestic policy approaches, technological and adaptation responses, and legal and regulatory cases and developments. Class participation and attendance will be graded.

PROJECT WORK: Students will prepare papers and make presentations in class and to outside “clients” on topics being analyzed for state and local governments through the work of the Georgetown Climate Center of Georgetown Law (http://www.georgetownclimate.org). Students work with professor and advisors to develop professional-quality work products that can be shared with outside “clients.” The Center works with states and communities on crafting policy strategies to reduce emissions that contribute to climate change and to adapt to the consequences of climate change.

Prerequisite: Environmental Law. J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not take another practicum course or a clinic at the same time as a project-based practicum course. Students may enroll in an externship at the same time as a project-based practicum course.

Note: This course may be suitable for evening students who can regularly attend class and participate in calls or meetings during the day as students interact with professors, advisors, and/or clients.

This is a four credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits for approximately ten hours of project work per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks. Both the seminar portion and the project work will be graded. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and project components and may not take either component separately. After Add/Drop, a student who wishes to withdraw from a practicum course must obtain permission from the faculty member and the Assistant Dean for Experiential Education. The Assistant Dean will grant such withdrawal requests only when remaining enrolled in the practicum would cause significant hardship for the student. A student who is granted permission to withdraw will be withdrawn from both the seminar and project components. Regular and punctual attendance is required at all practicum seminars and students are required to devote the requisite number of hours to their project. If a student must miss seminar, project work, a meeting or a deliverable, he or she must speak to the professor as soon as possible (ideally beforehand) to discuss the absence or missed assignment. Unless the professor indicates otherwise, a student with more than one unexcused absence from the practicum seminar (out of 13 total seminar sessions), or one week of unexcused absences from the fieldwork or project work (out of a total of 11 weeks of fieldwork or project work), may receive a lower grade or, at the professor’s discretion, may be withdrawn from the practicum course.

LAW 1336 v00 Advanced Legal Practice: Writing in the Legislative Sphere (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201336%20v00)

J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
In this class, we will examine the inner workings of Congress and think through strategies for achieving policy goals through legislation. You will draft legislative language in a policy area of your choice and attempt to convince a legislator to support the bill by writing a policy brief supporting the new statute. By acting in the role of a lawyer on the Hill, you learn not only how to solve complex legal problems in a legislative context, but also to think critically about the role of the legislative branch and of a lawyer within that branch.

The course will take you through the nuts and bolts of the process of lawmaking, from introduction, to the Committee process, to passage. You will also be asked to think broadly about the role of a lawyer in Congress, the connection (or lack thereof) between legislative history and statutory interpretation, and the relationship between the legislative branch and the other power centers of American government.

But the main focus of this course is on the writing you will do. You will pick both a topic and a legislator for whom you are a staffer. You will spend much of the semester researching the topic, drafting new statutory language to solve a problem in this area, and writing a policy brief to persuade the legislator to sponsor the bill. We will spend class time thinking through each stage of the writing process: from topic selection to research to legislative language to drafting. You will also have the opportunity to present your bill language and your arguments for sponsorship to a group of “legislators” (played by me and your classmates) who are considering sponsoring the bill.

Recommended: A basic course in Legislation or the 1L electives, Congressional Procedure & the Administrative State or Legislation and Regulation or The Regulatory State.
LAW 1393 v00 Advancing Educational Equity through the Federal Regulatory Process (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201393%20v00) (Project-Based Practicum) J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In a project-based practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work on a project under the supervision of their professor. This project-based practicum course will focus on how to leverage the federal legislative and regulatory process to effect change in policies and practices to advance educational equity, including through working to dismantle the phenomenon known as the School-to-Prison Pipeline. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out 5 hours/week of project work, under the direction of the course professor.

SEMINAR: The School-to-Prison Pipeline refers broadly to overly punitive discipline practices, policies, and prevailing consciousness that push students out of the classroom and often into the juvenile justice system. These practices, which data show disproportionately impact students of color, students with disabilities, and LGBTQ students, can include suspensions, expulsions, and school-based arrests. Students will examine school discipline disparities and other educational inequities within the U.S. public school system and analyze interventions to help address such inequities. Other inequities include, inequitable school funding, resource inequities, and gender discrimination.

Students will learn how to advocate for educational equity through the federal regulatory process, including through drafting and submitting comment letters in response to Requests for Information (RFI), Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), or the issuance of federal agency guidance. Students will learn about the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and how it governs the federal regulatory process. Students will also learn about the federal legislative process and identify key points for intervention to elevate equity issues and advance legislative and policy solutions. By developing this expertise, students will be equipped to identify points for intervention to advocate for implementation of alternatives to overly punitive discipline practices, like restorative practices and school-based mental health services, as well as other positive interventions to help address educational inequities and improve educational outcomes.

PROJECT WORK: The Professor will assign and supervise students’ projects, ensuring that the projects identify and leverage strategic points for advocacy and intervention to advance educational equity. Projects will be focused on current issues of educational equity that are the subject of, and which can be addressed through, the federal rulemaking process, including:

- School Discipline disparities
- Significant disproportionality in special education
- The role and impact of Guidance from the Department of Education
- The privatization of public education (the impact of school choice and vouchers)
- Fiscal inequities in public education
- The Title VI and Title IX complaint processes and school discipline or gender discrimination
- The implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act
- Executive action

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Recommended: Administrative Law. In addition, the courses Education Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and The Federal Role in Education Law Seminar may provide useful background to students in this practicum.

LAW 1604 v00 Affordable Housing Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201604%20v00) J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
The goal of this seminar is to expose you to the policy, law and practice concerning the preservation and affordability of affordable housing and its relationship to personhood, to community, and to society as a whole. Specifically, we will examine the problems caused by the absence of a sufficient number of safe, sanitary, decent, and affordable units for households of low and moderate income. We will look at aspects of federal and local housing policy from both a current and an historical viewpoint. We will place particular emphasis on issues of poverty and race. Your paper can examine any element of affordable housing regardless of whether it is covered in class.

LAW 508 v01 Affordable Housing Transactions Clinic (Harrison Institute) (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20508%20v01) J.D. Clinic | 14 credit hours
Please see the Affordable Housing Transaction Clinic website (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/HIHC) for more detailed information about the program.

For registration-specific supplemental materials, please see the Affordable Housing Transactions Clinic PDF (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/clinic-applications/upload/Affordable-Housing-2017-FINAL.pdf).


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.
Alternative, Complementary, and Integrative Medicine ("non-traditional medicine") ("CAM") is the fastest-growing sector of American Health Care and is one of the fastest growing fields in the United States. Presently, at least 50 percent of Americans are using some form of alternative and complementary therapy such as acupuncture, nutritional supplementation, herbs, massage, yoga, chiropractic and homeopathy. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1997, visits to alternative health care practitioners exceeded total visits to all conventional primary care physicians. The number of clinics and hospitals that integrate some modalities of CAM alongside conventional medicine is growing rapidly. The Institute of Medicine, a part of the National Academy of Sciences, has held recent conferences on the values of both CAM and Integrative Medicine. The NIH is using significant resources to fund research in this area.

This development, of course, is raising legal issues. There is a growing but still unsettled body of law on this subject. Some but not all CAM modalities are now licensed and regulated by at least some states. Federal regulatory bodies, such as the FDA and FTC are trying, within the limits of their statutory authority, to protect what they perceive to be the interests of the public. Yet, they come at the problem through conventional, rather than alternative, eyes. Conventional law is based upon protecting the public from purveyors of the proverbial "snake oil" frauds. And to an extent this law is being used to keep out alternatives to the established health-care modalities. This seminar studies the tensions, legal, economic, and social, of this struggle as it unfolds. This seminar covers several areas of law including administrative law, medical malpractice, informed consent, FDA/FTC law, among others. A paper meeting the upperclass legal writing requirement is required.

This course encompasses most aspects of air transportation, including airport and air traffic control liability, air carrier liability in the carriage of passengers and cargo domestically as well as internationally under the Montreal Convention and economic and safety regulation of domestic and international air transportation. The course also includes contributions by practitioners in the field.
**LAW 1351 v00 Business and Its Regulation (D.C. Advantage Practicum)**
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201351%20v00)

J.D. Practicum | 9 credit hours

In a D.C. Advantage practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work for 25 or 30 hours/week in a related placement they have secured themselves. This D.C. Advantage practicum course is designed to give students who are working in a placement related to business regulation the tools they need to succeed at work as well as insights about the impact of the regulation on business entities.

**SEMINAR:** This three-credit seminar will focus on a deep understanding of the legal, policy, societal, business and strategic aspects of regulation and its impact on entrepreneurs as well as established businesses in a wide variety of industries. The regulatory process and framework, the impact and cost of regulation on a series of general and specific stakeholders (both intended and unintended consequences), the enforcement of regulation and striking the right balance in the degree of the regulation of business will all be explored. The course will then focus on a series of industry-specific “drill-downs” that will examine how particular industries are regulated and the impact of their roles on day-to-day business operations. Guest speakers will include business leaders, regulators/in-house counsel at regulatory agencies and companies, accomplished regulatory lawyers and others involved in the federal and state regulatory framework.

**FIELDWORK:** Students in this program will work for 25 or 30 hours per week, for at least 11 weeks, in a public sector placement related to business regulation, and must be closely supervised by an attorney from that office. Students are responsible for finding their own placements, and must have the placement offer when applying to the program. They will earn 5 pass/fail credits for 25 hours of fieldwork or 6 pass/fail credits for 30 hours/week of fieldwork.

**Prerequisite:** Prerequisites: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Required co-requisite: Every student taking a D.C. Advantage practicum must concurrently enroll in at least one additional course that relates to the fieldwork he or she will be doing.

**Mutually Excluded Courses:** Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum and a clinic, externship, or another practicum course.

This course is mutually exclusive with all other D.C. Advantage practicum courses and the externship program (that is, a student may do only one D.C. Advantage practicum while at Georgetown Law and may not do both a D.C. Advantage practicum and an externship during his or her time here.) Students who completed one externship before this rule went into effect (Fall 2016) may seek a waiver and are still eligible to take this course. Under no circumstances may participants in this course concurrently or subsequently enroll in an externship. This course is also mutually exclusive with the summer Business Law Scholars program.

**Note:** This course is open to J.D. students only.

Students must apply to this program through an online application that will be made available during the Fall 2016 semester. We will update this page with a link to the application as soon as it is available.

Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component separately. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components.

Default attendance rule for all practicum courses (unless the professor indicates otherwise): Regular and punctual attendance is required at all practicum seminars and fieldwork placements. Students in project-based courses are required to complete a minimum of 25 hours of work per week, for at least 11 weeks, in a public sector placement related to business regulation.

**LAW 1620 v00 Campaigning for Public Office**
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201620%20v00)

J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours

This simulation course will provide students with the fundamentals of organizing, managing, and executing an effective campaign for political office, within a bipartisan context grounded in ethical public service. Each enrolled student must identify a local, state, or federal public office that they plan to run for (plans to run for this office can be tentative and prospective). Students will then learn campaign basics, message development and delivery, fundraising strategies, communication and media strategies, applicable campaign finance and election laws, and debate preparation. Students will prepare and give “stump” speeches and participate in a simulated candidate forum. Students will also develop policy platforms and learn how to assess and respond to the needs of a constituency and the public.

**Note:** FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist.

Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar; a student who no longer wishes to remain enrolled after the second class session begins will not be permitted to drop the class but may request a withdrawal from an academic advisor in the Office of Academic Affairs. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

**LAW 500 v00 Center for Applied Legal Studies**
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20500%20v00)

J.D. Clinic | 10 credit hours

See the Center for Applied Legal Studies website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/center-for-applied-legal-studies) for more detailed information about the clinic.


**Mutually Excluded Courses:** Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.
LAW 528 v02 Civil Rights Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20528%20v02)
J.D. Clinic | 12 credit hours
Please see the Civil Rights Clinic website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/civil-rights-clinic) for more detailed information about the program.


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.

LAW 3078 v00 Commercial Space Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%203078%20v00)
LL.M Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course will provide an overview of U.S. domestic legal regimes that govern commercial spaceflight activities, including those managed by the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Communications Commission, Department of Commerce, U.S. Defense Department and State Department. The course will examine existing regulations and statutes as well as current discussions about changes to policy and law to address the evolving nature of the space industry and U.S. national space priorities. Examples include the proposed Space Force, space traffic management, and oversight of non-traditional commercial activities in light of international treaty obligations.

Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in administrative law, regulatory law or international law.

LAW 528 v01 Communications and Technology Law Clinic (IPR) (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20528%20v01)
J.D. Clinic | 12 credit hours
Please see the Communications and Technology Law Clinic (IPR) website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/communications-technology-law-clinic-ipr) for more detailed information about the program.


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.

LAW 950 v01 Complex Securities Investigations (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20950%20v01)
LL.M Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
The course is designed to provide a practical survey of a complex securities investigation from inception through the Wells process, civil and criminal charging decisions, and trial. Representing a public company, its officers, employees or directors requires a thorough understanding of the tools and strategies employed by the civil and criminal regulators. We will consider a variety of common practice issues including managing concurrent SEC and DOJ investigations, structuring and conducting the internal investigation; responding to SEC document subpoenas; conducting witness interviews; and, the application of the corporate privilege, attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine, and governmental privileges. The self-reporting and professional responsibility provisions of Sarbanes-Oxley and the SEC’s cooperation initiative present a variety of difficult practice issues that are critical to a lawyer’s fundamental responsibility to represent solely the client’s interests. Students will gain practical knowledge of the issues and opportunities arising through interaction and negotiation with the SEC and DOJ during the investigative process, and the strategic decisions of waiver and cooperation to achieve the optimal result for the client.

Recommended: Criminal Procedure or white collar course

LAW 1017 v00 Congress and the Administrative State (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201017%20v00)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
Almost every course in law schools teaches students about courts. This course teaches about Congress, the President, and agencies, as well as courts. Using case studies, the course introduces students to the government as a whole—Congress, the President, and the Supreme Court—and how each institution fits into the constitutional scheme. Much of the course’s focus is statutory interpretation, teaching interpretive skills applicable to all statutes, whether civil rights or tax or securities law. This course also introduces students to the rules governing Congress (e.g., the filibuster) and how and whether these rules should affect how legislation is passed and how courts interpret statutes. Because much statutory interpretation occurs under the President’s watch, the course also introduces students to rules governing administrative agencies, and explains how courts apply special rules of statutory construction to agency regulations. Almost all the classes will also include participatory exercises, in which students and the instructor will be public actors resolving difficult issues of public lawmaking. Thus, we shall imagine how lobbyists, legislators, administrators, and judges approach issues in their distinctive ways—and how the constitutional structure of public lawmaking influences and constrains these actors. The exercises are designed to teach practical skills as well as public law reasoning and substantive knowledge.

The text for this course will be Statutes, Regulation, and Interpretation: Legislation and Administration in the Republic of Statutes by Professors Abbe Gluck, William Eskridge Jr., and myself.

The final examination in the course will be an eight-hour take-home examination.

Note: This course is a first-year elective. First-year day students select an elective offered in the spring.
LAW 1121 v00 Congressional Procedure and Statutory Interpretation Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201121%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
Statutory interpretation is the lifeblood of legal practice—it even accounts for the largest part of the Supreme Court’s docket. To be an expert in statutory interpretation requires more intensive knowledge of how Congress works—its “rules of proceedings.” This seminar has two aims: first, to educate students about congressional procedure (akin to civil procedure or administrative procedure); to teach students how to apply this knowledge to real statutory interpretation cases; and to become expert in reading legislative history. This is a hands-on course requiring in-class use of the laptop and various databases to “find” and interpret legislative history. In this course, students will learn how to research legislative history in ways that make the process easier, more rigorous, and more consistent with Congress’s own rules. Students will apply this process in a final research project involving a recent or currently pending statutory interpretation case. This class meets the J.D. upperclass legal writing requirement.

Note: J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the two-credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

LAW 1609 v00 Constitutional and Statutory Interpretation Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201609%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
Analyzing text is a deeply important part of legal practice in public law, whether statutory or constitutional law. It cuts across a wide variety of subject matter areas, from very basic aspects of the Constitution to any statutory topic imaginable. Whatever the subject matter, whether health care law, presidential emoluments, or internet privacy, certain problems of legal analysis recur. How should courts analyze legal texts? Where should judges go to look for meaning when the text is vague or ambiguous? Should texts be updated to reflect current norms? What does it mean to look for the drafter’s intent? Should approaches toward statutory and constitutional text be symmetrical or not? This seminar will introduce students to these problems and provide essential skills for reading both constitutional and statutory text. Materials will be provided by the instructor and will include insights gained from linguistics, political science, philosophy, and behavioral economics. Students will choose an appellate or Supreme Court case/cases to work through these questions and as the basis for a final paper. Students interested in writing notes, whether on a law review or not, are encouraged to take the course.

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**LAW 611 v12 Congressional Hearing Simulation:** Updating the Fair Labor Standards Act for Today’s Economy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20611%20v12)
J.D. Seminar | 1 credit hour
President Franklin D. Roosevelt called the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) of 1938 “the most far-reaching, far-sighted program for the benefit of workers ever adopted in this or any other country.” The historic FLSA established the minimum wage, created a standard workweek, and outlawed child labor. Almost eighty years later, many argue that the law is too rigid for today’s 21st-century workplace and the gig economy. Others contend that the law must be strengthened to better protect workers, many of whom face job insecurity; wage theft; or lack of health, retirement, and unemployment benefits. Most agree that the law needs to be updated— but how?

In this dynamic and realistic Week One simulation, students will prepare for and conduct a Congressional hearing on updating the FLSA. Working in teams, students will gain experience in the key components of preparing for and conducting a hearing including writing, delivering, and responding to opening statements, testimony, and questions. Students will play the roles of witnesses such as Department of Labor leadership, business leaders, worker advocates, and others, as well as Democratic and Republican Congressional Members of Congress/staff. Additional Members of Congress will be played by outside experts. Upperclass teaching fellows will help guide student preparation for the hearing and also may serve as Members of Congress in the simulation.

Note: This course is mandatory pass/fail, and does NOT count against the 7-credit pass/fail limit for J.D. students.

This optional, elective course is for first-year J.D. students only, who are enrolled through a lottery process. ATTENDANCE AT ALL CLASS SESSIONS IS MANDATORY. All enrolled and waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to be eligible for a seat in the class and must attend each class session in its entirety. For more information, please see the Week One website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/simulations/first-year-week-one-simulations). Due to the intensive nature of the course, the small-group, team, and individual work that is involved, and the preparation that is necessary to ensure a positive student experience, students who wish to drop the course after they have accepted a seat must drop by Friday, November 29, at 3:00 p.m. After that point, permission to drop from the course professor and Assistant Dean for Experiential Learning is required. Students who are enrolled but do not attend the first class session will be withdrawn from the course.
In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course will focus on federal regulation of tobacco and personal-care products by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and how public interest groups advocate for stronger protections for consumers. Students will participate in a two-hour/week seminar and carry out one or two credits/week of fieldwork as interns with one of two national consumer and environmental health organizations: the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids or the Environmental Working Group. (Two pass/fail credits will be awarded for 10 hours/week of fieldwork, and three pass/fail credits will be awarded for 15 hours/week of fieldwork.)

SEMINAR: In the two-credit, graded, seminar portion of the practicum, students will utilize legislative and administrative materials as well as case law to become familiar with the processes by which the federal government regulates tobacco and personal-care products, and to critique both the statutory framework and FDA’s performance in protecting consumers. The 2009 Tobacco Act created a new regulatory regime very different from the FDA’s existing authority to regulate other products within its jurisdiction. Examination of the agency’s initial steps to carry out this responsibility provides a chance for students to understand how a federal agency responds to a legislative mandate requiring innovative action and will address major public health problems.

On the other hand, FDA has minimal authority to regulate personal-care products, raising real concerns for consumer protection. The course will also touch on related topics such as the role of the Federal Trade Commission in the regulation of trade practices, the Freedom of Information Act, the legislative process and the interaction of federal and state regulation.

FIELDWORK: In the two- or three-credit, mandatory pass-fail, fieldwork portion of the practicum, students will work as interns with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids or the Environmental Working Group on projects aimed at strengthening the legislative or administrative processes, or on matters in litigation, when the supervision of attorneys connected with these organizations. (Students who have completed this course will have priority consideration if they opt to apply for the year-long Toni Stabile Graduate Fellowship at the Environmental Working Group after graduation.)

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Recommended: Administrative Law; Food and Drug Law-related courses.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in an externship or a clinic or another practicum course.

Note: LL.M. students must seek professor permission to apply.

Evening students who work during the day are encouraged to reach out to the professors to determine whether this practicum course would be compatible with their schedules.

This is either a four or a five credit course, depending on the number of fieldwork hours/week. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and either two credits (for 10 hours/week) or three credits (for 15 hours/week) for the fieldwork. The fieldwork will be conducted over a minimum of 11 weeks, to be arranged with the faculty members.

Students will have the ability to choose the credit option that best fits their schedules. However, the fieldwork must be completed during normal business hours. All students will initially be registered for a total of four credits, which is the two-credit seminar plus the two-credit fieldwork portion of the practicum course.
LAW 1393 v01 Educational Equity and the Federal Regulatory Process
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201393%20v01) (Fieldwork Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In a fieldwork practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and conduct legislative and policy work at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course will focus on how to leverage the federal legislative and regulatory process to effect change in policies and practices to advance educational equity, including working to address school discipline disparities, resource inequities, and challenges with special education. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out 10 hours/week of fieldwork for organizations such as the National Women’s Law Center or other legal advocacy organizations.

SEMINAR: This course will focus on leveraging the federal regulatory process, governed by the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), to advocate for educational equity. Students will learn about the federal legislative process that precedes the administrative process guiding the implementation of law and policy. Students will become adept at identifying key points for intervention to elevate equity issues and advance legislative and policy solutions. Students will work with legal advocacy organizations on tasks such as drafting and submitting comment letters in response to Requests for Information, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, drafting congressional testimony, interpreting federal regulation and guidance, and interfacing with federal agencies. Students will work on issues such as significant disproportionality in special education, the “School-to-Prison Pipeline” and school discipline reform, resource inequity, and school diversity and integration. Through this familiarity, students will identify points for intervention to advocate for funding of alternatives to overly punitive discipline practices, like restorative practices and school-based mental health services. Students will become competent in identifying advocacy intervention points in the appropriations process.

FIELDWORK: In the two-credit, mandatory pass-fail, fieldwork portion of the practicum, students will work for 10 hours/week, over 11 weeks, with organizations that focus on educational equity. Students will be supervised by attorneys from these offices and will conduct work that is legal in nature.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Recommended: Administrative Law. In addition, the courses Education Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and The Federal Role in Education Law Seminar may provide useful background to students in this practicum.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum and a clinic, externship, or another practicum course.

Note: This practicum is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email Louis Fine (fine@law.georgetown.edu) to request admission.

This practicum is suitable for evening students who can commit to attending the weekly seminar and participating in 10 hours of fieldwork a week; the fieldwork must be completed during regular business hours. This is a 4 credit course. 2 credits will be awarded for the 2-hour weekly seminar and 2 credits for 10 hours of fieldwork per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks. The seminar will be graded; the fieldwork will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis.

Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and project components and may not take either component separately. After Add/Drop, a student who wishes to withdraw from a practicum course must obtain permission from the faculty member and the Assistant Dean. The Assistant Dean will grant such withdrawal requests only when remaining enrolled in the practicum would cause significant hardship for the student. A student who is granted permission to withdraw will be withdrawn from both the seminar and project.

LAW 1182 v00 Election Law
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201182%20v00) (Project-Based Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In a project-based practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work on a project under the supervision of their professors. This project-based practicum course will focus on election law. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out 10 hours/week of project work under the direction of the course professors.

SEMINAR: The seminar portion of this course will focus on voting rights law—including the Voting Rights Act, constitutional protections on the right to vote and redistricting law—and will also cover some related areas of law, including regulation of campaign finance. In the area of voting rights, the course will specifically examine the state of voting rights law and litigation in the wake of the 2013 Supreme Court decision in
Shelby County V. Holder.

Assignments will be based on pending cases and matters, but will involve a wide range of election law issues raising important questions of constitutional and statutory interpretation.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Recommended: Prior enrollment in Constitutional Law II.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum course and a clinic or another practicum course. Students may concurrently enroll in this practicum course and an externship.

Note: This practicum course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email the Office of the Registrar (lawreg@georgetown.edu) to request admission.

This practicum course is suitable for evening students who can attend seminar and participate in 10 hours/week of project work. This is a four-credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits will be awarded for approximately 10 hours of project work per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks. Both the seminar and the project work will be graded. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and project components and may not take either component separately. After Add/Drop, a student who wishes to withdraw from a practicum course must obtain permission from the faculty member and the Assistant Dean for Experiential Education. The Assistant Dean will grant such withdrawal requests only when remaining enrolled in the practicum would cause significant hardship for the student. A student who is granted permission to withdraw will be withdrawn from both the seminar and project.
LAW 195 v05 Election Law: Voting, Campaigning and the Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20195%20v05)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course examines federal and state law regulating the conduct of elections and the financing of campaigns. Included are aspects of federal and state constitutional law on speech, association, and equal protection; and particularly problems of apportionment, gerrymandering, race-conscious districting under the Voting Rights Act, and barriers to voting. With respect to campaign finance, we consider how much and what kinds of legal regulation are constitutionally appropriate regarding parties, candidates, independents, political action committees, corporations, unions, and individuals.

LAW 1472 v00 Energy Law and Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201472%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course will present the framework for the governance of energy production, distribution and use in the United States, and provide a foundation for future coursework on these subjects. While the course will focus primarily on U.S. law, it will address some international subjects and examples. Topics will include the evolving U.S. fuel mix and market dynamics, utility restructuring and grid modernization, roles of state and federal governments, the role of different policymakers and regulatory bodies in overseeing U.S. energy systems, relevant environmental laws, and emerging policy issues. There are no prerequisites, although experience with administrative law or environmental law would be beneficial.

Learning Objectives:

1. Substantive expertise
   • The physical nature of the energy system (how it is produced, distributed, and used)
   • Common terminology and acronyms related to energy and its regulation
   • Key statutes and regulations applying to energy production, distribution and use, and key cases interpreting this legal framework
   • Current issues being debated in energy law
2. Understanding of governance structure
   • The roles and responsibilities of different policymakers and regulators (e.g., economic regulators, environmental regulators, natural resource managers, legislators) and how they relate to each other
   • State and federal responsibilities in overseeing the energy system
3. Legal and policy skills
   • How to explore questions of regulatory authority by state and federal agencies
   • How to write analytically about legal and policy questions

Recommended: Administrative Law, Environmental Law.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Energy Law.

LAW 142 v02 Energy Problems Seminar: Climate Change and Other Energy Issues (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20142%20v02)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar considers economic, political, and legal aspects of current problems in the petroleum, natural gas, electrical, nuclear, coal and alternative energy industries with particular focus on global warming and the impact of climate change policies on energy use in the United States and abroad. In addition to the connection between global warming and energy, the seminar will examine: (1) the nexus between U.S. energy policy and Middle East wars and diplomacy; (2) the future of energy deregulation; (3) tensions between state and federal efforts to address energy issues; and (4) the problems and prospects of introducing new fuels and fuel sources, including nuclear, hydrogen, and renewables, into the U.S. and world economies. As these subjects sweep across the entire economy, they touch upon several fields of law: administrative law, antitrust, constitutional law, environmental law, oil and gas law, public utility regulation, and international law (both public and private).

Note: This seminar requires a paper. Students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

LAW 2009 v01 Energy Trading and Market Regulation (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%202009%20v01)
LL.M Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
Energy markets are dynamic and growing rapidly, creating new business opportunities and legal challenges not only for traditional energy companies such as utilities, pipelines, natural gas producers and independent power producers, but also for newer market entrants including investment banks, demand response providers, smart grid and renewable energy companies, storage providers, hedge funds, and large industrial and commercial consumers of natural gas and electricity. The course will focus on the economic regulation of physical energy markets by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), primarily the regulation of transmission, price and competition in the electric and natural gas markets. We will examine six main areas: (i) restructuring and deregulation under the Federal Power Act and Natural Gas Act; (ii) the current model of energy market enforcement and compliance derived, in large part, from securities market regulation; (iii) the legal, regulatory and market responses to ongoing challenges, including market based pricing, market structure and the prevention of market manipulation and market power abuse; (iv) foundational laws and policies governing energy markets and non-discriminatory transmission by wire and pipeline of the electricity and natural gas commodities; (v) “hot topics” such as the shale gas revolution, the impact of subsidies for certain resources, pipeline and electric transmission infrastructure development and cost allocation, and integrating demand resources and renewables; and (vi) the constant interplay among Congress, federal and state energy regulatory agencies and market participants. Students will gain an appreciation for the legal and market challenges confronted by market participants. Some sessions will feature guest lecturers. There will be no final examination. Instead, each student’s grade will be based on a final paper that takes a position on a key legal or policy issue and defends that position persuasively, two quizzes during the semester, and class participation.
LAW 528 v03 Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (IPR) (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20528%20v03)
J.D. Clinic | 12 credit hours
Please see the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (IPR) website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/institute-for-public-representation) for more detailed information about the program.


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.

LAW 193 v03 Federal Banking Regulation: Modern Financial Institutions and Change (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20193%20v03)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 4 credit hours
Banking Regulation today is at the cutting edge of federal power and regulatory experimentation. The financial collapse of 2008 was a near-death experience for federal banking regulators. We approach the subject with an intense focus on the dynamics of three critical pieces of the recent financial crisis: first, the development and growth of private markets for financial products; second, experimental regulatory strategies for controlling private risk taking and its effects on the integrated global financial system; third, the reemergence of areas of unique forms of hybrid power that combines private markets and government regulation.

This course examines the regulation of financial intermediaries. The stated goal of regulation is to ensure systemic stability and to pursue consumer protection. We will ask how well the balance between systemic stability and consumer protection had been maintained before the crisis of 2008. The course is devoted to federal regulation of banks, bank holding companies, financial holding companies and their affiliates. Topics include restrictions on activities of banks, holding companies and their affiliates, the history of and policy rationales for geographic restrictions on banking; special antitrust regulation of banks, debates about the role of capital adequacy requirements, community reinvestment requirements, bank supervision, and failed banks. With the market and legal changes of the past decade, the traditional market barriers between commercial banks and other financial institutions were largely dismantled. We will ask, did the federal response to the crisis produce a new paradigm for financial regulation? If it did not, why not?

The global financial crisis of 2008 provides a fertile laboratory for examining the fractured financial regulatory system, and the proposals for reform. The course will examine selected topics from the legislative agenda for reforming the financial regulatory system. These topics include among others, the role of subprime home mortgage lending and mortgage-backed securities in creating systemic risk, the consumer regulatory responsibilities of the Federal Reserve. We will identify some questions arising from the role of private credit rating agencies and securitizations in precipitation the financial collapse. and the competing claims of fairness, executive compensation and systemic risk, global financial responses.

The course begins with the basic overview of concepts applicable to financial intermediaries and ends with an assessment of the framework for future reform. We will pay special attention to the role of predatory consumer lending in sparking the collapse of banks. We will look at the fate of proposals to create a Consumer Financial Protection Agency, with independent rule making authority.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Federal Regulation of Financial Institutions or Banking and Financial Institutions Regulation.

Note: All students are expected to attend class regularly.
LAW 193 v05 Federal Banking Regulation: Modern Financial Institutions and Change (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20193%20v05)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 4 credit hours
This course examines the regulation of financial intermediaries. The stated goals of regulation is to ensure systemic stability and to pursue consumer protection. We will ask how well the balance between systemic stability and consumer protection had been maintained before the crisis of 2008, and whether post-crisis reform has done a better job. The course is devoted to federal regulation of banks, bank holding companies, financial holding companies and their affiliates. Topics include restrictions on activities of banks, holding companies and their affiliates, the history of and policy rationales for geographic restrictions on banking; special antitrust regulation of banks, debates about the role of capital adequacy requirements, community reinvestment requirements, bank supervision, and failed banks. With the market and legal changes of the past decade, the traditional market barriers between commercial banks and other financial institutions were largely dismantled. We will ask, did the federal response to the crisis produce a new paradigm for financial regulation in the United States, Europe, and the rest of the world? Where did it not, why not?

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Federal Regulation of Financial Institutions or Banking and Financial Institutions Regulation.

Note: All students are expected to attend class regularly.

LAW 530 v00 Federal Legislation Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20530%20v00)
J.D. Clinic | 14 credit hours
Please see the Federal Legislation Clinic website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/federal-legislation-clinic) for more detailed information about the program.


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.

LAW 1166 v00 Federal Litigation Practice: Litigating Challenges to Federal Agency Decisions (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201166%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
The majority of civil cases involving the federal government arise from challenges to agency decisions ranging from contractor selection by government procurement officials to project approvals by both civilian and military agencies under various regulatory schemes implementing the nation's health, finance, and environmental laws. This one-semester, three credit course will provide students with the opportunity to learn in a variety of factual contexts how to litigate federal cases challenging agency decision making on the administrative records prepared by agencies to support their decisions. Each class will focus on a particular stage in the litigation process. Students will be given reading and related litigation exercises that will be carried out in class. The class will culminate in arguing a motion for summary judgment on the administrative record before a federal judge in an actual courtroom setting.

This class is designed for students who are interested in gaining practical experience in litigating for or against the federal government. It will be of special help to students who are seeking internships or careers working for the Department of Justice, agencies, or private firms that focus on litigating over government regulatory decisions. This class is open to upper-level students who have taken Civil Procedure. Completing a class involving administrative law is helpful but not required.

Learning Objectives:
- Develop and enhance analytical, writing, and oral argument skills associated with litigating on behalf of or against federal agencies.
- Prerequisite: Civil Procedure (or Legal Process and Society).
- Recommended: Administrative Law.
- Note: Students may not withdraw from this class after the add/drop period ends without the permission of the professor.

LAW 1608 v00 Federal Practice Seminar: Contemporary Issues (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201608%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar will explore selected topics in Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, and Administrative Law in depth. The seminar will focus on topics that have recently gained attention in the Supreme Court or that may arrive in the Supreme Court in the near future. Each class will relate to only one or two such topics. Examples of possible topics include representative proof in class actions, personal jurisdiction in federal court on extraterritorial claims, the standing of States, congressional power to create standing, the status of prudential standing, nationwide injunctions, Chevron deference, Auer deference, the major questions doctrine, the constitutional status of ALJs, and the constitutional status of independent agencies. Depending on the topic, we may read Supreme Court decisions, scholarly literature, or Supreme Court briefs. There will be one major writing assignment, a paper of approximately 20-30 pages in length that addresses a topic in civil procedure, federal courts, or administrative law. In addition, students will prepare a short reaction paper of several paragraphs that is due before each class relating to the topic(s) to be discussed in that class. The grade in the course will be based on the final paper, but that grade may be adjusted upward or downward one-half grade based on the reaction papers and class participation.
LAW 193 v01 Federal Regulation of Financial Institutions (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20193%20v01)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This is a two-hour lecture and discussion course covering federal regulation of financial services providers. The course examines the role that banks and other financial institutions play in the economy, and how the Federal Reserve, the Comptroller of the Currency, and other financial regulators govern those activities. The course includes a basic introduction to the business of banking -- the balance sheet, the role of insured deposits, and the purpose of capital and liquidity. We then study the regulation and supervision of these institutions, including capital and liquidity rules, activity restrictions, and limits on international activities. Some attention also will be given to antitrust issues affecting these firms. A full day is spent on the 2007-09 Global Financial Crisis -- its causes and effects, and how it shapes present-day regulation. Grades in this course are determined by the final take-home examination.

Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Administrative Law and Corporations.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Federal Banking Regulation: Modern Financial Institutions and Change, or the LL.M. course, Financial Regulation and Financial Crises.

LAW 1514 v00 Federalism in Practice: The Role of Governors and State Executives in Advancing Public Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %201514%20v00) (Fieldwork Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 5 credit hours
In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course explores the legal and practical dimensions of policy making at the state level, with a focus on the role of governors and other state executives (e.g., attorneys general, legislators, secretaries of state). Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and also undertake 15 hours/week of fieldwork with the National Governors Association, National Association of Attorneys General, National Conference of State Legislatures, or other state and local stakeholder group.

SEMINAR: This seminar will provide an overview of the constitutional underpinnings of federalism and the legal frameworks applicable to policy development and implementation (e.g., in healthcare, homeland security, emergency response, infrastructure and transportation); case studies on the challenges and opportunities of federal, state, and local cooperation; and practical guidance on the operation of governors’ offices and state agencies. It will also examine the role of the “Big Seven” associations in driving state and local interests at the federal level, and in facilitating the adoption of best practices across government. Students will be trained in written and oral communication for an audience of policymakers, and become skilled at distilling complex legal issues into actionable recommendations for executives. During the semester, students will hear from guest speakers who serve or have served in governors’ offices and state agencies, or who otherwise offer unique insight and expertise in topical issues. By the end of the course, students will understand how “good” public policy (ethical and effective) happens in the real world and the practical ways in which research/science, politics, ideology, tradition, and the law help to shape it.

FIELDWORK: Depending on students’ interests and the organization’s needs, students may be placed in NGA’s Center for Best Practices (Homeland Security & Public Safety Division) or one of the other “Big Seven” state/local associations, such as the National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of Attorneys General, National District Attorneys Association, or Council of State Governments. Students will work with the organization’s staff and state officials to resolve legal questions and develop recommendations for state policymakers, such as: (1) writing a model cyber vulnerability disclosure policy for state agencies; (2) providing guidance on the legal implications of health reform; (3) constructing a model framework for addressing citizen privacy in homeland security policy; (4) identifying and analyzing novel legal issues raised by the deployment of the National Public Safety Broadband Network; (5) updating legal and procedural guidance for governors’ legal counsel; and (6) developing advocacy strategies for federal legislation that affects state interests.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Recommended: No other courses are required, but background coursework in constitutional law, administrative law, and statutory interpretation may be helpful.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum and an externship or a clinic or another practicum course.

Note: This practicum course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email the Office of the Registrar (lawreg@georgetown.edu) to request admission.

This course is suitable for evening students who can attend the weekly seminar and conduct 15 hours/week of fieldwork.
The global financial crisis of 2008 was the result of developments in the financial system during the first decade of the 21st Century which the regulatory system had failed to keep pace with. The government’s immediate response to the crisis, however, drew upon emergency powers that were first created by Congress in 1913 and 1934 in response to the Panic of 1907 and the Great Depression that began in 1929. Like those crises, this crisis also generated a major piece of financial reform legislation, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which has altered the regulatory playing field on which financial institutions will operate in the future.

This course will review the historical development of the United States banking industry, and of the regulatory structure governing it, so as to give students an appreciation of the economic and political forces that have shaped the regulation of our financial system. This will include reviewing past financial crises and the responses to them, including the development of the Federal Reserve System, deposit insurance and other major reforms. The course will then focus on the forces that produced a financial and regulatory system as complex as the one that led to the 2008 global financial crisis and that Dodd-Frank seeks to reform. This will include examining the rise of the shadow banking industry and the growth of derivatives, and the causes of and responses to the 2008 crisis, including the role of individual accountability for behavior that contributed to the crisis.

Whether the Dodd-Frank reforms adequately address the causes of the most recent crisis and will prevent the onset of another crisis remains an open question and one which this course will examine. The course will also consider the financial stability implications of post-crisis developments such as cryptocurrencies and fintech. The course will emphasize understanding the broader forces that have shaped regulation of our financial sector rather than the specifics of the regulations themselves.

Students will be evaluated on the basis of class participation (15% of the grade), a short paper during the course of the semester (15% of the grade) and a final examination (70% of the grade). The final examination will focus on traditional “issue spotting” to test the acquisition of basic concepts as well as on the comprehension of the historical material included as part of the readings. The short paper, which will call for policy analysis as well as legal analysis, will help students internalize the material and prepare for the final examination.

**Strongly Recommended:** Corporations.

**Mutually Excluded Courses:** Students may not receive credit for both this course and the J.D. course, Federal Banking Regulation: Modern Financial Institutions and Change.
LAW 1208 v00 Food Law Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201208%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This seminar introduces students to the laws and regulations that govern our food. The seminar will primarily cover law at the federal level, including but not limited to such topics as the legal definition of food, rules on food labeling, standards for food safety, and regulation of genetically modified organisms. Beyond the law itself, we will consider the scientific, economic, and ethical principles implicated by legal decisions concerning food.

Prerequisite: Administrative Law or the first-year course, Government Processes, or the first-year electives, The Regulatory and Administrative State, Congress and the Administrative State, Legislation and Regulation, or The Regulatory State.

Note: FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist.

Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar; a student who no longer wishes to remain enrolled after the second class session begins will not be permitted to drop the class but may request a withdrawal from an academic advisor in the Office of Academic Affairs. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

LAW 202 v00 Government Contracts (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20202%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course analyzes the basic considerations in contracting with the federal government, including the sovereign's power to contract, the applicable statutes, regulations and executive orders, and sovereign immunity. Material covers methods of acquisition: sealed bidding or negotiation (competitive proposals); requests for quotations; Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) contracting; the problems of offer, acceptance, and consideration; as well as the authority of government agents to contract. The materials also focus on the problems of contract performance, including changes; delays and suspensions of work; contract termination either for contractor default or for government convenience; and equitable adjustments and allowable costs. There is emphasis throughout the course on the practical as well as the substantive problems, including the dispute procedures before the boards of contract appeals and appeals to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, as statutorily mandated by the Contract Disputes Act of 1978; extraordinary rights and remedies, including recovery for defective pricing and Public Law 85-804 requests; and bid protest proceedings before the agencies, Government Accountability Office (GAO), and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. The course also includes a discussion of the changes to the government contracting process, to allow for "commercial item" contracting, as a result of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 and the Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1996.

Prerequisite: Contracts (or Bargain, Exchange, and Liability).

LAW 1434 v00 Governing Automated Decisions (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201434%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
Many important decisions historically made by people are now made by computers. Software influences people's life chances in a growing range of contexts, impacts access to basic rights, and mediates core mechanisms of justice. Algorithms control access to welfare and healthcare benefits, target citizens or neighborhoods for police scrutiny, inform bail and sentencing decisions, select taxpayers for IRS audit, and grant or deny immigration visas, among a growing list of other key decisions.

The legal standards and accountability mechanisms to govern decisions like these have not kept pace with changing technology. In this seminar, we will explore how automated decisions are made, the unique governance challenges that they pose, and the emerging suite of legal and policy responses to these new challenges. We will focus on automated decisions that wield state power, because it is in these decisions that the unmet need for public understanding, and democratic governance, is most acute.

Note: This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.
LAW 1432 v00 Government Lawyering (D.C. Advantage Practicum)  
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %201432%20v00)

J.D. Practicum | 9 credit hours

In a D.C. Advantage practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work for either 25 or 30 hours/week in a related placement they have secured themselves. This D.C. Advantage practicum is designed to teach law students to take their academic knowledge and adapt it to a practice of law in the federal government. Representing the government, either in litigation or in a regulatory or transactional practice, carries with it unique advantages and challenges. This course explores doctrinal topics from a government perspective and discusses some of the ethical challenges that face government lawyers. This course will give students a window into being a government lawyer, as well as enhance research, writing, and oral advocacy skills. Although the professor's background and experience is largely in litigation, the class will cover topics that any government lawyer will face in his or her position.

SEMINAR: This seminar will focus on topics with which professionals working in government lawyering jobs must be familiar. Topics will include setting professional goals, identifying the government lawyer's "client," government privileges, cultural competence, Freedom of Information Act and the use of online communications in legal practice, ethics, litigating against the government, and work-life balance. Students will also produce a paper on a topic closely related to their fieldwork, and will present to the class on that topic. Students will earn 3 graded credits for the seminar.

FIELDWORK: Students in this program will work for either 25 or 30 hours per week, for at least 11 weeks, in a law-related government placement, and must be closely supervised by an attorney from that office. Students are responsible for finding their own placements, and must have the placement offer when applying to the program. They will earn either 5 pass/fail credits for 25 hours of fieldwork or 6 pass/fail credits for 30 hours/week of fieldwork.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Required co-requisite: Every student taking a D.C. Advantage practicum must concurrently enroll in at least one additional course that relates to the fieldwork he or she will be doing.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum and a clinic, externship, or another practicum course.

This course is mutually exclusive with all other D.C. Advantage practicum courses and the externship program (that is, a student may do only one D.C. Advantage practicum while at Georgetown Law and may not do both a D.C. Advantage practicum and an externship during his or her time here.) Students who completed one externship before Fall 2016 (when this rule went into effect) are eligible to take this course. Under no circumstances may participants in this course concurrently or subsequently enroll in an externship.

Note: This course is open to J.D. students only.

Students must apply to this program through an online application that will be made available during the Fall 2016 semester. We will update this page with a link to the application as soon as it is available.

Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component separately. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components.

Default attendance rule for all practicum courses (unless the professor otherwise specifies) is as follows: Students who miss more than one unexcused absence from the practicum seminars and fieldwork placements. Students in project-based practicum courses and the externship program (that is, a student may do only one D.C. Advantage practicum while at Georgetown Law and may not do both a D.C. Advantage practicum and an externship during his or her time here.) Students who completed one externship before Fall 2016 (when this rule went into effect) are eligible to take this course. Under no circumstances may participants in this course concurrently or subsequently enroll in an externship.

Note: This course is open to J.D. students only.

Students are responsible for securing their own government lawyering field placements. Students must be closely supervised by a licensed attorney (or someone otherwise qualified to supervise). Students may not be compensated for the work at their placement, nor may students work on pro bono matters at a for-profit entity. The Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS) is available, by appointment, to discuss options and strategies with students about externships and field placements. Students are required to complete a minimum of 300 hours of fieldwork/week. Students must apply to this program through an online application that will be made available during the Fall 2016 semester. We will update this page with a link to the application as soon as it is available.

Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component separately. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: This course is mutually exclusive with all externship courses; that is, you may not do an externship before or after taking this course. This course is also mutually exclusive with all D.C. Advantage practicum courses.

Students may not concurrently enroll in this course and a clinic, fieldwork practicum, or other externship course.

Note: This course is open to JD students only.

Students must apply to this program through an online application that will be made available during the Fall 2016 semester. We will update this page with a link to the application as soon as it is available.

Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component separately. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components.

Default attendance rule for all practicum courses (unless the professor otherwise specifies) is as follows: Students who miss more than one unexcused absence from the practicum seminars and fieldwork placements. Students in project-based practicum courses and the externship program (that is, a student may do only one D.C. Advantage practicum while at Georgetown Law and may not do both a D.C. Advantage practicum and an externship during his or her time here.) Students who completed one externship before Fall 2016 (when this rule went into effect) are eligible to take this course. Under no circumstances may participants in this course concurrently or subsequently enroll in an externship.

Note: This course is open to J.D. students only.

Students are responsible for securing their own government lawyering field placements. Students must be closely supervised by a licensed attorney (or someone otherwise qualified to supervise). Students may not be compensated for the work at their placement, nor may students work on pro bono matters at a for-profit entity. The Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS) is available, by appointment, to discuss options and strategies with students about externships and field placements. Students are required to complete a minimum of 300 hours of fieldwork/week. Students must apply to this program through an online application that will be made available during the Fall 2016 semester. We will update this page with a link to the application as soon as it is available.

Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component separately. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: This course is mutually exclusive with all externship courses; that is, you may not do an externship before or after taking this course. This course is also mutually exclusive with all D.C. Advantage practicum courses.

Students may not concurrently enroll in this course and a clinic, fieldwork practicum, or other externship course.

Note: This course is open to JD students only.

Students must apply to this program through an online application that will be made available during the Fall 2016 semester. We will update this page with a link to the application as soon as it is available.

Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component separately. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components.

Default attendance rule for all practicum courses (unless the professor otherwise specifies) is as follows: Students who miss more than one unexcused absence from the practicum seminars and fieldwork placements. Students in project-based practicum courses and the externship program (that is, a student may do only one D.C. Advantage practicum while at Georgetown Law and may not do both a D.C. Advantage practicum and an externship during his or her time here.) Students who completed one externship before Fall 2016 (when this rule went into effect) are eligible to take this course. Under no circumstances may participants in this course concurrently or subsequently enroll in an externship.
LAW 1028 v00 Health Care Fraud and Abuse Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %201028%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
One-fifth of the U.S. economy centers around health care industry sectors. This seminar examines criminal, civil and administrative tools used by federal and state enforcement authorities to police the U.S. healthcare system. We will focus on cases brought under federal and state False Claims Acts (FCA), the Anti-Kickback Statue (AKS), Stark laws, Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA), and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). The seminar provides a survey of the enforcement activities of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the Office of Inspector General at Department of Health and Human Services (OIG), and state Medicaid Fraud Control Units (MFCUs) in matters against pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing companies, physicians, hospitals, clinical practices, nursing homes, laboratories, and others. The seminar materials thoroughly cover the statutes, safe-harbors, and regulations that govern the health care industry. We will also discuss risk mitigation strategies and compliance program best practices across industry sectors to provide insight into the impact enforcement has on (1) clinical decision-making, (2) costs to providers, payers, and patients, (3) patient safety, and (4) quality of care. In an effort to maintain a broad perspective with the diverse and frequently changing legal landscape in the area, in addition to the case book, materials discussed and presented in this course draw from news reports, trade publications, and U.S. government agency materials.

The class requires a paper of approximately 20-25 pages in length.

Recommended: Criminal Justice (or Democracy and Coercion) or Criminal Procedure.

LAW 627 v00 Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20627%20v00)
J.D. Clinic | 10 credit hours
Please see the Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/health-justice-alliance-clinic) for more detailed information about the program.


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.

LAW 1603 v00 How to Regulate (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201603%20v00)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
Regulation is pervasive. But, governments routinely over-regulate in some areas, under-regulate in others, and also mis-regulate – by using solutions that really don’t “fit” the underlying problem, or cause more problems than they solve. When it comes to regulation, design details matter – and so does implementation. The result is that not all regulation is good – and some of it ranges from bad to awful. Simply stated, markets fail, but so does regulation. This course systematically evaluates these issues, using a wide array of real-world examples.

Note: This course is a first-year elective. First-year day students select an elective offered in the spring.

LAW 037 v00 Immigration Law and Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20037%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course will examine the U.S. immigration system through legal and policy perspectives. We will explore the source, scope and constitutional limits of congressional power to regulate immigration; the executive branch implementation of immigration legislation, particularly procedures for entry and removal, and the extent of, as well as constitutional constraints on, Presidential power; and the administrative and judicial review of executive branch action. Close attention will be paid to how membership laws and policies are established and implemented: What laws and policies govern U.S. citizenship? Who is eligible to become a legal immigrant? How are annual admissions numbers set? How and why are family and employment priorities created? How does the U.S. protect refugees? With respect to the arrival of unaccompanied children from abroad, we will consider the laws and policies that govern how the U.S. government treats them. Unauthorized migration will also be examined to understand why some migrants do not use the legal route into the U.S. and what laws and policies the U.S. has in place to deter such unlawful movements at the border and presence in the interior. We will analyze the impact of the major 1996 immigration control legislation and its implementation, with particular attention to detention and removal. We will closely examine the role of the Justice Department’s Immigration Courts, with special attention to access to justice issues. We will explore the extraordinary need for, and challenges of, immigration law reform, as well as the particular situation of the Dreamers, children without lawful immigration status brought to and raised in the United States by their parents. Finally, we will examine issues of federalism with respect to states’ attempts to address unauthorized immigration and consider immigration law in the national security context. This is an exam course.
LAW 037 v02 Immigration Law and Policy

LL.M Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This class will cover the constitutional and political framework for the U.S. Immigration System, enforcement and adjudication agencies, immigrants, nonimmigrants, removals and deportations, detention and bond, immigration hearings, judicial review, grounds for removal and inadmissibility, "crimmigration," immigration reform, "Chevron" deference, refugee and asylum status and other international protections. It will also include reading and analyzing major immigration cases like INS v. Cardoza-Fonseca, 480 U.S. 421 (1987) (well-founded fear) and Matter of Kasinga, 21 I&N Dec. 357 (BIA 1996) (female genital mutilation).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and National Security Law Through an Immigration Framework.

Note: This class will meet on the following Summer 2019 dates: 5/28, 5/30, 6/4, 6/6, 6/11, 6/13, 6/18, 6/20, 6/25. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

LAW 1519 v00 Immigration Policy across the Branches: Chinese Exclusion to the Travel Ban

J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
Who can enter the United States as a visitor or an immigrant? Who will get asylum? Who will wait in a detention center? And when, according to immigration laws passed by Congress, over ten million migrants in the United States are unauthorized, who will actually be deported? American immigration law is the product of Presidential policy, Congressional command, and various discretionary decisions made by executive officials including immigration judges and Border Patrol officers. This course will examine the relationships between these various decision-makers. We draw on examples from immigration policy throughout the years—from the Chinese Exclusion Act to President Trump’s travel ban—to illustrate these issues. We also use case law from the Supreme Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and various federal circuits to understand how courts have evaluated these issues. Finally, secondary sources from historians and legal scholars help illustrate how various players the immigration system interact in practice. We will use this information to assess critiques of the immigration system and proposals for reform. These readings also introduce students to immigration related legal concepts including asylum, mandatory detention, and the use of the categorical approach to determining the significance of a migrant’s criminal history. Students will develop a familiarity with immigration practice as well as a more nuanced understanding of the legal and political issues that vex immigration law scholars.

Learning Objectives:

• Develop a better understanding of the historic development of immigration law and policy.

• Become familiar with legal concepts concerning asylum, immigration detention, and executive power over admissions and removal.

• Understand different policy-making options and the tension between discretionary decision-making and compulsory enforcement.

• Appreciate the choices and limitations facing various decision-makers in the immigration context, as well as the experience of migrants and asylum seekers in the immigration system.

• Assess separation of powers concerns using examples from the immigration field.

• Make a nuanced assessment of popular news stories and debates about immigration law, paying special attention to the role of various decision-makers at play.

• Summarize and critically analyze various proposals for reform of the immigration adjudications, deportation proceedings, and the asylum process.

• Master a substantive legal issue related immigration by producing a paper and/or presentation on a legal debate in the area. Develop writing and presentation skills by participating in this exercise.

• Practice critical reading of law review articles and cases.
LAW 223 v02 Insurance Law: Litigation and Regulation

J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course focuses on the law of insurance, the insurance of business, and the business of insurance. Questions concerning property and casualty insurance, including insurance for mass torts, product liability, directors’ and officers’ liability, and natural disasters are examined. The obligations of insurance companies to conduct their business according to state and, to some extent, federal regulation and the law of insurance bad faith are explored. Particular types of coverages that will be studied include homeowners insurance, comprehensive general liability (CGL) insurance, excess and umbrella insurance, D&O insurance, and property insurance (including business-interruption/lost-profits insurance). Students will develop sophisticated skills in analyzing the applicability of insurance to complex loss situations, the duties of insureds and insurance companies, and the ethical questions faced by lawyers sometimes caught in between.

Note: The course does not address life, disability, or health insurance, or ERISA.

Learning Objectives:

In this course, you will learn:

1. Business context and objectives for insurance transactions.
2. How to parse and interpret insurance-policy language.
3. How property-casualty insurance responds to “real world” situations, involving losses to property including from natural disasters, mass tort claims, shareholder claims, and other situations.
4. How courts and law makers create incentives for insurance companies to act in positive ways. This includes questions of insurance company “bad faith” or good faith, the obligation of an insurer to accept a reasonable settlement offer from a plaintiff, obligations of insurers to provide lawyers to defend the insured and the ethical limits on the role of the lawyer, including when the lawyer is selected by the insured rather than the insurance company.
5. Through reviewing excerpts from briefs, students will gain a better appreciation of how to articulate insurance-law points and make appropriate argument.
6. The reading material introduces the wide variety of relevant sources that may assist lawyers, such as cases, articles/treatises, attorneys-general opinions, bar-association ethics opinions, and actual insurance policies.

Prerequisite: Torts (or Government Processes), Civil Procedure (or Legal Process and Society), and Contracts (or Bargain, Exchange, and Liability).

Recommended: Corporations.

LAW 1473 v00 Judicial Review and the Administrative State

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This seminar will examine the origins, development, and present state of administrative law doctrines that are central to administrative law practice. It will focus on doctrines that require judges to defer to agency interpretations of statutes; that require judges to defer to agency interpretations of regulations; and that guide judicial inquiry into whether agency action is arbitrary and capricious under the APA. Students will read the decisions that gave rise to these doctrines, trace their impact, and consider important scholarly criticisms and defenses of these doctrines.

Grades will be based on class participation, weekly written responses to class readings, and a substantial paper. Class readings will be drawn from a reading packet for the seminar consisting of case decisions, scholarly articles, and excerpts from notable books by administrative law scholars.

The first goal of the course is for students to develop a firm understanding of key administrative law doctrines—how they work, how they were constructed, and why they constructed, as well as important critiques and defenses of them.

The second goal of the course is for students to learn to think, speak, and write critically, fluently, and insightfully about administrative law doctrines and the role of the courts in constructing them. Preparing a substantial research paper for the course will enable them to grasp the “why” behind an important administrative-law doctrine, as well as assess its impact and merits, and develop their skills in legal research and writing.

Prerequisite: Administrative Law or Government Processes or Legislation and Regulation.

LAW 199 v03 Law and Regulation of Drugs, Biologics and Devices

J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course explores the legal, regulatory and policy issues that shape the research, development, and commercialization of drugs and biologics in the United States and Europe, with a particular emphasis on public policy issues. We will consider: the role of Federal, State and international regulation; regulatory and ethical issues in the development and testing of new therapies; managing incentives for innovation, including patent, regulatory and data exclusivity; tort liability and its function in the regulation of the pharmaceutical industry; pricing and payment systems and controls; and evolving medical technologies.

Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Administrative Law.

Note: This is a required course for the Food and Drug Law Certificate.
LAW 1289 v00 Law of Robots (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201289%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours

Robots, artificial intelligence, and autonomous systems have long been the realm of science fiction, but they are increasingly a part of contemporary life as well. Computers fly airplanes, play Jeopardy, drive cars, trade stocks, and fight in wars. Autonomous systems are no longer a thing of the future, but a fact of modern life, and Moore's Law suggests that these changes will increase not incrementally, but exponentially. This course will examine whether or when we need a Law of Robots to regulate these autonomous agents, or where it is more appropriate to reason by analogy and regulate these systems by existing statute, regulation, or common law. The course will examine emerging issues across the spectrum of tort law, property law, copyright law, the laws of war, laws of agency, criminal law, and international law. The class will not be a survey of existing law, but instead an examination of how to regulate emerging issues in law – how to extrapolate and reason by analogy, in robotics and beyond. Paper required.

Recommended: Property (or Property in Time), Torts (or Bargain, Exchange and Liability), Copyright Law, and Criminal Law.

LAW 023 v00 Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20023%20v00)

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours

In the first year curriculum, you are taught to “think like a lawyer.” Because of the predominance of common-law subjects in your first year, this means you are taught to think like a “common-law lawyer.” Moreover, you are taught to think this way at the same time that you are also trying to learn the doctrine in those particular areas.

In upper-level courses, however, you will likely turn from common law to law based in statutes and regulations. From tax law to the criminal code, virtually all of modern American law is based on materials produced by legislatures and agencies. Reading and interpreting these materials also requires you to “think like a lawyer,” but like a different lawyer—a “statutory lawyer.”

This course is about the method of statutory interpretation generally. You will not learn the doctrine of any specific type of law in this class. You will learn the process of how to approach a piece of statutory text, how to diagnose the interpretive problem in the text, and how to answer that problem. You will practice the observant reading of text; you will get a framework for breaking down and thinking about a legal question in any statutory case; and you will practice deploying interpretive tools to answer a question in the way that best “zealously advocates” for your client. This course will prepare you for a first summer of legal work, as well as for upper-level courses that rely extensively on statutory law (such as tax, securities, environmental law, labor law, copyright law, etc.)

The course has three overall goals:

1) To provide you with an understanding of the relationships among legislatures, courts, and agencies. The course will include some basic information on how legislation and regulations get created and on the ways in which power is shared in the “making of law.”

2) To teach you the full toolkit of statutory interpretation so that you can diagnose any interpretation question and bring the right tools to bear on answering that question. This toolkit includes elements of the plain text, canons of interpretation, analysis of intent and purpose, and deference to agencies. By unpacking and analyzing these tools used by courts in various decisions, you will learn how to wield them yourself in order to reach different results.

3) To expose you to the theoretical debates around statutory interpretation. The tools that a judge chooses to use often depend on the judge’s theoretical position on statutory interpretation. Starting with materials that will frame the theoretical debate early in the semester, you will return periodically to questions about theory as you become more proficient in the toolkit.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the upperclass course by the same title or the first-year elective, The Regulatory State, or Legislation and Regulations: Law, Science, and Policy, or Statutory Interpretation.
LAW 023 v03 Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20023%20v03)

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours

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The course has three overall goals:

1) To provide you with an understanding of the relationships among legislatures, courts, and agencies. The course will include some basic information on how legislation and regulations get created and on the ways in which power is shared in the “making of law.”

2) To teach you the full toolkit of statutory interpretation so that you can diagnose any interpretation question and bring the right tools to bear on answering that question. This toolkit includes elements of the plain text, canons of interpretation, analysis of intent and purpose, and deference to agencies. By unpacking and analyzing these tools used by courts in various decisions, you will learn how to wield them yourself in order to reach different results.

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Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the upperclass course by the same title or the first-year elective, The Regulatory State, or Legislation and Regulations: Law, Science, and Policy, or Statutory Interpretation. Students MAY receive credit for this course and Lawmaking and Statutory Interpretation Seminar.

LAW 304 v06 Legislation (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20304%20v06)

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours

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Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the upperclass course or the first-year elective, Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation, or the first-year elective, The Regulatory State, or the upperclass course, Statutory Interpretation. Students MAY receive credit for this course and Lawmaking and Statutory Interpretation Seminar.
LAW 1326 v00 Legislation and Regulation (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201326%20v00)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours

Virtually all contemporary law involves statutes enacted by legislatures and regulatory law produced by administrative agencies. Whatever the body of law—securities, tax, anti-discrimination, telecommunications, consumer protection, intellectual property, employment, education, environmental, energy, labor, tax or criminal justice, to name a few—statutes and regulations provide much if not most of the law. Few constitutional law and federalism issues arise without a regulatory element. Facility with legislation and regulation is hence essential for any lawyer.

The course starts with exploration of why regulation is enacted, the diversity of forms of regulation, and how legislation and regulation relate to law created through the common law process. The course then breaks into three basic units, all of which examine legislation and regulation primarily (but not exclusively) through federal law. The first unit examines congressional process, reasons interpretive challenges arise, and the diversity of interpretive methods and strategies wielded in disputes over statutory meaning. The second unit turns to the pervasive role administrative agencies play in interpreting, implementing and enforcing statutes. This includes coverage of their procedural options, judicial review of agency process, reasoning, and responsiveness, as well as discussion of the role of cost-benefit analysis and White House review in the regulatory process. The last unit links the first two, examining statutory interpretation in the administrative state. The course closes with analysis of regulatory innovations, possible coverage of recent major regulatory developments, and review problems.

The class will use the Manning and Stephenson casebook, Legislation and Regulation (3rd edition) (2017) and supplemental materials. Class method will involve a mix of lecture, questions and answers (via volunteers, questions I’ll direct at particular students, and questions students raise), and problem-based analysis. The course examination will be a three hour in-class limited open-book examination, allowing use of all class materials, your notes in hard copy, and other materials you played a part in creating and bring to the examination in hard copy, but apart from typing your examination answer in Word, prohibiting access to your hard drive or web-based research.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Administrative Law with Professor Heinzerling (LAWJ-1349). Students may take other sections of Administrative Law in the upperclass curriculum.

Note: This course is a first-year elective. First-year day students select an elective offered in the spring.
LAW 1169 v00 Litigating at Regulatory Agencies: Roles, Skills and Strategies (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201169%20v00) (Project-Based Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 5 credit hours

In a project-based practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work on a project under the supervision of their professor (and in this case, an outside client). This project-based practicum course will focus on regulatory agency litigation. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out 15 hours/week of project work under the direction of the course professor.

Regulatory litigation covers a diverse terrain: from mergers of telecommunications monopolies to benefits for the disabled; from market manipulation by banks to fraud by physicians. It occurs at hundreds of administrative agencies, federal and state, employing thousands of lawyers in diverse roles. They organize proceedings, shape and draft expert testimony, conduct discovery, present and cross-examine expert witnesses, write briefs, draft opinions, defend or attack commission decisions in court, bring or defend enforcement actions, and shape regulatory legislation. Despite this diversity, all regulatory litigation should achieve the same outcome: an agency decision that serves a statutorily-defined public interest and holds up in court. This practicum course teaches students how to be effective participants in regulatory litigation, both as advocates for parties and as advisors to decision-makers. We will address two major questions: (1) What skills are required? and (2) How can lawyers shape the regulatory litigation process to serve the public interest rather than parties’ narrow private interests? We will address these questions through a seminar component and a project component, each informing the other.

SEMINAR: The seminar component will study the complete record of a litigated proceeding; if possible, one pending during the semester. The spring 2015 and spring 2016 classes dealt with the proposed acquisition of the local electric utility Pepco by the holding company Exelon, reviewed by the D.C. and Maryland regulatory agencies. For each stage in the proceeding (application, interventions, discovery, pre-filed testimony, design of hearing procedures, cross examination, settlements, briefing, deliberations, order-writing and judicial review), students will critique actual filings, and prepare their own versions in a simulated context (e.g., preparing discovery questions, conducting cross examination and presenting oral argument during judicial review). Further, using examples from other regulatory proceedings, we will compare litigation procedures and practices, with attention to the centrality of the evidentiary record, parties’ and the agency’s vulnerability to interest group pressures, procedural efficiency and fairness, and the tension between short-term gains and the long-term public interest. Other readings will give insights into the strengths and weaknesses of agency decision-makers—the knowledge of which is essential to litigation success. Practitioners will visit class to answer student questions about technique and strategy.

PROJECT WORK: The project component will consist of one or more of the following activities: (a) working directly with a regulatory litigator or decisionmaker in a pending regulatory action; (b) preparing for an agency client a 15-20 page analytical paper that offers solutions to some suboptimality in regulatory litigation procedure; and (c) observing and commenting on some aspect of a current adjudication at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (or other regulatory agency selected by the student), applying the skills and principles studied in class.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum course and a clinic or another practicum course. Students may concurrently enroll in this practicum course and an externship.

LAW 410 v04 Local Government Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20410%20v04)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours

This course surveys the legal environment, political values and policy debates that shape local government in the United States. After completing the course, students will be able to identify many of the key doctrinal principals, and analyze how they apply to the socio-economic context of federalism today. Some of the topics for discussion include: (1) the forms and powers of the various types of local governments (e.g. cities, counties, and special districts); (2) the allocation of power between states and their local governments and the role of local governments in the federal system; (3) the pivotal role of local government in the regulation of private land use; (4) local sources of revenue and limits on borrowing; (5) recent trends in blight, suburbanization, sprawl and redevelopment; and (6) inter-local cooperation and regional governments. The course also will challenge students to explore the tension between the historical movement toward greater local home rule and the modern favor for “smarter growth” and regional solutions. Finally, the course will enable students to exercise and develop skills of particular relevance to local decision-making: statutory interpretation, working effectively in groups, and understanding the dynamics and procedural context of local government proceedings.

Learning Objectives:

This course aspires to empower its students to:

- Recognize and apply several core legal doctrines that enable and constrain the existence of various local government entities.
- Describe how several prominent strains of American political theory have guided the historical development of local government law.
- Apply several constitutional principles and legal standards that regulate local government functions — for example, local taxation and expenditures, land use regulation, education, public safety and the other local services.
- Understand the menagerie local entities and appreciate how alternative forms of governance impact a lawyer’s ethical obligations.
- Explain the predominant funding mechanisms for local government, and analyze how state and local policies can affect the viability of local government.
- Identify several state and federal policies that can impair the sustainability of local government.
- Develop and deliver principled arguments about how socio-economic policy issues relate to legal doctrine, intra-regional wealth, sprawl and alternatives to local government.

Note: Although no prerequisites are required for this course, Professor Gardner strives to highlight connections between the material discussed in class and other substantive legal topics. Third- and fourth-year students will be encouraged to share learning from related courses — for example, civil procedure, constitutional law, administrative law, land use law and other legal subjects. In particular, this course will offer a meaningful segue leading to (and from) courses in land use and administrative law.
LAW 324 v00 Maritime Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20324%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course surveys various principles and aspects of admiralty and maritime law of the United States, including: the historical and constitutional bases for its existence; the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the courts; the substantive law of maritime contracts and maritime torts; the application of criminal law at sea; the laws governing carriage of goods and passengers by sea; the public order of the oceans at the national and international levels; protection of the marine environment; and federal-state maritime issues. Consideration is given not only to the current state of the law in these areas, but also to related U.S. government policies and international and comparative law issues.

LAW 3053 v00 Money Managers as Fiduciaries (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%203053%20v00)
LL.M Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
Money Managers -- investment advisers, broker-dealers and the like -- serve an important role not only in the financial system of the United States, but also the financial operations of institutions and the financial lives of individuals. Those managers today advise institutional and individual clients (including mutual funds) having aggregate assets under management well in excess of $70 trillion globally. This course focuses on the essential legal obligations placed on money managers in providing services to their clients and prospective clients: complying with a broad variety of fiduciary duties; meeting the terms and conditions of rules adopted by regulatory agencies; and avoiding engaging in fraudulent activities.

The course begins with consideration of the concept of a fiduciary and the manner in which the concept has become imbedded in the federal securities laws applicable to money managers. The course then turns its attention to the concept of fraud as defined in, and interpreted under, those securities laws and how the concept has been employed and expanded by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) to set standards for money managers registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Advisers Act”). The Advisers Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) and portions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”) will be the principal statutory provisions around which the course will be centered. A number of classes during the semester will be devoted to detailed study of rules adopted by the SEC under the Advisers Act and the 1940 Act and by the Department of Labor under ERISA. At least three class sessions during the semester will be practical in nature, designed to enable students to assume the roles of legal practitioners advising money management firms facing various factual situations involving clients of those firms.

Note: First class attendance is strongly encouraged for all enrolled and waitlisted students.

DISTANCE STUDENTS REGISTER FOR CRN#: 35239. This course is open to both on-campus and distance students. DISTANCE STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND LIVE VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING AT THE SPECIFIED MEETING TIMES. Only students enrolled in the Executive LL.M. in Taxation, the Executive LL.M. in Securities & Financial Regulation, and the MSL programs may take this course on a distance basis. All J.D. students and resident LL.M. students may not enroll in this course on a distance basis.

LAW 508 v02 Policy Clinic (Harrison Institute for Public Law) (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20508%20v02)
J.D. Clinic | 8 or 14 credit hours
Please see the Policy Clinic website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/the-policy-clinic-climate-health-food-human-rights-and-trade-harrison-institute) for more detailed information about the program.


Learning outcomes for this clinic: Students are supervised, evaluated and graded on three skill sets, each of which has explicit evaluation criteria in the clinical program design (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/the-policy-clinic-climate-health-food-human-rights-and-trade-harrison-institute).

1. Management and professionalism – includes “managing up” with supervision meetings, initiating self-evaluation, managing effort and deadlines, collaborating, and expectations in a professional culture.
2. Research and analysis – covers legal, policy and strategic analysis. It includes identifying issues that require analysis, learning the context efficiently, using diverse sources to learn efficiently and avoid bias, explaining analytic methods, using a logical framework, and drawing conclusions or options that meet client needs.
3. Communication, writing and speaking – includes organizing documents and presentations logically, meeting audience needs for context in the introduction and for decision-making in the conclusion, relating analysis through stories and examples, presenting visual information, and using appropriate language in terms of editing conventions, clarity, tone, and jargon.

Recommended: Legislation and Administrative Law. Also, for climate projects: Local Government Law; and for trade or human rights projects: International Law I, International Trade (various titles), World Trade Organization: Law, Policy and Dispute Settlement, and International Human Rights.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.
J.D. Practicum | 8 credit hours

In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course is designed for students who wish to work for a public interest law organization that deals with issues connected to poverty. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar (in both the fall and spring semesters) that focuses on the framework, history, and current issues related to American poverty. Students will also work for a public interest law organization that works on issues connected to poverty; students may work for either 10 or 15 hours/week in both the fall and spring or 30 hours/week in one semester only. In addition, students may work for 10 hours/week in the fall and 15 hours/week in the spring or vice versa.

SEMINAR: Classes in the fall will cover the definition of poverty, the history of antipoverty policy, welfare, work supports, and safety net issues. Spring classes will feature guest lecturers covering education, health, housing, homelessness, juvenile justice, and child welfare. Students will be involved in participatory exercises in the course of both semesters: in the fall, mock press conferences, testimony to Congress, and meetings with public officials; and in the spring, a group project on developing a plan for neighborhood transformation, using materials studied through the year. A final paper will be required. Students will earn four graded credits for the seminar (two credits each semester); one grade will be provided at the end of the year.

FIELDWORK: In the four, five, or six-credit, mandatory pass-fail, fieldwork portion of the practicum, students will work with a public interest law organization that deals with issues connected to poverty. Students may work for either 10 or 15 hours in both the fall and spring, 10 hours in the fall and 15 hours in the spring or vice versa, or 30 hours/week in one semester only. The host organization may work from either a national or a local perspective on issues connected to poverty. Placements might involve a focus on poverty per se or “poverty and...” e.g., civil rights, women, education, housing, health, juvenile and criminal justice, child welfare or immigration. Depending on the organization, activities at placements could include litigation and/or policy advocacy, including governments on all level and in either the executive branch or the legislative. Students may propose and arrange their own placements; these must be approved by Professor Edelman. Alternatively, Professor Edelman is available to assist in finding and setting up the placements. Depending on the number of hours worked, students will earn four, five, or six pass/fail credits for the fieldwork; one grade will be provided at the end of the year.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum and an externship or another practicum course. If students complete their fieldwork hours for this practicum entirely in one semester, they may be eligible to enroll in a clinic for the other semester.

Note: This course is open to J.D. students only.

This course may be suitable for evening students who can attend seminar and participate in fieldwork during business hours. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component separately. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components. Default attendance rule for all practicum courses (unless the professor indicates otherwise): Regular and punctual attendance is required at all practicum seminars and fieldwork placements. Students in project-based practicum courses are similarly required to devote the requisite number of hours to their project. If a student must miss seminar, fieldwork, or practicum courses are required to discuss the absence. Unless the professor indicates otherwise, a student with more than one unexcused absence from the practicum will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component.

LAW 408 v03 Poverty Law and Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20408%20v03) (Fieldwork Practicum)

This seminar will examine federal law and policy regarding voting rights, with a focus on requirements for equal treatment of racial, ethnic, and language minorities. Included are federal protections against racial discrimination and vote dilution under the Constitution and Voting Rights Act; aspects of federal law on redistricting and racial gerrymandering; language assistance protections; the racial impact of state-law voter qualifications (including voter identification requirements, documentary proof-of-citizenship statutes, and felon disenfranchisement laws). Students in this seminar will engage with the constitutional, statutory, and doctrinal foundation for racial nondiscrimination in voting, and will also consider the application of that foundation to current legal and policy debates about voting rights and election participation.

Learning Goals
A. Develop an understanding of foundational legal principles. Students will gain a working understanding of voting rights law as it affects the opportunity for equal and nondiscriminatory participation by racial and ethnic minorities, including congressional authority to prohibit discrimination in voting, protection of minority interests in redistricting, regulation of voter qualifications and registration requirements, and protections for language minority groups.

B. Synthesize and apply foundational principles to contemporary problems in voting. In addition to studying the central legal principles established by the Constitution, federal statutes, and key Supreme Court cases, students in this seminar will also develop an understanding of how to synthesize those foundational sources and apply them to current legal debates regarding voter participation and access to the ballot.

C. Refine presentation skills. The class participation and research presentation requirements of this seminar will require students to develop their skills both in speaking about legal issues and in engaging in critical exchanges with classmates about legal issues.


Note: This seminar requires a paper. Students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.
LAW 1607 v00 Race, Inequality and Progressive Politics: Voting Rights in America

J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
Race, Inequality and Progressive Politics: Voting Rights in America explores 1) the role of race and inequality in the evolving progressive vision of American democracy 2) lessons learned from successive backlashes to the progressive vision and 3) the implications of this history for the future of progressive politics in America. Tracking the historical evolution of progressive politics from 19th century Reconstruction to 20th century Civil Rights, this course locates the defining characteristics of American Progressive thought in an Ideology of Equality that consists of the following: 1) a critique of entrenched economic, political and social inequality 2) the reconstruction of government’s role in remedying inequality and 3) the development of a community-based, participatory democracy – a robust civil society supplementing the work of progressive government.

Learning Objectives and Methods: Over the course of the semester, students 1) develop a working knowledge of how race and inequality impact voter registration, participation and/or representation 2) acquire critical tools to identify and analyze dominant ideologies and narratives reinforcing inequalities and 3) explore innovative public policy and civil society solutions to the inequalities plaguing voting rights and electoral politics in American democracy.

LAW 896 v00 Regulated Money Management: Mutual Funds and Investment Advisers

LL.M Course | 2 credit hours
This course is an introduction to the law and practice relating to two of the best known forms of money management in the United States: mutual funds registered with, and regulated by, the Securities and Exchange Commission; and investment advisers. The course focuses on the regulation of mutual funds and other investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and investment advisers under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The course begins by addressing important threshold questions of who or what is an investment company or investment adviser. The course then moves to an examination of the laws and policies applicable to: registration with, and regulation by, the SEC; disclosure to investors and clients; conflicts of interest faced by money managers; governance of funds and their managers; marketing practices of funds and money managers; fees, charged by funds and advisers; and other aspects of fund and adviser operations. Among the types of investment companies and advisory services that are discussed in the course are: closed-end funds, money market funds, exchange traded funds, private funds, asset allocation programs, and services to retirement plans. Throughout the semester, hot topics of the day including the asset management, business and investment management law are considered such as new legislation, (e.g., the Dodd-Frank Act,) important initiatives in fund disclosure, and potential misuse of material, non-public information.

Note: First class attendance is strongly encouraged for all enrolled and waitlisted students

LAW 1459 v00 Regulation and Deregulation in the Executive Branch Seminar

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
Most federal regulation comes from the Executive Branch. Cabinet departments and agencies issue rules affecting everything from the environment to the workplace, from prisons to highways. Presidents issue executive orders initiating and rolling back areas of regulation. This seminar will address the authority behind such executive branch actions, the legal requirements they must meet, and the limits on their legal effects. It will address underlying constitutional, statutory, and institutional factors, as well as how potential changes to our regulatory system could affect what, when and how the Executive Branch can regulate. This course is open to all 2L, 3L and LLM students.
LAW 1019 v00 Renewable Energy, Internet, Uber: Bringing Competition to Historically Monopolistic Industries (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201019%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
Our major infrastructural industries—electricity, gas, telecommunications, transportation and water—were historically controlled by monopolies. Introducing competition into these industries, an effort largely begun in the 1970s and continuing to this day, has been a struggle. Numerous battles before legislative bodies, regulatory agencies and courts, at the state and federal levels, has produced a distinct body of law. That body of law—the law of introducing competition into historically monopolistic industries—is the subject of this course.

Regardless of the industry or era, the regulation of infrastructural monopolies and their competitors has had five common elements: its mission (to align utility performance with the public interest); its legal principles (ranging from the state law on exclusive monopoly franchise to federal constitutional protection of shareholder investment); policy flexibility (accommodating multiple market structures—from monopolies to competition; and public purposes—from reliability to environmental accountability); reliance on multiple professions (law, economics, finance, accounting, management, engineering and politics); and formal administrative procedures, such as adjudication and rulemaking.

Today, political challenges are causing policymakers to stretch regulation’s core legal principles. Four examples of these challenges are: climate change (e.g., To what extent should we make utilities and their customers responsible for “greening” energy production and consumption?); universal service (e.g., Should we bring broadband to every home, and at whose cost?); privacy (How do regulators induce personal changes in energy consumption while protecting the related data from public exposure?); and protection of our infrastructure from hackers, terrorists and natural catastrophes.

Complicating these political challenges are two sources of constant tension: ideology (e.g., private vs. public ownership, government intervention vs. “free market”); and state federal relations (e.g., Which aspects of utility service are “national,” requiring uniformity, and which are “local,” warranting state experimentation?).

In this field—in which there are many jobs as baby boomers hired in the 1970s retire—regulatory lawyers play varied roles. They advise clients who are suppliers or customers of regulated services, represent parties before regulatory tribunals, advise those tribunals or their legislative overseers, and challenge or defend those tribunals on judicial review. Using Georgetown’s Zoom platform, students will have opportunities to interact with practitioners playing each of these roles.

Note: This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

LAW 1019 v02 Renewable Energy, Internet, Uber: Bringing Competition to Historically Monopolistic Industries (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201019%20v02) (Project-Based Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 5 credit hours
This course addresses regulatory efforts to bring competition to markets historically dominated by regulated monopolies, particularly in the electricity, gas, telecommunications and local transportation industries. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out roughly 15 hours/week of project work for an outside client (usually a regulatory agency), under the direction of the course professor.

SEMINAR: In the field of public utility regulation, lawyers operate at the intersection of multiple professions (economics, finance, accounting, management, engineering and politics); jurisdictions (50 states and several federal agencies); and ideologies (e.g., private vs. public ownership, government intervention vs. "free market"). Regardless of the industry or era, public utility regulation has three common elements: its mission (to align corporate behavior with the public interest), its body of law (ranging from state law on monopoly franchises to federal constitutional protection of shareholder investment), and its flexibility (accommodating monopolistic and competitive market structures).

Today’s policymakers are stretching traditional public utility law to address frontier problems, such as climate change (Should we require utilities and their customers to reduce and “green” energy production and consumption?); universal service (Should we bring broadband to every home?); homeland security (How vulnerable is utility infrastructure?); and privacy (Can regulators induce changes in personal energy consumption without expose personal consumption data?). A constant is state-federal tension over jurisdiction (e.g., Which aspects of utility service are “national,” requiring uniformity, and which are "local," warranting state experimentation?). The public utility field employs thousands of lawyers in diverse roles.

The seminar component will cover (a) the backbone law (state and federal enabling statutes, constitutional law, antitrust law, contract and tort law, administrative law); and (b) the array of formal and informal procedures (notices of inquiry, rulemakings, contested cases, deliberative decision-making, appellate review) available to decision-makers and parties seeking to influence them.

PROJECT WORK: Each student will work with a senior decision-maker or advisor within a state or federal regulatory agency, or a public interest group, to solve a frontier policy problem in utility regulation. Past projects have involved electric vehicles, solar energy deployment, broadband investment, revocation of public utility franchises, data privacy, wireline telephone rate structures, and service quality standards in a developing country’s natural gas industry. Besides researching and solving substantive issues for the client, student papers and class discussions will address the lawyer’s role in (a) integrating multiple professional disciplines; (b) maneuvering within multiple jurisdictions and fora; and (c) assessing and improving regulatory agencies’ performance.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum course and a clinic or another practicum course. Students may concurrently enroll in this practicum course and an externship.

Note: This practicum course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email Louis Fine (fine@law.georgetown.edu) to request admission. This practicum course is suitable for evening students who can commit to attending the weekly seminars and participating in 15 hours of project work; evening students must register for the 5 credit section (J.D. Practicum v02).
LAW 960 v00 SEC Enforcement Process (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20960%20v00)
LL.M Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course examines all aspects of the SEC's enforcement process, from the opening of an investigation through its ultimate resolution, whether by settlement, litigation or closure without enforcement action. We consider the SEC's and defense practitioners' strategic considerations at every critical juncture of an investigation, including whether to self-report, whether to cooperate, whether to assert and how to protect privileges, and the Wells process. We also discuss the overlapping roles of federal and state criminal and civil regulatory authorities, including the Department of Justice and the New York Attorney General, internal investigations, the emerging importance of whistleblowers, and questions that arise with regard to the role of counsel. We explore issues that arise under the SEC's current areas of enforcement focus, including insider trading, financial fraud, investment advisors, gatekeepers, Ponzi and pyramid schemes, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and survey the various contexts in which claims under the securities laws may be pursued, including litigation with the SEC and other regulators and class and derivative actions. We use important historical precedents as well as current SEC enforcement developments as the basis for class discussion.

Strongly Recommended: Previous or concurrent registration in Securities Regulation is strongly recommended.

LAW 760 v01 SEC Regulation of Financial Institutions and the Securities Markets (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20760%20v01)
LL.M Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
The securities markets have faced some of the most significant challenges since the creation of the Securities and Exchange Commission; including the recent credit crisis, the implosion of subprime mortgages, the collapse of several of the largest brokerage houses, the failure of auctions for auction-rate securities, the liquidity crisis in asset-backed securities, and the alleged $50 billion Ponzi scheme by Bernard Madoff. These events have altered the landscape of 21st-century Wall Street. This course will cover the operation and regulation of the securities markets, brokerage firms, and other financial institutions. We will study specialized SEC and self-regulatory organization rules that regulate the activities of financial firms in connection with the distribution and trading of securities as well as Exchange Act anti-fraud concepts. We will explore the increasingly complex questions raised as world markets continue to converge, examine recent trends and proposed regulation in this area, consider the appropriate bounds of U.S. regulation when foreign markets, financial institutions, and investors interact, and discuss the securities activities of banks and other financial institutions into the securities business. We will look at each of these issues in the context of the current financial crisis, the collapse of Bear Stearns, the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers, and the sale of Merrill Lynch.

Recommended: Securities Regulation.

Note: DISTANCE STUDENTS REGISTER FOR CRN#: 35218. This course is open to both on campus and distance students. However, only students enrolled in the Executive LL.M. in Taxation, the Executive LL.M. in Securities & Financial Regulation, and the MSL programs may take this course on a distance basis. All J.D. students and resident LL.M. students may not enroll in this course on a distance basis.
LAW 1525 v00 Special Topics in Immigration (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201525%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course will give students an in-depth look at rapidly developing areas in immigration law. Students will become familiar with the variety of adjudicators in the immigration system, navigating the relationship between Asylum Officers, Immigration Judges, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the federal courts. We explore legal topics that often arise before these adjudicatory bodies, focusing on those that generate the most frequent—and complex—litigation. Specifically, we focus on detention and bond, corroboration requirements for asylum seekers, and “categorical approach,” under which adjudicators determine whether a criminal conviction renders a respondent removable and ineligible for relief. Students will also become familiar with constitutional challenges to immigration statutes or procedures as they appear in immigration courts and the extent of executive authority under the immigration laws. Finally, we introduce students to judicial review under the Immigration & Nationality Act, the immigration rule of lenity, and the role of deference doctrines in immigration cases.

This course also provides experiential training in the field of appellate immigration practice. Instead of writing a final paper or exam, students will participate in a moot court exercise. Each student will draft the pleadings and prepare arguments for an immigration-related case currently pending in a court of appeals. During this process, the professors provide each student with individualized feedback on her brief-writing and oral advocacy.

Learning Objectives:

Through this course, students will:

• Better understand judicial review under the immigration laws and the immigration adjudication procedures.
• Develop familiarity with asylum law, exclusion and removal grounds, and detention under the immigration laws.
• Gain knowledge of administrative legal practice, including concepts like administrative exhaustion requirements, administrative appeals procedures, and judicial review.
• Become familiar with appellate practice, including concepts like standard of review and findings of fact.
• Develop oral advocacy skills, including the ability to respond to present a legal argument and respond to questions from appeals judges.
• Prepare pleadings in an immigration case at the appellate level, including researching relevant caselaw and succinctly stating the facts of the case.

LAW 435 v01 State Government Law and Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20435%20v01)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
"There will always be a new federalism" one scholar said. In recent years, the federal government has taken on increasing responsibility for state programs that traditionally have been within the purview of state government, including health, education, and job creation. The states have not accepted this diminished role, and in state legislatures and federal courts across the nation, a battle is being played out over the constitutional limits of federal power. This course will examine the balance of powers between the three branches of state government and the intergovernmental relationship between state and federal levels. We will start with an examination of Tenth Amendment, Commerce Clause, and coercive federalism jurisprudence, focusing in particular on National Federation of Independent Business v. Sibelius (the Affordable Care Act case). We will also look at state constitutions and the role of state courts of final jurisdiction in the protection of individual rights and the roles of these courts as a counterpoise to federal courts, the role of the governor, the relationship of state governors to their legislatures, judicial independence in states that elect their judges, and states as lobbyists of the federal government. We will consider the choice advocates make between litigating or pursuing state legislative change to advance policy objectives. There will be two assessments, both involving role-playing, which will require student papers as well as one-on-one evaluation of oral presentations. For these, students will be expected to work on contemporary issues simulating the work of state legislative committee staff, Governor’s counsel staff, and state-level lobbyists. Participation will be a component of assessment for the class. Limited to 20.

Note: Students may not withdraw from this class after the add/drop period ends without the permission of the professor.
LAW 1524 v00 Statutory Interpretation (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201524%20v00)

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours

This three-credit course, taught by a U.S. District Judge (and 1990 Georgetown University Law Center alumnus), provides instruction and in-class exercises in statutory interpretation, with emphasis in three areas:

1. practice (how it is done by courts, and by lawyers who advocate in court);
2. theory (how those practices are explained, both descriptively and normatively); and
3. doctrine (the textual and substantive canons of statutory construction).

Offered for several years at Boston law schools by the judge, the course is designed to be both intellectually engaging and highly practical.

While much of the first year law school curriculum focuses on “common law reasoning” (identifying applicable judicial precedent and, if necessary, distinguishing the case at hand), most of modern law practice involves applying statutory law produced by the Congress and state legislatures, as well as administrative law in the form of rules and regulations.

“Thinking like a lawyer” involves mastering the practices and doctrines of statutory interpretation.

This course covers those practices, the doctrines that govern them, and the theories that (purportedly) explain or justify them: purposivism, intentionalism, textualism, and pragmatism in its various forms.

You’ll learn some substantive law, but the class won’t focus on it. Instead you’ll encounter text, figure out the interpretive problems the text presents, and learn how courts, advocates and academics have approached those problems.

Learning Objectives:

The course has three overall goals:

1. Enabling you to recognize the “moves” undertaken by courts and advocates in interpreting statutes and regulations, and to make and oppose the arguments underlying those moves.
2. Mastering a reasonable number of canons of statutory construction (both textual and substantive), as well as other related tools such as “ordinary” and “plain” meaning, legislative intent, statutory purpose, and deference to administrative agencies.
3. Exposing you to the theoretical debates that inform and animate statutory interpretation. A judge’s theoretical understanding of statutory interpretation may affect the judge’s decision making and opinion writing (which are two different things) in statutory cases. This may help you form your own theoretical position on statutory interpretation, which may in turn inform your view of the origin, nature and functions of law.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Legislation, or Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation, or The Regulatory State.

LAW 856 v00 Tax Practice and Procedure (Administrative Practice) (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20856%20v00)

LL.M Course | 2 credit hours

Examines the administration and enforcement of the Internal Revenue Code, including types of guidance, preparation and filing of returns, audit procedures (including centralized partnership audit procedures), administrative appeals, deficiencies, assessments, closing agreements, collection, civil penalties applicable to taxpayers and practitioners, criminal tax penalties, interest, refund claims, statutes of limitations, and practice before the IRS.

Prerequisite: Federal Income Taxation (formerly Taxation I).
LAW 1625 v00 Technology Policy and the Practice of Law in the Digital Age (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201625%20v00)

J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours

The 21st Century lawyer must navigate highly disruptive and innovative technologies – from driverless cars and artificial intelligence to drones, smart devices and blockchain encryption technology – with traditional, and sometimes outdated, legal tools. In this class, we will ask if our laws are malleable enough to keep up and whether and how they could be improved to both foster innovation and protect individual freedoms. We will also explore various means to implement these proposed changes within our legal system.

This legal seminar is an experiential class using cutting-edge technology issues to teach practical writing, legal, legislative and policy making skills that can be applied to any legal and policy matter (e.g., competition, national security, health, tax policy). Students can expect to learn with an understanding of key technology legal and policy issues and having acquired “skills of the trade” for legislative advocacy, including: persuasive advocacy for policy issues, formation of policy campaigns, legislative strategic planning, drafting of policy documents, and stakeholder politics. Specifically, students will develop practical legal and policy making skills, such as drafting talking points, creating a strategic legislative campaign, and learning the art of an elevator pitch, to help students pursue a wide-array of careers, from a law firm to the White House.

There is no prerequisite course required. Each class will incorporate pre-class preparations and an in-class skill building exercise.

Learning Objectives:

Goals:

• Receive substantive knowledge of legal issues related to Internet and Technology Law
• Develop skills for successful legislative advocacy and policy making with a focus on stakeholder perspectives and Internet policy issues
• Develop legislative strategy skills needed for planning and implementing legislative advocacy/policy campaigns
• Develop oral and written skills specific to policy making

Outcomes:

• Students will gain substantive knowledge of technology policy issues.
• Students will develop practical written advocacy skills through drafting advocacy papers, talking points and testimony to Congress.
• Students will develop practical written advocacy skills for drafting testimony from the perspective of a Congressperson or policy maker.
• Students will develop legislative strategy skills - such as how to coalition build, critically review a lobbying strategy plan, evaluate a media plan and other crucial aspects of policy campaign.
• Students will develop oral advocacy skills for delivering prepared testimony to Congress.
• Students will develop oral advocacy skills for delivering an elevator pitch.
• Students will develop oral advocacy skills for preparing and implementing an effective meeting for policy making.

LAW 1099 v00 The Art of Regulatory War Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201099%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours

This seminar will focus on “the art of regulatory war.” How can lawyers and other stakeholders working at the regulatory intersection of law and politics gain advantage, use their different sorts of legal artillery and strength, and push regulatory disputes and tool choices into venues, modes, and postures that favor their or their clients’ interests and broader policy goals? What changes are underway regarding the nature of regulation and ways regulatory wars are fought?

Subject to adjustment in light of legal developments and student interest, the seminar meetings will be organized around either case studies or topics. Topic-based classes will likely select from among the following: a class or two on federalism doctrinal shifts and debate over the values and functions of preemption and other sorts of federalism-linked allocations of authority; theories of regulation and regulatory reform proposals; cutting edge administrative law developments and debates; the shift to market-based and experimental “rolling rule” modes of regulation; “sound science” and “bought science;” behavioral economics and regulatory design; and “impact” litigation strategies. Likely case study subjects will include a few the following or other new case materials: my own research into the 1971-85 battles over the multi-billion dollar Westway project defeated by a small number of citizens; climate change regulatory and legislative proposals and battles; regulatory responses to disasters; and court, regulatory and legislative battles over protecting “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act. Readings will include diverse materials to illuminate the art of regulatory war, including court decisions, briefs, congressional testimony, legislative and regulatory proposals, statutory provisions and scholarship. Students will have broad latitude to develop related paper topics. During the last few weeks of the semester, we will conclude with students sharing and leading discussion of their draft papers. There are no seminar prerequisites, but students interested in administrative law, constitutional law, economic and risk regulation, environmental law, energy law, legislation, law and politics, law and economics, litigation and other areas of public law should find the material of interest.

Note: FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist.

Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar; a student who no longer wishes to remain enrolled after the second class session begins will not be permitted to drop the class but may request a withdrawal from an academic advisor in the Office of Academic Affairs. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course. Note: This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.
This course introduces students to the modern regulatory state. We will consider the place of agencies in the structure of modern federal government; justifications for regulation against the backdrop of the common law; aspects of congressional decision-making, including the legislative process, statutory design, and delegation to agencies; statutory interpretation, including both the tools of statutory interpretation and some debates surrounding them; agency implementation of statutes, focusing especially on regulations; and some of the ways that agencies are controlled by the president, Congress, and the courts. The goal of the course is to teach you to understand and work with any federal statute or regulation, regardless of its content. The course is designed to give both a theoretical and a practical introduction to the laws and institutions that lawyers confront in their practices every day, whether they are government lawyers or not.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation (either the first-year elective or the upperclass course with that name) or the upperclass course Administrative Law with Professor Heinzerling (LAWJ-1349) or Statutory Interpretation. Students may take other sections of Administrative Law in the upperclass curriculum.

Note: This course is a first-year elective. First-year day students select an elective offered in the spring.
LAW 1371 v00 Writing for Practice: Administrative Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201371%20v00)  
J.D. Seminar | 1 credit hour  
The ability to write effective professional documents is one of a lawyer’s most important skills. This one-credit seminar is designed to help students develop this skill. The seminar will build upon the principles learned in the first-year Legal Research and Writing course by providing instruction in drafting legal documents typical to the particular area of law that is examined in the larger, substantive course associated with the seminar. This writing intensive seminar has been developed by an adjunct professor working in collaboration with the full-time faculty member teaching the larger course. Students should expect to write several documents common in the given practice area, such as client letters, legal research memoranda, motions, or responses. At least one document will require both an initial and final draft. The professor will provide individualized feedback on each writing assignment. In addition to the practical legal writing skills taught, students will also learn more generally about the demands and concerns of regulatory practice.

This seminar, taught by a former law fellow, will expose students to some of the central legal documents and processes that govern administrative rulemaking proceedings. Over the course of the semester, students will advise a high-tech “client” throughout the lifecycle of a rule’s development, including participating in notice-and-comment proceedings and considering whether to appeal the agency’s decision. Students will engage with their clients, advise on key strategic decisions, and produce examples of the documents that are drafted by regulatory lawyers every day. Occasional guest speakers will provide students with special insight into the practice of administrative law.

Written work will consist of several short writing assignments to be completed between class sessions, as well as one longer assignment that students will draft over the course of the semester. Students will be evaluated on the quality of their written work and on class participation. Because the class meets only seven times over the course of the semester, attendance at each session is mandatory.

Prerequisite: Legal Practice: Writing and Analysis; concurrent or prior enrollment in Administrative Law. Students may contact the professor to discuss how they may meet the prerequisite with other prior or concurrent course work or experience.

Note: THIS COURSE REQUIRES PROFESSOR PERMISSION TO ENROLL. Students should email a short statement of their interest in the seminar to Professor Bonner at austin.bonner@gmail.com. Requests for permission to enroll will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Limit: 10 students. This course is open to J.D. students only.
In the Spring 2016 semester, this course will meet on the following seven Wednesdays: 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13, and 4/27. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT ALL CLASS SESSIONS. All enrolled and waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to be eligible for a seat in the class and must attend each class session in its entirety.
A student will be permitted to drop a course that meets for the first time after the add/drop period, without a transcript notation, if a student submits a written request to the Office of the Registrar prior to the start of the second class meeting. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

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