CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Public law plays a central role in the modern U.S. legal system. Statutes have displaced common law regulation in many areas, and supplement it in nearly all. Constitutional law issues, while not central in the daily practice of most lawyers, sporadically arise in nearly all areas of law. And, of course, constitutional law is fundamental to understanding the place of law in our society. As lawyers, you should have a fair understanding of the basic structure of the Constitution and the rights it guarantees.

Basic courses in the field are outlined below. (The basic course in Administrative Law, described in the "Administrative Law, Legislation, and Governance" cluster, is an important complement to study of constitutional law and government.)

The field of constitutional law and government allows students to examine the role of statutes and the Constitution in modern law. First year students study some aspects of constitutional structure in Constitutional Law I and in the courses in Curriculum B. Students interested in civil rights and civil liberties should take Constitutional Law II as soon as they find convenient. In addition, the course in Federal Courts and the Federal System provides a systematic introduction to constitutional litigation in our federal system. Students interested in, or having obtained, judicial clerkships (both state and federal) should be sure to take the Federal Courts course. (Many students and faculty members think it best to take the Federal Courts course in the third year, and preferably after having taken Constitutional Law II.) Specialized courses deal with different aspects of government operations. In general, students should select such courses based on their interests and career plans; none is more basic than any other.

The basic course Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation introduces students to issues about how the statutes are created and interpreted that are at the foundation of many other statutory courses (including tax and government regulation courses).

Students interested in civil rights law (broadly understood) will find several courses in this cluster dealing with statutory protection of civil rights. The course in Civil Rights gives an overview of statutory protection of civil rights. It will be useful to students interested in a survey course and to students who, while interested in the field in general, may not have enough background to make them comfortable in immediately choosing among the specialized courses. Depending on the instructor's interests, these courses may emphasize the connection between civil rights law and constitutional law, or between civil rights law and questions of statutory creation and interpretation. Again, choices among the specialized courses are best made on the basis of a student's interests and plans, rather than on a judgment that some specialized course is more important than another.

Local Government Law integrates issues of administrative, land use, and constitutional law, and questions of civil rights, tax, and labor law. It focuses on issues of state and local power that pervade nearly every lawyer’s practice.

A number of advanced courses and seminars offer more historical and theoretical perspectives on constitutional law and government. As with all advanced courses, these augment students’ understanding of the field in general. Students interested in pursuing academic careers with a primary or secondary focus on public law should seriously consider taking one of the courses offering such perspectives. Similarly, students interested in international law should consider seminars dealing with the constitutional dimensions of foreign affairs or comparative constitutional law.

The clinic and practicum courses in this cluster provide students with opportunities to learn about the process of adopting and interpreting legislation by engaging in it, through litigation or legislative advocacy. Students interested in the practical and theoretical aspects of this field are encouraged to combine a relevant clinic, practicum, or externship with a combination of the basic courses in the field and some advanced offerings.

Search Constitutional Law and Government Courses (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?cluster=cluster_8)

LAW 1474 v00 Advanced Civil Rights: The Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Frontiers of Civil Rights Enforcement and the Next Fifty Years (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201474%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
The Civil Rights Act of 1964, growing out of a sweeping grassroots civil rights movement was one of most important pieces of legislation passed in American history. At the time of passage, it was called a "Magna Carta of Human Rights" and during its first fifty years it produced enormous changes in legal doctrine, the workplace, and society. These changes in the legal landscape include disparate impact doctrine aimed at systemic racial discrimination, hostile work environment, religious accommodation, and gender stereotyping. This seminar will examine, from a practitioner’s perspective, how social change, evolving ideas of race and gender, globalization, global conflict, and technology will shape the development of this Act (and notions of equality) over the next fifty years and the legal strategies to navigate this terrain. The course will focus on emerging issues such as coverage of sexual orientation and gender identity, big data and disparate impact, the intersection between criminal justice and employment opportunity, arbitration and privatization of adjudication, the "new" gig economy, migration and human trafficking, and religious pluralism.

Strongly Recommended: Constitutional Law I and Employment Discrimination.
LAW 046 v01 Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20046%20v01)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
The Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar explores current topics in constitutional law, politics, and theory. Topics vary, but they may include theories of constitutional interpretation (e.g., originalism, living constitutionalism), recent or upcoming decisions of the United States Supreme Court, new developments in constitutional doctrine, comparative constitutional law, and social scientific approaches to the study of the Constitution. The seminar meets in conjunction with the Georgetown Constitutional Law Colloquium. During the course of the semester, approximately six speakers will present new and original work to the Seminar. In the week prior to each presentation, seminar members and the instructor will discuss the background ideas and concepts, and formulate questions and comments about the paper. Each student will prepare a weekly reaction paper and one or more questions for the speaker.


Note: This course will meet in the Faculty Lounge on the 5th floor of McDonough Hall.

LAW 1387 v00 Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar: The Constitution, Democracy, and the Economy in the 21st Century (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201387%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This two-credit seminar will explore the many constitutional questions raised by the effort to maintain a democracy in the 21st century. We will examine in detail current questions in the law of democracy (particularly free speech and the regulation of campaign finance) as well as the growing conflict between the Constitution and the regulation of economic life.

We will explore what is distinctive about the intersection of contemporary constitutional law, the economy, and efforts to maintain democracy today, including by contrast to the history of the protection of economic liberties. The course materials will focus throughout on notions of freedom, individual and collective choice, and democratic practice.

The readings will include the principal Supreme Court cases, such as Buckley v. Valeo, Citizens United v. FEC, McCutcheon v. FEC, Virginia State Board of Pharmacy v. Virginia Citizens Consumer Council, and Sorrell v. IMS Health, as well as leading scholarship in the field, including:

- Robert Post, Citizens Divided
- Larry Lessig, Republic 2.0
- Jane Mayer, Dark Money
- Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson, Winner-Take-All Politics
- David Singh Grewal, The Laws of Capitalism
- Bruce Ackerman, Beyond Carolene Products
- Suzan Sherry, Property is the New Privacy: The Coming Constitutional Revolution

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

LAW 1265 v00 Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar: The Framing and Ratification of the Constitution (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201265%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
Few events have had as much impact on the history of American law as the framing and ratification of the U.S. Constitution. This seminar is designed to offer upper-level students with serious interests in American history, political theory, and constitutional law an opportunity to learn more about these events by becoming intimately acquainted with some of the best and most sophisticated historical scholarship on the origins of the Constitution and by writing an original research paper on a relevant topic of their own choosing. Themes and topics covered in the course will likely include most or all of the following: the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress, the Articles of Confederation, the History of American Public Finance, the Bank of North America, the Origins of American Federalism, the Problems of Union and Sovereignty, Implied Powers, Natural Rights, Slavery, Indian Affairs, Western Lands and Interstate Jurisdictional Disputes, the Annapolis Convention, Madison's Notes, Farrand's Records, the Committee of Detail, the Committee of Style, the State Ratification Conventions, the Anti-Federalists, the Federalist Papers, the "Other" Federalists, and the Bill of Rights. Some attention will also be given to originalism as a method of constitutional adjudication, but the primary focus of the seminar will be on constitutional history rather than constitutional originalism. Guest lecturers with special knowledge of the foregoing topics will be invited to share their recent scholarship and critical perspectives on the history and historiography of American constitutional law.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (or Democracy and Coercion).

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course will explore the relationship between constitutional rights, the economy, and efforts to maintain a democracy today.

We will examine the emergence and transformation of the notion of "civil liberties" as a concept in American legal culture, including by reference to the history of the protection of economic liberties. We will explore in detail some of the most prominent current controversies in constitutional law, including questions in the law of democracy (particularly free speech and the regulation of campaign finance) and the growing conflict between the Constitution and the regulation of economic life.

The readings will include principal Supreme Court cases and leading scholarship in the field. The materials will focus throughout on notions of freedom and liberty, individual and collective choice, and democratic practice. The course will additionally include discussion of constitutional and appellate advocacy and the relationship between the academic works we read and current and seminal cases. Leading practitioners and scholars may join us for certain classes.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.
LAW 168 v00 Advanced Evidence: Supreme Court and the Constitution Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20168%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This seminar examines advanced subjects in evidence that were not treated or not treated in depth in the basic Evidence course but are important to trial practice.
Prerequisite: Evidence.

LAW 277 v02 Aging and Law Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20277%20v02)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This seminar explores, through lecture, discussion, and problem solving, the demographics, public perceptions, special legal problems, and public policy issues affecting older persons. Subject areas include income maintenance programs (Social Security, SSI); health and long-term care benefits (Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care insurance, state and federal financing issues); retirement housing and long-term care options and regulation (continuing care retirement communities, nursing homes, home and community-based care, home equity conversion); estate and personal planning issues related to incapacity (powers of attorney, trusts, guardianship and its alternatives, elder abuse, the right to refuse life-sustaining medical treatment, bioethical dilemmas, surrogate decision making, and health care advance directives); and ethical issues in representing the elderly. The seminar is both practice- and policy-oriented and integrative with respect to other coursework and related disciplines.
Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in one or more of the following courses: Administrative Law; Employment Discrimination; Family Law I: Marriage and Divorce; Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties; Professional Responsibility.
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 090 v00 Capital Punishment Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20090%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar focuses on the substantive law of capital punishment and on the procedural aspects of post-conviction proceedings. The course will include an examination of the history of death penalty jurisprudence, habeas corpus, recent U.S. Supreme Court cases, public policy issues, and state and federal death penalty statutes. The writing requirement offers students an opportunity to write on a topic of their choice pertaining to the death penalty.
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 1431 v00 Black Lives Matter and the Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201431%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course will explore the “Black Lives Matter” movement as a nascent social movement for racial justice. In addition to understanding BLM’s fundamental concepts and arguments, students will emerge from this class with a clear understanding of the historical context of the movement, the role that the lawyers and the law have played in the movement thus far, and the place of the law in the movement as it continues. In analyzing the key moments in the BLM movement over the past two years, the course will focus on the history, theory, and practice of racial justice advocacy in the United States, the key cases and responses that have emerged since the Ferguson moment, and the role of lawyers and law students in policy and police reform, litigation, and forms of rebellious lawyering for social change.
LAW 1079 v00 Child Welfare Law and Practice in the District of Columbia
(Fieldwork Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This practicum course will focus on the workings of the child welfare system in the District of Columbia. Students will participate in a two-hour/week seminar and also undertake 10 hours/week of fieldwork at a child welfare-related organization.

SEMINAR: Students will study Supreme Court and District of Columbia cases defining the fundamental nature of the parent/child relationship and setting forth when state intervention is warranted to protect the best interests of the child. Students will gain an understanding of the various stages of child protection proceedings and the different roles, responsibilities and professional relationships of the attorneys representing the government, the child and the parents at each stage. Issues concerning interracial and gay adoption will be discussed, as will the overrepresentation of poor and minority youth in the child welfare system. Students will give an in-class presentation on a topic of their choosing, and will write a final paper.

FIELDWORK: Students will participate in fieldwork with a child welfare-related organization and share their experiences with the class and through written reflection memos. Some fieldwork sites require students to undergo police/background clearances, and others do not. If this is a concern for a student, he/she should reach out to the professor before the beginning of the semester to discuss field placement options.

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 a clinic or another practicum course.

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 course is suitable for evening students who can commit to attending class and working 10 hours/week (during business hours) on site at their field placements. This is a four credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits for approximately 10 hours of fieldwork per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks, to be scheduled with the faculty. The fieldwork must be completed during normal business hours. The two credit seminar portion of this practicum will be graded. The two credits of fieldwork are mandatory pass/fail. Students will be allowed to take another course pass/fail in the same semester as the field work. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork 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 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 project work, he or she must speak to the professor as soon as possible to discuss the absence. Unless the professor indicates otherwise, a student with

LAW 286 v02 Church-State Law Seminar
J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar will focus on the major shifts in church-state law over the past decades and key issues the Supreme Court will face in the next several terms. It will analyze and evaluate the various theories proposed by the sitting Justices on both free exercise and establishment clause jurisprudence and place those theories in the historical context of church-state law in America. The seminar will deal with such issues as tensions between the free exercise and establishment clauses, public aid to religious institutions, religion and public education, accommodating religious minorities, and church autonomy. Throughout, current litigation strategies related to these issues will be explored.


Note: Students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. Students in the 2 credit section will write a paper.

LAW 062 v01 Civil Rights
J.D. Course | 2 credit hours
This course studies the statutory, common law, and constitutional issues that arise in federal civil rights litigation. For the fall semester of 2018, the course will focus on the primary civil rights statute, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which is used for constitutional (and some other) claims against state and local governments and their officials. Such constitutional torts include most prison litigation and police misconduct litigation and provide the basic vehicle for claims for both damages and injunctions. The course is constructed around the fundamental issues of recognition of constitutional claims (prisoners’ rights to medical care, safety, and humane conditions, free citizens’ rights to freedom from unnecessary force, unreasonable searches, equality, etc.) and creation of offsets defenses (absolute and qualified immunity, sovereign immunity, etc.). The course will offer at least two “workshops” that give students an opportunity for practical experience in implementing these concepts and the policies behind them. Some attention will be given to related statutes that may supplement § 1983.

Learning Outcomes. You should learn at the highest level of proficiency 1) topics listed in the primary syllabus and the theories and policies justifying them, 2) methods used by attorneys in the area of civil rights for finding or developing “law,” 3) professional skills (such as case analysis, potential case evaluation, how to listen and take notes, how to speak in public) used by attorneys in the area of civil rights, and 4) how to appreciate your own biases and limitations in doing all the above. The primary course evaluation is by the final exam.

Prerequisite: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties. This prerequisite can be waived by the professor for students who have taken the substantial equivalent or show they have other preparation.

Mutually Excluded Courses: This course may not be taken in 2018-19 by persons also enrolling in the Civil Rights Policy Seminar in 2018-19.
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 (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/civil-rights-clinic) for more detailed information about the program.


For information about clinic registration generally, please see the Clinic Registration Handbook (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/clinic-applications/upload/Clinic-Registration-Handbook-v2.pdf).

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

LAW 094 v01 Civil Rights Policy Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20094%20v01)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This seminar studies the statutory, common law, and constitutional issues that arise in federal civil rights litigation. For the spring semester of 2019, the seminar will focus on the primary civil rights statute, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which is used for constitutional (and some other) claims against state and local governments and their officials. Such constitutional torts include most prison litigation and police misconduct litigation, providing the basic vehicle for claims for both damages and injunctions. Like the course in Civil Rights, the seminar will cover both judicial creation of constitutional claims as well as defenses against those claims. Primary policy attention will be given to police misconduct litigation, an active area with substantial new developments and altered landscape over the past five years. The central policy issues in the area test the breadth of judicially created claims, the offsetting construction of defenses against such claims, and the resulting balance struck by the Court. That balance suggests that the Court is moving rapidly – and with surprising unanimity – toward a new view of police misconduct litigation.

Learning Outcomes. You should learn at the highest level of proficiency 1) topics listed in the primary syllabus and the theories and policies justifying them, 2) methods used by attorneys in the area of civil rights for finding or developing “law,” 3) research methods, including appreciation of both theory and practice, for analyzing policy justifications for proposed legal norms, and 4) how to appreciate your own biases and limitations in doing all the above. The primary course evaluation is by the traditional two-draft seminar paper.

Prerequisite: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties. This prerequisite can be waived by the professor for students who have taken the substantial equivalent or show they have other preparation.

Mutually Excluded Courses: This course may not be taken in 2018-19 by persons also enrolling in the Civil Rights course in 2018-19.

Note: The seminar will meet double-time for the first five weeks of the semester and only a few times thereafter for presentation of papers.

LAW 1322 v00 Civil Rights Statutes and the Supreme Court Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %201322%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar will examine recent litigation in the Supreme Court involving the modern civil rights statutes: Title VII, Title IX, RFRA, the ADEA, the ADA, the Fair Housing Act, and Sections 2 and 5 of the Voting Rights Act. Toward that end, we will read recent cases decided by the Court interpreting these statutes, and the cases that form the backdrop for those decisions. We will also examine briefs and oral arguments in some of these cases. Finally, we will examine civil rights cases that are scheduled to be heard in the upcoming term, or that may make their way to the Court in the near future. There will be one writing assignment, a paper of approximately 25 pages in length. Two-thirds of the grade will be based on the paper, and one-third will be based on class participation.


LAW 091 v11 Comparative Constitutional Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20091%20v11)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
How are constitutions designed? What is an authoritarian constitution? How are constitutional created through revolution? What influences constitutional transitions? Is there such a thing as an unconstitutional constitutional amendment? Why should we have judicial review? What interpretive methods do judges use? Are courts good protectors of the constitutional rights?

Comparative constitutional law has expanded exponentially as a feature of contemporary constitutional practice and as a field of study. Events around the world—from the Middle East to Asia, from Europe to Latin America—highlight the issues of constitutional design and constitutional rights at stake. This course explores constitutional systems in comparative contexts, focusing on issues of constitutional structure and rights adjudication across different constitutional systems. We will explore fundamental questions on constitutional design, constitutional change, constitutional transitions, judicial review, and the role of courts and constitutional interpretation. Drawing on examples from diverse constitutional cultures, we will also examine approaches to individual rights—such as religious freedom and freedom of expression—in a global perspective.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the Comparative Constitutional Law Seminar.
LAW 091 v10 Comparative Constitutional Law Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20091%20v10)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
How are constitutions created? What should we consider in designing a constitution? Can we have constitutions without constitutionalism? What is an authoritarian constitution? What influences constitutional revolutions and transitions? Is there such a thing as an unconstitutional constitutional amendment? Why have judicial review? How do judges interpret constitutions? Do courts protect rights guaranteed by their constitutions?

Comparative constitutional law has expanded exponentially in contemporary constitutional practice and as a field of study. Events around the world—from the Middle East to Asia, from Europe to Latin America—highlight the issues of constitutional design and constitutional rights at stake. This seminar examines issues of constitutional structure and rights adjudication in comparative constitutional contexts around the globe, from Western liberal systems to fragile democracies. We will explore fundamental questions on constitutional design, constitutionalism, constitutional change, judicial review, and the role of courts and constitutional interpretation. Drawing on examples from diverse constitutional cultures, we will also examine the protection of constitutional rights—such as religious freedom and individual liberty—from a global perspective.

3 credit JD students will be required to write a paper that meets the JD upperclass legal writing requirement. Students taking this seminar for 2 credits will be required to submit a final paper (no draft is required) of 18-20 pages.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the Comparative Constitutional Law 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.

LAW 080 v00 Computer Crime Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20080%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
Explores the legal issues that judges, legislators, prosecutors, and defense attorneys are confronting as they respond to the recent explosion in computer-related crime. In particular, the course considers how crimes on the Internet will challenge traditional approaches to the investigation, prosecution, and defense of crime that have evolved from our experience with crimes in physical space. Topics will include: the Fourth Amendment online, the law of electronic surveillance, computer hacking and other computer crimes, cyberterrorism, the First Amendment in cyberspace, and civil liberties online. Although much of this class involves computer and internet technology, no prior technical background or knowledge is required.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Computer Crime Seminar or the graduate course, Global Cybercrime Law.

LAW 309 v00 Congressional Investigations and the Modern Government Inquiry (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20309%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course will focus on the scope and contours of Congress's oversight and investigative authority, how it has evolved over time, and key similarities/differences in relation to other types of government investigations. Specifically, it will examine the interplay between congressional investigations and the separation of powers between the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive branches of government, as well as how such investigations can impact private actors. Topics covered will include, among others:

- Committee jurisdiction and grants of authority;
- Interaction between Congress and the Executive Branch, including claims of Executive Privilege and special issues related to congressional oversight of active criminal investigations;
- Judicial review of congressional oversight activities;
- The applicability of constitutional and common law privileges and the congressional contempt power; and
- Current trends in congressional investigations in light of a changing political dynamic in Washington, including the role of the minority party and specially-constituted investigative commissions.

The world of congressional investigations is truly interdisciplinary—these high-stakes investigations often involve overlapping, and at times competing, considerations of law, legislation, lobbying, policy, politics, public relations, and media. Rarely does a congressional investigation occur in a vacuum—for an issue to attract a congressional committee's attention, it is often necessarily subject to parallel criminal and civil proceedings, or it will be. Therefore, students will be challenged to assess the spectrum of risk a subject or witness might face, including criminal exposure, impacts on parallel litigation, administrative or regulatory issues, media scrutiny, reputational and economic risk, and potentially negative legislative results. Students will also consider the myriad objectives of a congressional investigation, including evaluating the effectiveness of existing laws, supporting or opposing legislation, or advancing a particular political agenda.

By the end of the course, students should have acquired a working understanding of:

- The sources, scope, and history of congressional oversight and investigative authority;
- Legal and business risks associated with congressional and other government investigations;
- Key nuances and similarities in the representation of clients before various types of government bodies; and
- Some basic practice concepts in the white collar representation of entities and individuals under government investigation.

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

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Congressional Investigations Seminar or Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch.
LAW 309 v02 Congressional Investigations Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20309%20v02)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This seminar deals with Congress' powers to conduct oversight and investigations of the Executive branch. This seminar will cover the scope of Congressional inquiries and investigations, Congress' subpoena powers, grant of immunity powers as well as hearing and rulemaking powers, the use of select committees, the GAO, and other special investigative techniques. The course will examine the use of prehearing depositions, rights of witnesses, preparation of witnesses, the role of the press and the interaction between Congress and prosecutorial functions including investigations conducted by special and independent counsel statute. In addition to the traditional use of lectures, class discussions and outside speakers, the course will be built around mastering the subject matter and surfacing ethical issues by working on complex problems. Students will be expected to work in small groups on contemporary issues to simulate the work of Committee members, Committee Staff, White House Counsel Staff and members of the news media.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and the Legislative Investigations Seminar or Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch.

Note: Students may not withdraw from this class after the add/drop period ends without the permission of the professor.

LAW 309 v03 Congressional Investigations Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20309%20v03)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This seminar explores the range of issues involved in congressional investigations, with special attention paid to the differing perspectives of the major players, both inside and outside of Congress, in a congressional investigation. Congressional investigations involve a unique interplay of legal and political issues. Legal issues – involving such matters as the rights of private institutions and private citizens who may be implicated in a congressional investigation, the legal and political ability of the Executive Branch to resist congressional probes, the authority of the Judicial Branch to interfere with or limit the conduct of congressional investigations, and the relationship of congressional investigations to related criminal and civil inquiries conducted by other governmental entities – must be factored into the political calculus of the contending political forces involved in a congressional investigation. Political determinations – which underpin such issues as the scope and duration of an investigation or whether witnesses should be interviewed, deposed or called to testify live at a hearing – may have significant legal ramifications. This seminar will address these issues at both the practical and the theoretical levels. As part of the course, class members will be asked to participate in mock problems concerning different aspects of the process.

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

LAW 1486 v00 Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201486%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
"Quite important as lawmaking is vigilant oversight of administration."
"The informing function of Congress should be preferred even to its legislative function."

Woodrow Wilson

The above quotes capture the central theme for this seminar, which explores Congress’ oversight of the Executive Branch. Oversight and investigation are one of Congress’ primary means of asserting its role in the Constitutional scheme of separated powers. Historically, this assertion creates tensions that forces interplay among the three coordinate branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. This course will examine these issues as well as review the tools Congress uses to execute its powers. This includes the full range of Congress’ compulsory powers through the issuance of subpoenas, grants of immunity, contempt rulings, and enforcement actions in civil and criminal court. Students will use major investigations as case studies to demonstrate these processes. Students will be asked to assume roles as various actors in the process, which includes members of Congress and their staffs; officials in the executive branch, and the judiciary.

1Woodrow Wilson, Congressional Government, (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin, 1885), 303

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. Students will understand the interplay among the three coordinate branches as a result of our constitutional structure, and how these structural relationships impact law and policy-making.
2. Students will understand the tools at Congress’s disposal to effect legislative oversight and congressional investigations. To borrow a phrase from one of our texts, “you will learn how the worlds of lawmaking, law-implementing, law-interpreting, and law-enforcing connect.”

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System; prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Congressional Investigations Seminar or Congressional Investigations and the Modern Government Inquiry.
LAW 103 v00 Conservatism in Law in America Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20103%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This writing seminar explores various themes running through conservatism in American law. In the course of examining the meaning of American legal conservatism, it touches on certain basic questions about the nature and purpose of law both generally and in the United States in particular, as well as assumptions and beliefs about how human beings behave and how they learn to order their dealings with one another. It explores the relationship of conservatism in society to conservatism in American law, occasionally using current and past controversies to illustrate different ways of understanding conservatism in law as well as competing approaches.

Recommended: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System or Democracy and Coercion.

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 the take the course.

LAW 089 v00 Constitutional Aspects of Foreign Affairs Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20089%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This seminar deals with the distribution of powers between the president and Congress in the areas of war, diplomacy, international organizations, foreign assistance, commerce, money, etc. as well as the distribution of powers between the national and state governments. Such related matters as the impact on individual rights and the political question doctrine in this context are also discussed.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I (or Democracy and Coercion).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and the upperclass course, U.S. Foreign Relations and National Security Law or the J.D. or graduate course, Foreign Relations Law.

Note: FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE 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. The faculty reserve the right to drop students from the class if they do not attend the first class. STUDENTS MAY NOT WITHDRAW FROM THIS CLASS AFTER THE ADD-DROP PERIOD ENDS WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE PROFESSOR.
LAW 1601 v00 Constitutional Impact Litigation Practicum (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201601%20v00) (Project-Based Practicum)  
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours  
This project-based practicum course will give students the unique opportunity to be part of the constitutional litigation work of Georgetown Law's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection (ICAP). Led by attorneys with deep experience in trial and appellate advocacy, national security law, and federal prosecution, ICAP works in close partnership with non-profit organizations, pro bono teams of law firms, and law school clinics to pursue strategic litigation to ensure clear recognition of constitutional rights in areas such as immigration restrictions, religious discrimination, free expression and privacy protection, national security, criminal justice reform, and whistleblower protection, among others. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out 10 hours/week of work with ICAP and its partners on strategic litigation.

SEMINAR: Drawing on experience from ICAP's cases as well as prominent historical and current examples of impact litigation, the seminar will focus on the history of public and social justice litigation and its uses, criticisms, and obstacles. Seminar participants will discuss strategies for bringing impact litigation, including identifying and selecting plaintiffs, test cases, venues, and legal theories, as well as engaging the public. Students will receive specific instruction on how to prepare research memoranda useful to litigators exploring which cases to take and which arguments to make; on what makes for successful, persuasive briefing of constitutional arguments; and on how to explain to the public, in forms such as short op-eds, the crux of key legal challenges and the stakes associated with them.

PROJECT WORK: Students will work for 10 hours/week on constitutional litigation projects handled by ICAP, often in close partnership with law firms undertaking pro bono work, nonprofits, and/or law school clinics. Students' roles will include providing litigators with memoranda conveying research on relevant legal issues; drafting portions of briefing materials for use in litigation; and mootin oral advocates preparing to argue these matters in court. ICAP's previous work has included such topics as private paramilitaries, "sanctuary cities," bail reform, fines and fees imposed on the indigent, retaliatory reassignment of civil servants, freedom of expression, and capital punishment. Students will undertake multiple projects over the course of the semester, possibly on different litigation matters. Students will be given opportunities to express their preferences for particular projects, though work will be assigned as needed to support ICAP's litigation. Students will be expected to work both independently and in teams, just as they would on an impact litigation team.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I. Additionally, 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 COURSE REQUIRES PROFESSOR PERMISSION TO ENROLL. Interested students should submit a résumé and written statement (maximum of 300 words), articulating their interest in the practicum and noting any relevant academic and work experiences, especially in the field of constitutional law, to Professors McCord and Geltzer (jj1861@georgetown.edu, mbm7@georgetown.edu) by Monday, June 4, 2018. Students will be admitted on a rolling basis until all seats are filled.

This course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. This course is suitable for evening students who can commit to attending class and working 10 hours/week. This is a four credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits will be given for the 10 hours/week of work with ICAP and its partners on strategic litigation.

LAW 1359 v00 Constitutional Interpretation Seminar: Originalism and its Rivals (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201359%20v00)  
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours  
This seminar will critically evaluate the "originalist" position that courts should be bound by the "original understanding" or by the "original public meaning" of the constitutional text, or by the "original Framers’ intent. The seminar will then review a variety of alternative approaches, including ones that treat the constitutional text as having evolving meaning, and others that emphasize tradition, democracy, precedent, moral obligation, or other bases for constitutional interpretation, including alternatives that contest the idea that the Constitution should be considered binding or that the judiciary should have ultimate authority for constitutional interpretation. The positions will be identified and evaluated through a focus on Supreme Court decisions and on scholarly commentary. Participants will be expected to write short response papers for each week's reading and to attend the seminar meetings. No paper will be required.

LAW 004 v00 Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20004%20v00)  
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours  
This course addresses questions concerning the role of the Supreme Court in resolving legal problems that arise under our fundamental law, as well as issues concerning the Constitution's distribution of power between the national and state governments and among the branches of the national government.

LAW 215 v00 Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20215%20v00)  
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 4 credit hours  
This course focuses primarily on the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments (free speech, due process, and equal protection) and the role of the Supreme Court as ultimate interpreter and guardian of the Bill of Rights.

Note for Professor Barnett's section: As a way to understand the structure of current doctrines, Professor Barnett's course will stress how and why the doctrines evolved from the Founding through the Civil War, Reconstruction, the Progressive Era, the New Deal, the Warren and Rehnquist Courts to the Roberts Court today. Coverage will include the Second and Ninth Amendments. Internet access on any device is not allowed during class; all laptop use is disallowed in Professor Barnett's course.

Learning goals for Professor Spann’s section:

The primary goal of the course is to teach students how to manipulate the doctrinal rules and underlying policy considerations that govern the topics in the course, and to get students to confront the normative implications raised by such vast amounts of doctrinal indeterminacy.
LAW 1512 v00 Constitutional Litigation and the Current Administration (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201512%20v00)

J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours

In its first year, the Trump Administration faced an unprecedented number of legal challenges to the constitutionality of its actions. These cases raised many important questions about the strategy, mechanics, and complexities of litigating and defending constitutional claims against the President. They also shed light on the extent to which constitutional litigation under the current administration is unique.

In this seminar, we will study major challenges to the Trump Administration as a vehicle for exploring the fundamentals of constitutional litigation. We will place special emphasis on the key strategic judgments made by parties, and courts, over the course of each case. In addition, we will seek to identify common themes in the filings and opinions that we study, and will aim to appreciate ways in which constitutional litigation against the Trump Administration has been similar to (and different from) cases against prior administrations. Students will acquire an understanding of key players in constitutional cases as we study their goals and tactics. They will also develop an informed and critical perspective on major cases against President Trump, drawing on insights from diverse viewpoints.

The seminar will begin with a thematic overview of constitutional litigation against the Trump Administration. We will then explore, at length, litigation over President Trump’s series of travel bans. Building from that foundation, we will address a broad array of cases. In Spring 2018, we covered: (1) military service by transgender individuals; (2) presidential compliance with the Emoluments Clauses; (3) the rescission of DACA; (4) President Trump’s decision to block certain individuals on Twitter; (5) abortion rights of undocumented migrant juveniles; (6) sanctuary cities; and (7) changes to the 2020 Census. Along the way, we touched on many other cases against Trump. While we likely will cover many of these topics in Spring 2019, we will update the syllabus as appropriate in light of ongoing developments.

Each week, students will study relevant court pleadings and opinions, from district courts all the way to the Supreme Court. They will also read contemporaneous legal commentary that offers varied perspectives on key issues and themes.

Learning Objectives:

1. Introduce students to the fundamentals of constitutional litigation, from its inception through appeal.
2. Understand the ways in which claims and defenses may evolve throughout the course of litigation and proceed as a conversation between lower courts, courts of appeals, the Executive Branch, and Congress.
3. Learn to analyze and critique actual pleadings, with an eye towards the parties’ litigation strategy, goals, and hurdles.
4. Learn to analyze and critique judicial opinions on constitutional claims over the course of an entire litigation (rather than just reading the Supreme Court ruling), linking this skill to a refined appreciation of the judicial role and the rule of law.
5. Understand the aspects of modern constitutional challenges that have been common to earlier constitutional litigation against the federal government, as well as the features of the present landscape that are remarkable or unique.
6. Draw upon cutting-edge legal scholarship to analyze trends in constitutional litigation under the Trump Administration.

Prerequisite: Civil Procedure or Legal Process and Society; Constitutional Law I: The Federal System or Democracy and Coercion.

LAW 017 v00 Constitutional Rights and Their Limitations: Proportionality (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20017%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 1 credit hour

In many countries (e.g. Canada, Germany, Spain, Brazil), the regular legislature can take action affecting constitutional rights that are part of the Bill of Rights, so long as such effect is proportional (that is suitable and necessary to achieve legitimate government ends and properly balanced). In our class, we will look into the concept of proportionality, its scope and its rationales. We shall compare it with American jurisprudence, while trying to see whether constitutional rights are better protected by the American method of interpretation or by a proportionality analysis.

Note: WEEK ONE COURSE. This seminar will meet for one week only on the following days: Monday, January 8, 2018 through Friday, January 12, 2018, 1:30 p.m. - 4:05 p.m. This course is mandatory pass/fail and will not count toward the 7 credit pass/fail limit for J.D. students.

Note: Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory and all enrolled students must attend the first class in order to remain enrolled. Students on the wait list must attend the first class in order to be admitted off the wait list. Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar. Once the second class session begins, students may only seek a withdrawal by contacting an academic advisor in the Office of JD Academic Services. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

LAW 512 v01 Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20512%20v01)

J.D. Clinic | 14 credit hours

Please see the Criminal Defense & Prisoner Advocacy Clinic website (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/Criminal-Defense-and-Prisoner-Advocacy-Clinic.cfm) for more detailed information about the program.


For information about clinic registration generally, please see the Clinic Registration Handbook (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/clinic-applications/upload/Clinic-Registration-Handbook-v2.pdf).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course. Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and the Negotiations Seminar (LAWJ-317-05) with Professor Kleinman.
LAW 512 v00 Criminal Justice Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20512%20v00)
J.D. Clinic | 14 credit hours
Please see the Criminal Justice Clinic website (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/Criminal-Justice-Clinic) for more detailed information about the program.

For registration-specific supplemental materials, please see the Criminal Justice Clinic PDF (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/Criminal-Justice-Clinic) for more detailed information about the program.

For information about clinic registration generally, please see the Clinic Registration Handbook (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/clinic-applications/upload/Clinic-Registration-Handbook-v2.pdf).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course. Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and the Negotiations Seminar (LAWJ-317-05) with Professor Kleinman.

LAW 128 v01 Criminal Procedure (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20128%20v01)
J.D. Course | 2 credit hours
An examination of the basic Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment principles that govern the interaction of the police and suspects in the investigation of crime. From stop and frisks to coerced confessions, the course will examine the constitutional doctrines developed to regulate police behavior and the admissibility of evidence. The core concepts will include the definition of a "search," the meaning of probable cause and reasonable suspicion, the requirement of a search warrant and the many exceptions to the warrant requirement, Miranda and related limits on interrogation, and the pre-trial right to counsel. The course will also focus on the role of the courts in enforcing the constitutional guarantees, particularly through the exclusionary rule.

Learning Objectives:
1. Thorough Understanding of the Primary "Substantive" Fourth Amendment Issues in Criminal Cases and Certain Civil Cases
2. Thorough Understanding of Primary "Remedial" Fourth Amendment Issues in Criminal Cases
3. Thorough Understanding of the Primary "Substantive" Fifth Amendment Issues Related to Interrogations and Confessions
4. Thorough Understanding of the Primary "Remedial" Fifth Amendment Issues Related to Interrogations and Confessions
5. Thorough Understanding of the Sixth Amendment Issues Related to Uncounseled Confessions and Pretrial Line-ups
6. Thorough Understanding of Sixth Amendment Issues Related to the Effective Assistance of Counsel

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Criminal Justice or Democracy and Coercion.

Note: This course is offered only to transfer students from other law schools who have not had a first year course in constitutional criminal procedure.

LAW 069 v03 Critical Race Theory (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20069%20v03)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This 2 credit seminar focuses on critical race theory, a jurisprudential movement that examines the relationship among race, racism, and the U.S. legal system. The coverage is broad, including contemporary legal scholarship on race and the law, and the legal and political interventions that could perhaps guide successful racial reform. This course will provide students with an overview of critical race theory and more intensive exposure to certain subtopics, such as race-based critiques of liberalism, storytelling and the construction of identity, critical race feminism, critical white studies, and global approaches to critical race theory. With a focus on interpretive or critical dimensions of the law, as opposed to a primarily case based approach, this seminar will help students gain an understanding of how race reform theory works and fails, and how culture and historical forces have shaped that body of law. Students of all backgrounds and political persuasions are welcome.

LAW 1626 v00 Cyberlaw (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201626%20v00)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
From commerce to speech, internet companies intermediate our daily activities. At the same time, internet companies are remaking our existence. Facebook has been blamed for facilitating Russian election interference, yet credited for sparking the Jasmine Revolutions that felled dictatorships across North Africa. What laws govern the borderless domains of cyberspace? Is the internet a free speech zone protected by the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, or does it bend to hate speech or political speech regulations from abroad? Can copyright law survive the worldwide copying machine of the internet? Is privacy dead when corporations know where you are and what you are doing nearly 24/7? Are there any limits on electronic surveillance by the government? This course examines the evolving law regulating internet enterprises.

LAW 131 v02 Disability Discrimination Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20131%20v02)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course covers the Americans with Disabilities Act, its amendments, regulations, and interpretive guidance as they relate to discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, the programs, services, or activities provided by government entities, and public accommodations. The course will take a pragmatic approach to exploring the rights and responsibilities arising from this law and will focus on such issues as defining disability, the concept of qualified persons with a disability, reasonable accommodations, medical exams and disability-related inquiries, program access, and public accommodations.

LAW 195 v05 Election Law: Voting, Campaigning and the Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20195%20v05)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 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 150 v04 Employment Discrimination (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20150%20v04)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course explores the legal mandate for equal employment opportunity in relation to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability and other traits. The focus is principally upon Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and also includes the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Post Civil War Civil Rights Acts, and state analogues to Title VII, such as the District of Columbia Human Rights Act. The course also discusses the evolution of employment discrimination law to address such traits as sexual orientation and transgender status. The course examines the doctrinal and theoretical aspects of employment discrimination law through a rigorous analysis of court decisions, statutes and regulations; explores the public policy issues underlying the law of employment discrimination; and discusses the strategic and tactical approaches a practicing attorney will consider in actually utilizing these laws to represent clients.

Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Evidence and Professional Responsibility.

LAW 150 v05 Employment Discrimination (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20150%20v05)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course explores the legal mandate for equal employment opportunity in relation to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and other traits. The focus is principally upon Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and also includes the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and related state analogues. The course examines the doctrinal and theoretical aspects of employment discrimination law through a rigorous analysis of court decisions, statutes and regulations. Legal readings will be supplemented with perspectives from psychology, sociology, and economics. We will also discuss the strategic and tactical approaches a practicing attorney will consider in actually utilizing these laws to represent clients.

LAW 1487 v00 Executive Branch Legal Interpretation: The Separation of Powers and the Office of Legal Counsel (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201487%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This two-credit seminar will explore selected topics in the separation of powers. It will focus on the way in which the Executive Branch, and in particular the Justice Department’s Office of Legal Counsel, has analyzed and interpreted some of the key separation of powers questions that arise in the daily interaction between the Executive Branch and Congress—questions that have in many instances been the subject of only limited judicial interpretation. Topics to be addressed include the Recommendations and Appointments Clauses, the President’s authority to use military force without prior congressional authorization, the President’s authority to conduct diplomacy and foreign affairs, the scope and nature of the President’s obligation to Take Care that the laws are faithfully executed, the concept of prosecutorial discretion, lapses in appropriations, and Congress’s authority to compel testimony from Executive Branch officials.

The seminar will begin with an overview of the concept of the separation of powers, the sources of OLC’s authority, and the nature of OLC’s role in the Executive Branch. It will then examine a series of specific separation of powers topics, focusing on OLC opinions and academic writings addressing these subjects. The seminar may also consider separation of powers issues, such as those that would be raised by a congressional failure to raise the debt ceiling, on which there are no published OLC opinions, asking students to assume the role of OLC lawyers and develop advice on what possible courses of might and might not be lawfully available to the President. The seminar will end by considering some of the debates about the appropriateness of OLC’s role, OLC’s effectiveness as a legal interpreter, and proposals for reforming the Office.

The seminar has two main objectives. First, through study of selected OLC opinions and other writings, students will gain substantive familiarity with some of the main separation of powers issues that arise in practice within the Executive and Legislative branches, and with OLC’s jurisprudence on these subjects. Second, through this study, students will develop a concrete sense of how OLC functions as a legal interpreter, and will thus have a basis on which to begin to develop an informed view of OLC’s strengths and weaknesses in this role.

Learning Goals:

Students will develop familiarity with, and fluency at reading and analyzing, OLC opinions.

Students will develop a substantive understanding of some of the most important separation of powers-related issues that arise in practice between the Executive and Legislative branches, and a substantive understanding of OLC’s jurisprudence on these subjects.

Students will gain familiarity with areas of law, such as the appropriations process, that are critical to the operation of the federal government, but are not part of the standard core law school curriculum.

Students will develop an informed, concrete sense of how OLC functions as a legal interpreter, and will thus be equipped to develop informed views about the characteristics, and the strengths and weaknesses, of OLC as a source of Executive Branch legal interpretation.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (or Democracy and Coercion).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Separation of Powers Seminar.
LAW 178 v02 Federal Courts and the Federal System (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20178%20v02)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course addresses the role of the federal courts in our system of government, focusing on relevant constitutional and statutory provisions and jurisdictional doctrines and concepts. Representative topics include justiciability, congressional power to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and lower federal courts, Supreme Court review of state court judgments, sovereign immunity, abstention, and habeas corpus.


LAW 213 v00 Federal Indian Law Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20213%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar examines the body of law dealing with the status of the Indian tribes, their special relationship to the federal government, and the governmental policies underlying it. It will also focus on the legal interrelationships among tribal, state, and federal governments, tribal gaming and economic development, and tribal rights to natural resources.

LAW 530 v00 Federal Legislation Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20530%20v00)
J.D. Clinic | 10 credit hours
Please see the Federal Legislation Clinic website (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/FLAC) for more detailed information about the program.


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

LAW 722 v02 Federal Limitations on State and Local Taxation (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20722%20v02)
LL.M Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
As an instrument of federalism, the U.S. Constitution plays a vital role in defining state and local governments’ taxing powers. In some instances this is accomplished by express Constitutional provisions; in others, by express or implied grants of authority to the legislative, executive or judicial branches of government. This advanced state and local tax course will explore and analyze Constitutional provisions that limit (and sometimes expand) state and local taxing powers. It will include a historical review of Supreme Court jurisprudence that underscores the inherent complexities and tensions precipitated by the intersection of federalism and the underlying goals embodied within the Commerce Clause, Equal Protection Clause, Import-Export Clause, Privileges and Immunities Clause, and Supremacy Clause, among others. The course also will explore how issues of federalism have shaped various Federal statutory enactments, as well as pending pieces of federal legislation. For example, it will analyze how federalist tensions and statutory dynamics were balanced in a recently proposed congressional bill concerning state and local tax incentives. Additionally, the course will explore the impact of Treaties and international trade laws, as well as their related enforcement mechanisms, which continue to spawn new issues implicating the States’ powers to tax.

Prerequisite: Federal Income Taxation (formerly Taxation I).

Note: 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 635 v00 Federal Money: Policymaking and Budget Rules (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20635%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
Ostensibly neutral budget rules have come to dominate Federal policymaking; indeed, the budget procedure is arguably more crucial to a proposal’s success in the Congress or the Administration than a majority of the votes or the support of a Cabinet member. Unfortunately, the budget process is poorly understood by most observers, advocates and even the Members of Congress themselves. This course will survey the fundamentals of budget process and the uses and abuses of it. Topics will include Federal grants funding, entitlement spending, “tax spending,” and “off-budget” spending, as well as the budget aspects of current controversies such as health reform, tax policy, Social Security, defense spending, and economic stimulus spending.

Note: No accounting or budget background is needed.
LAW 1608 v00 Federal Practice Seminar: Contemporary Issues

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 1631 v00 Federal Practice Seminar: Contemporary Issues

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 20-25 pages in length that addresses a topic in civil procedure, federal courts, or administrative law. 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 1514 v00 Federalism in Practice: The Role of Governors in Advancing Public Policy

Fieldwork Practicum | 4 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 policymaking at the state level, with a focus on the role of governors. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and also undertake 10 hours/week of fieldwork with the National Governors Association, a bipartisan organization of the nation’s governors through which governors share best practices, speak with a collective voice on national policy, and develop innovative solutions that improve state government and support the principles of federalism.

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 senior officials. 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; Health Division; Environment, Energy & Transportation Division; Education Division; or Economic Opportunities Division), NGA’s Office of Government Relations, NGA’s Office of Management Consulting & Training, or NGA’s Office of General Counsel. It is possible that students may also be placed with state/local agencies in Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, or Southern Maryland, or with other “Big Seven” state/local associations, such as the National Conference of State Legislators, National Conference of State Courts, 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 course and Criminal Justice 1460 or Criminal Justice 1461.
The so-called “federalism revolution” of the past 30 years, reflected in a series of controversial Supreme Court decisions, has engendered reams of commentary and provoked widespread litigation challenging a range of federal statutes under constitutional provisions including the Commerce Clause, the Spending Clause, and the Tenth and Eleventh Amendments. Rarely has so complex a body of interrelated law developed so quickly. The seminar will trace the development of the Court’s recent federalism jurisprudence both from a doctrinal perspective and as a study in the dynamics of judicial decision-making. A critical aim of the course will be to understand the values underlying the federalism debate, and to observe judges and justices of all persuasions seeking to reconcile those values with other priorities and with the institutional limitations of the courts. We also will consider the extent to which the Court’s recent jurisprudence actually has altered the dynamics of federal-state relations and whether future decisions are likely to do so.

We will use the developing nature of the federalism jurisprudence as an opportunity to develop advocacy skills. Students will satisfy the writing requirement by writing a 25-page appellate brief in one of several cases designated in the syllabus. We will work closely with each student in developing the structure and argument of the brief, and in moving from draft to final product. Each of the decisions will also be the subject of a short, informal moot court presentation by the students briefing that case. There will be no additional writing or research required for these presentations, which are designed to focus our dialogue.

This course addresses the constitutional issues that arise in the conduct of U.S. foreign relations. Topics include: Congress' power to legislate with respect to foreign relations; the respective roles of the President and Congress in initiating and conducting war and other uses of force; the President's power to conduct diplomatic relations; the scope of the power to make and enforce treaties and other international agreements; the status of treaties and customary international law as United States law; the role of the States in foreign relations; and the role of the courts in foreign relations.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and the J.D. upperclass course, Constitutional Aspects of Foreign Affairs Seminar, or the graduate course, Foreign Relations Law.
LAW 196 v02 Free Press Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20196%20v02)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
"Congress shall make no law . . . ." the First Amendment commands, "abridging the freedom . . . of the press." But Congress, the Executive Branch, and the courts have promulgated a host of laws governing both print and electronic media. This survey of mass media law explores such current topics as prior restraints on publication, defamation, privacy, newsgathering liability, media liability for unlawful conduct of third parties, compelled disclosure of sources, and access to information. Practical aspects of representing media clients are examined along with public policy implications of existing legal doctrines and proposals for change.


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 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 (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/community-justice) for more detailed information about the program.


For information about clinic registration generally, please see the Clinic Registration Handbook (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/clinic-applications/upload/Clinic-Registration-Handbook-v2.pdf).

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

LAW 311 v01 Higher Education and the Law Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20311%20v01)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
Higher education plays a singular role in our society. Colleges and universities are complex organizations and institutions with unique missions to discover, create and transmit knowledge, and to further social mobility. Higher education intersects with the law in a myriad of ways. This course examines the legal issues that shape higher education, particularly in the United States. The course covers the distinctions between public and private colleges and universities, religion and higher education, accessibility to and financing of higher education, academic freedom, shared governance, admissions, free expression, privacy and freedom of association, campus safety with a particular focus on sexual assault, and issues of race, disability, gender and sexual orientation. We will consider student rights and responsibilities, faculty issues concerning research ethics and the classroom, and the roles of presidents, governing boards, and university general counsels. Materials include relevant statutes and cases as well as readings from related fields. Our goal throughout the course will be to understand the breadth of issues faced by higher education in the United States in pursuing its mission, and the ways in which legal rules and norms relate to these issues.

Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

Note:

Students may take this seminar for either 2 or 3 credits. All members of the seminar are required to write a number of short reaction papers. Students taking the seminar for 3 credits are also required to write a research 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.
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 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.

This class will meet on the following Summer 2018 dates: 5/29, 5/31, 6/5, 6/7, 6/12, 6/14, 6/19, 6/21, 6/26. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

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.
In a project-based practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work on a project under the supervision of their professors. In this practicum, students will work on all aspects of an innovative litigation strategy, using the First Amendment to fight the pervasive problem of judicial and political interference with public defenders across the country. Students will participate in a two-hour/week seminar and carry out 15 hours/week of project work under the direction of the course professors.

SEMINAR: Civil Rights Corps (CRC) recently launched its Indigent Defense Initiative, through which Civil Rights Corps attorneys will (among other things) represent defense attorneys who are removed from indigent-defense panels because they vigorously advocate on their clients’ behalf. CRC’s first case, Willey v. Ewing, 18-CV-81 (S.D. Tex.), will serve as a model. In Willey, CRC’s client, a criminal defense attorney, was removed from cases to which he had been appointed and passed over for further appointments because he complained about unconstitutional practices on behalf of himself and his clients.

In the seminar, students will master the law of First Amendment retaliation, addressing the theoretical, procedural, and ethical dimensions of litigation in this area. Through the seminar, students will integrate the legal doctrine they learn into practical application of CRC’s ongoing litigation in the area of independent defense.

PROJECT WORK: Students will assist in investigating new cases and in all aspects of litigation on CRC’s clients’ behalf, from drafting complaints, investigating, writing motions, and doing legal research. In weekly seminars, students will prepare for this work by discussing the diverse legal topics that arise in the project’s litigation. Topics will include civil procedure, federal courts, and the First Amendment’s protection from employment retaliation. Students will build writing, research, and strategic skills through one-on-one feedback.

Prerequisite: 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 coursework on Criminal Procedure, First Amendment Law, and/or Employment Law are recommended but not required. Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this course and a clinic or another practicum course. Students may concurrently enroll in this course and an externship.

Note: This course is suitable for evening students; project work does not need to be completed during business hours.

This is a five credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and three credits will be awarded for approximately 15 hours of supervised 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 fieldwork placements. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the CRC’s first case, Willey v. Ewing, 18-CV-81 (S.D. Tex.), and its subsequent litigation.

Note: This course will not meet on Thursday, October 4, Thursday, October 11 or Thursday, November 29. To make up for the cancelled classes, this course will meet from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on the following dates: 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 11/8, 11/13, and 11/27.

In addition to the final take-home exam, there will be a mid-term take-home exam.

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For the fall section, FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE 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.
LAW 532 v02 Juvenile Justice Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20532%20v02)
J.D. Clinic | 9 or 14 credit hours
Please see the Juvenile Justice Clinic website (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/JJC) 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 in the first semester. Externships or practicums may be taken in the spring semester with professor permission.

LAW 1433 v00 Law and Religion (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201433%20v00) (Fieldwork Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course is designed to give students familiarity with the field of law and religion. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and undertake 10 hours/week of fieldwork with organizations in the Washington, DC area that work on issues related to religious freedom.

SEMINAR: President Obama called religious freedom "central to the ability of peoples to live together." Professor Martha Nussbaum observes, "America now contains a religious diversity unparalleled in its history."

This seminar will examine society's ability to enable those with the deepest of differences to live in community peaceably. Substantively, it will promote an understanding of the law that governs the relationship between religion and government, defines protections for the free exercise of religion, and provides the framework for civic life among people of all religions and none. Although law and religion will be the uniting theme of our work, there is a broad range of modalities that we can pursue in this field—litigation in workplace disputes, amicus briefings for the Supreme Court, researching the effect of public policy initiatives—providing a myriad of opportunities to hone professional legal skills.

Seminar participants will gain doctrinal competency in current religious freedom law, engage in a principled examination of religious freedom as an essential Constitutional and basic international human right, and gain experience interacting on a "hot topic" issue in a professional manner by focusing on common ground and building principled consensus.

Interested students who have any questions or would like more information about the seminar or field placements should feel welcomed emailing Professor Inks directly at sci2@law.georgetown.edu.

FIELDWORK: Students will perform legal work under the supervision of an attorney mentor for 10 hours/week with organizations in the Washington, DC area that focus on issues related to religious freedom. Some examples include: the ACLU, The Interfaith Alliance, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, The Center for Islam and Religious Freedom, The Christian Legal Society, The Native American Rights Fund, the Genocide Working Group, and Alliance Defending Freedom.

**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, clinic, or another practicum course.

**Note:** Both enrolled and waitlisted students are encouraged to e-mail Prof. Inks over the summer (but a CV is not necessary) to let her know if they have any preferences in where they want to work or the kind of work they would like to do. Students are NOT required to find their own work placements. If a student has a specific request or pre-existing relationship with an organization, every attempt to accommodate that will be made. No special previous experience is required for this practicum.

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 course is suitable for evening students who can attend the weekly seminar and conduct at least 10 hours of fieldwork/week during normal business hours. This is a four credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits for approximately 10 hours of fieldwork per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks, to be scheduled with the faculty.
This course will examine the way in which U.S. law—principally the Constitution and the First Amendment—has evolved to address these issues in the modern age of electronic media. Through lectures, class discussions, and written assignments, students will not only gain a broad understanding of the substantive law but also understand the important policy implications for the public, reporters, and the subjects of their stories. The seminar will also feature interactive classroom exercises in which students will research, present, and advocate opposite sides of current issues taken directly from the headlines in real-world media cases, including media shield laws, anti-SLAPP statutes, public vs. private figures, group libel, fact vs. opinion, prior restraints on publication, media liability for torts and crimes committed by third parties, and the liability of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and administrators of interactive online websites. Practical aspects of representing clients in media matters, including jurisdiction and choice-of-law issues, are also examined.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I or Democracy and Coercion.

LAW 045 v02 Law in Multicultural Societies
LL.M Seminar | 2 credit hours
The aim of this course is to introduce the students to the ways in which liberal constitutionalism deals with the fact of difference (religious, ethnic, or national). After general theoretical introduction to various issues (such as law, culture and difference, politics of recognition and politics of redistribution, the risks of politics of identity, the liberal and feminist critiques of multicultural politics, the analytical problem of group rights), the course will survey the ways that liberal democracies deal with the claims of several groups within society to be different. We will read cases and materials from the United States, Canada, France, Israel, India, and Germany.

LAW 1296 v00 Law of Religion
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course will examine the way in which U.S. law—principally the Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses of the First Amendment—treats religious belief, religious exercise, and religious institutions. We will spend part of the semester examining the Supreme Court’s treatment of the Religion Clauses. We will also address current questions and controversies, including issues such as: defining “religion” for purposes of constitutional law; governmental burdens on, and discrimination against, religious exercise; state aid for religious activities and to religious organizations, including pursuant to school voucher and “charitable choice” programs; the role of religion in public education and in the public square; the constitutionality of statutory exemptions for religiously motivated conduct; and religious institutions’ claims to legal autonomy.

LAW 297 v00 Lawmaking and Statutory Interpretation Seminar
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 1-3 credit hours
This yearlong seminar examines problems of statutory interpretation from the viewpoint of the practicing lawyer when multiple actors with different roles participate in the development or interpretation of the same statutory language in our unique federal legal system.

The problem of obtaining legal clarity, at the center of the seminar, is familiar to lawyers and all involved in any aspect of our legal system. Consequently, students often choose paper subjects that involve lively current legal issues. For example, students have submitted papers, appropriately incorporating seminar concepts, on current subjects as disparate as Proposition 8 and same sex marriage in California and the failure of textualist interpretation of statutes to communicate judicial guidance to Congress concerning executive authority to try and detain enemy combatants at Guantanamo. This seminar approaches issues in ways that often are only now being confronted by our system. Today, legal clarity and closure are particularly necessary in a technological and global economy demanding immediate answers from the American legal system. This system, however, has changed little since the 18th century except to grow more complicated and time consuming. Most of the democratic governments of the world are organized with less complexity, are less dependent on court decisions, and are able to respond more rapidly than our separation of powers government. The assumption of the seminar is that lawyers, who are major actors in every part of our system, will inevitably encounter these dilemmas and are particularly well equipped to help resolve them, considering that many of the problems that are generated will need resolution in court or with legal assistance. The underlying issues emerge from seminar concepts well known in the law that students discuss as central to the papers they have chosen to write. The seminar is conducted as a group of peers would operate in a law firm, business, faculty, or other workplace setting. Working with the professor, students bring fresh eyes to raise or ask questions after their classmates give oral presentations on their outlines and first drafts of the final paper. Class participation is therefore important to one of the missions of the seminar: to accustom students to participating and receiving critiques in peer sessions and improving a work product accordingly.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Legislation. Students MAY receive credit for this seminar and the first year elective or upperlevel course, Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation.
LAW 410 v04 Local Government Law

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;
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 508 v02 Policy Clinic (Harrison Institute for Public Law)

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.

Note: Please see the Harrison Institute for Public Law Policy Clinic website (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/HIP) for more detailed information about the program.

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This course will use the legal challenges to the *Affordable Care Act* as an initial case study of how political disputes play out in litigation, from the trial courts to the Supreme Court. We will follow the pattern of political litigation into the Trump Administration, and assess the lessons from the partisan shift in the litigation. We will consider how and why partisan disputes generate litigation and discuss the issues this litigation raises regarding the appropriate role of courts in our democratic system. For the most part, though, the perspective will be practical, as we explore the legal, strategic, and tactical choices advocates make in bringing high profile political cases, in framing the legal issues, in harnessing the rules of procedure, and in managing the political features of the case — both offensively and defensively, and both inside and outside the courtroom. We will discuss the hurdles litigants face in seeking to strike down federal laws, the particular challenges of representing the U.S. Government in defending those laws, and the conflicting pressures that bedevil advocates on both sides of the cases. In some of our sessions, students may be asked to strategize or to argue from the perspective of the plaintiffs or the defendant in the cases.

**Prerequisite:** Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (or Democracy and Coercion).

**Recommended:** Prior or concurrent enrollment in Federal Courts and the Federal System.

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**LAW 1288 v00 Politics of Litigation and Litigation of Politics**

LAW 1288 v00 Politics of Litigation and Litigation of Politics (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201288%20v00)

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

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**LAW 408 v03 Poverty Law and Policy**

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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.

**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 to 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 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, juvenile and criminal justice, child welfare or immigration. Depending on the organization, activities at placements could include litigation and/or policy advocacy. 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 earn one pass/fail credit for every five hours/week of fieldwork), students will earn between four and 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 a clinic, externship, or another practicum course.

**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 project work, he or she must speak to the professor as soon as possible of hours to their project. If a student must miss seminar, fieldwork, or practicum courses are similarly required to devote the requisite number of hours to their project. If a student must miss seminar, fieldwork, or practicum components separately. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components.

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LAW 1493 v00 Prison Law and Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201493%20v00)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course focuses on the back end of the criminal justice system. In this class, we will be focusing on the law and policy of incarceration. We will study why the United States is so punitive, how government officials manage prisons, and what protections are in place to prevent harm to prisoners while incarcerated. We will also study whether our current penal system is successful in reducing the recidivism rate of those coming out of prison. These topics are particularly urgent given that the United States leads the world in the rate it imprisons its citizens. Topics to be covered include: the history of prisoners’ rights litigation; the scope of prisoners’ constitutional rights; inmate access to the courts; First Amendment protections for prisoners; the prison disciplinary process; conditions of confinement; medical care; the problems of prison rape and overcrowding. There will also be a focus on legal practice—how lawyers litigate prisoners’ rights suits. There will be a take-home final examination.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the Prison Reform Advocacy and Litigation Practicum.

LAW 1080 v01 Prison Law, Policy and Advocacy Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201080%20v01)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This seminar invites students to enter what Justice Kennedy called "the hidden world of punishment" to explore the implications of incarcerating more than two million men, women, and children in the United States. We will examine current issues in correctional law and practice from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives, including those of constitutional law, anthropology, public health, history, ethics, mental health, and advocacy.

We will use a variety of approaches – including problem-solving, simulations, and primary and secondary research – to gain a nuanced understanding of some of the most vexing challenges currently facing the criminal justice system. Students will have multiple opportunities to learn and practice relevant analytical and advocacy skills including interviewing clients, factual investigation, and interpretation of criminal justice research.

In addition to case law and secondary analyses, we will read and learn from primary sources such as expert reports, medical records, testimony, and litigation materials to better understand both legal processes and lived experience.

Prerequisite: 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 receive credit for this class and the Practicum classes Mass Incarceration and Solitary Confinement or Prison Litigation Advocacy.

Note: Laptops may not be used during class sessions.

LAW 586 v00 Race and American Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20586%20v00)
J.D. Course | 4 credit hours
With such watershed events in the civil rights movement as Brown v. Board of Education (1954) and the civil rights acts of the 1960s, the eradication of racial subordination in America seemed an achievable goal. Yet, in America today, racial minorities continue to experience social and economic disadvantages, and race relations remain strained in many respects. Whether law has aided or impeded the cause of civil rights in the past and the extent to which law can help to resolve racial issues in the present and future are questions of considerable controversy. This course will examine the response of law to racial issues in a variety of legal contexts. Topics will likely include the meaning of race and racial discrimination, intimate relationships, child placement, employment, education and integration, policing and criminal punishment, free expression, and political participation. Classes will center on candid discussion and participatory exercises about the issues raised by the assigned material. The course will cover most of the seminal "race" cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.


Note: Laptops may not be used during class sessions.
LAW 1488 v00 Race and Voting Rights (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201488%20v00)

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

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 (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201607%20v00)

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.

Note: This course will have a mid-term exam and a special project.
LAW 1335 v01 Race, Inequality, and Justice
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201335%20v01)
J.D. Course | 2 credit hours
Course Organization and Overview
This course explores the law's response to the problem of economic inequality. By 2015, the political and economic conversations have recognized the stark and unacceptable wealth and economic differences that underlie growing political and social instability. We will approach the subject from an interdisciplinary perspective that includes sociology, psychology, history and cultural studies. The course offers an introduction to the work of classic economic thinkers such as Adam Smith, and contemporary economists and legal scholars including Milton Friedman, Gary Becker, Richard Posner and Ian Ayres. The primary focus of the course however will be an exploration of the limits and failures of conventional rational choice approaches to explaining the questions arising from economic inequality for members of groups who have experienced pervasive race, gender and other forms of cultural subordination.

We will explore the conceptual framework of marketplace distribution of commodities, the cultural determinants of market value, and the claims of subordinated communities for economic equality. We will develop an understanding of the silence of the Constitution on questions of economic inequality. We will draw upon the insights of a wide range of social science research to map the consequences of the lack of a coherent legal framework to govern questions of distributive justice.

This course does not require a technical background in quantitative economics. The primary material will be drawn from sociology, history, psychology, narrative economics, and critical race theory.

Theme
The case study for this seminar this year will be the economic and social conditions of the city of Baltimore, Maryland. We will explore the impact of the cumulative economic and social deficits of that city. We will take advantage of our course discussion and research to investigate this dramatic example of economic and social inequality in America. This recent example of the explosive combination of police abuse and the underlying condition of wealth and income inequality is just the most recent example of long term neglect. We will try to figure out what factors surround the anger at the criminal justice process of stop and frisk and the implementation of the “broken windows theory” of police enforcement practices that have created police estrangement from many low wealth communities of color. The Freddy Grey Riots and the long-term political, economic and sociological dynamics of Baltimore provide an important to delve more deeply into the connection between police practices and the economic death of cities such as Baltimore.

We will ask are there important counter examples to Baltimore and Ferguson.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and Race, Inequality, and Justice Seminar.

LAW 1335 v00 Race, Inequality, and Justice Seminar
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201335%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
Course Organization and Overview
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LAW 430 v01 Recent Books on the Constitution Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20430%20v01)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar will study six recent scholarly books about constitutional theory and history. The class will spend two weeks on each book. For the second session on each book, the author visits the class in person to discuss the work. For the Fall of 2018, the books are:

Randy Barnett, Our Republican Constitution (2016)
Josh Chafetz, Congress’s Constitution: Legislative Authority and the Separation of Powers (2017)
Adam Carrington, Justice Stephen Field’s Cooperative Constitution of Liberty: Liberty in Full (2017)

Grades will be based on class participation and a three page “thought paper” for each book. In addition, students will submit a one-page summary of the reading — graded pass/fail — for the first and second week’s discussion of each book. All papers must be submitted electronically by Monday at noon, so they can be graded by the following day, and are made available to the other students. Grades for papers submitted late will be lowered.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System or Democracy and Coercion in Curriculum B.

Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights & Liberties.

Note: Laptop use and Internet access are not allowed during class.

FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE 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. The paper requirements of this seminar will not fulfill the Upperclass Writing Requirement.

LAW 712 v00 Rethinking Securities Regulations & the Role of the SEC (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20712%20v00)
LL.M Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
Crisis often brings change. The stock market crash of 1929 prompted Congressional hearings that eventually produced revolutionary legislation: the Securities Act of 1933, which regulated U.S. securities offerings; and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which regulated securities markets and established the SEC. Like the financial meltdown 80 years ago, the current financial crisis has sparked a critique of the U.S. financial regulatory system. Having witnessed a Ponzi scheme of unprecedented magnitude and the near decimation of venerable Wall Street firms, scholars, lawmakers, regulators, and investors have questioned the appropriateness of our current regulatory framework and the role of the SEC.

The first part of the course will focus on understanding the events that prompted the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and the establishment and growth of the SEC. Perhaps not surprisingly, many of those same policy considerations are driving current discussions within the Commission, in Congress, and in the Administration. The second part of the course will examine particular aspects of securities regulation from both substantive and organizational viewpoints, including the regulation of public companies, investment companies, and investment advisors, with an emphasis on the inner workings of the SEC. We will study the current functions played by the Commission’s various divisions and offices as we explore the pros and cons of the existing regulatory architecture and the initiatives under consideration at the SEC and within Congress. The final segment of the course will focus on the future of the SEC and financial regulation in the U.S. We will review current reform proposals, including the so-called “Treasury Blue Print,” and other ideas for reorganizing the system. We will have speakers including present and former senior officials from the SEC and the financial industry.

This course is open to both JD and LLM students and is recommended for students who wish to gain a deeper understanding of the SEC or may be considering an externship with the Commission.

Prerequisite: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Securities Regulation.

Note: DISTANCE STUDENTS REGISTER FOR CRN#: 35249. 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.
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The course will cover segregation in public accommodations, residences and education, historically and currently. Although the workforce, marriage, and access to citizenship and voting were segregated for centuries in the U.S., employment discrimination, anti-miscegenation, immigration and election law are beyond the scope of this course. Students will learn that the US is racially segregated in housing and education and that segregation is discriminatory. They will grapple with the fundamental question of why segregation exists and the role of law in creating and responding to segregation. Students will gain a historical perspective on the ideology of white supremacy that animates segregation. They will learn that the chief consequence of segregation is inequality, for everyone, people of color and whites. Among those consequences are mass incarceration, health and wealth disparities, wasted human capital due to lack of opportunity, racial hostility, militarized policing in certain neighborhoods (Ferguson & all its antecedents and successors), environmental degradation, and suburban sprawl. Students will also learn strategies for dismantling segregation and, hopefully, help develop innovative solutions in their research papers.

In this seminar, students can choose their paper topics from a list provided by the professor or can choose their own with the professor's approval. Some of the class sessions will be based on the topics students choose for their papers. Each student will do a one-hour presentation of his or her paper and lead the discussion on it.

The professor will also supply a list of books and a few films designed to give students further insight into the issues covered in the seminar. Each student will select one book (or a film and a book) and will lead discussion in class when we are dealing with a related subject. There will be no written examination. Grade will be based 80% on the paper and 20% on class participation.

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LAW 1293 v00 Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Comparative and International Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201293%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This seminar focuses on the rights of indigenous peoples from the viewpoint of comparative and international law. We will look into the origins of the laws affecting native peoples, how they have changed over the years, and how differently these issues have been handled in various parts of the world. We will also look into the efforts to create an international law on the rights of indigenous peoples.

In this seminar, students can choose their paper topics from a list provided by the professor or can choose their own with the professor's approval. Some of the class sessions will be based on the topics students choose for their papers. Each student will do a one-hour presentation of his or her paper and lead the discussion on it.

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LAW 1450 v00 Segregation Seminar: History and Future for Education, Housing and Opportunity (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201450%20v00)

J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
The course will cover segregation in public accommodations, residences and education, historically and currently. Although the workforce, marriage, and access to citizenship and voting were segregated for centuries in the U.S., employment discrimination, anti-miscegenation, immigration and election law are beyond the scope of this course. Students will learn that the US is racially segregated in housing and education and that segregation is discriminatory. They will grapple with the fundamental question of why segregation exists and the role of law in creating and responding to segregation. Students will gain a historical perspective on the ideology of white supremacy that animates segregation. They will learn that the chief consequence of segregation is inequality, for everyone, people of color and whites. Among those consequences are mass incarceration, health and wealth disparities, wasted human capital due to lack of opportunity, racial hostility, militarized policing in certain neighborhoods (Ferguson & all its antecedents and successors), environmental degradation, and suburban sprawl. Students will also learn strategies for dismantling segregation and, hopefully, help develop innovative solutions in their research papers.

There will be no written examination. Grade will be based 80% on the paper and 20% on class participation.

LAW 397 v02 Separation of Powers (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20397%20v02)

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course will address the allocation of authority among the branches of the federal government. The course title is a bit of a misnomer, because those powers are not simply "separated" between the three departments. As Justice Jackson wrote, although "the Constitutiondiffuses power the better to secure liberty . . . it also contemplates that practice will integrate the dispersed powers into a workable government. It enjoins upon its branches separateness but interdependence, autonomy but reciprocity." Youngstown Sheet & Co. v. Sawyer, 343 U.S. 579, 635 (1952) (Jackson, J., concurring). A principal focus of the course will be to test Justice Jackson's description. Although we will examine some issues related to the federal judiciary and Article III, our primary focus will be on Articles I and II—in particular, on the President's independent powers and Congress's authority to regulate the Executive. This course will deal in greater depth with some of the separation-of-powers issues you studied in Constitutional Law I, but we will also closely examine current controversies, including the allocation of congressional and executive war powers, foreign affairs disputes, congressional oversight, presidential control over the execution of federal law, and constitutional interpretation within the political branches. The principal text will be the second edition of Shane & Bruff, Separation of Powers Law (2005), with some supplemental materials.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and Separation of Powers Seminar.

LAW 397 v00 Separation of Powers Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20397%20v00)

J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This seminar addresses advanced issues raised by the interaction of the three branches of the federal government. In particular, the seminar will build on the separation of powers issues covered in the Constitutional Law I course by addressing some of those issues in greater depth and dealing with other separation of powers issues that tend to receive less attention because they do not result in justiciable controversies. Specific areas of study will include the political question doctrine, the invocation of executive privilege in Congress and the courts, executive immunity from the criminal and civil process, congressional subpoena power over executive branch documents, the effect of impeachment on the separation of powers, the issues raised by the executive branch's refusal to defend the constitutionality of acts of Congress, and judicial review of executive branch efforts to address foreign terrorism.

Students will be expected to prepare an outline, draft, and final version of a 25-page paper on a topic covered in the seminar and chosen in consultation with the instructor. Participation in class discussions will factor into final grades. Photocopied sets of reading materials for the seminar will include cases, statutes, legislative hearings, interbranch correspondence and other materials.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Executive Branch Legal Interpretation: The Separation of Powers and the Office of Legal Counsel
LAW 395 v03 Sexual Orientation and the Law: Selected Topics in Civil Rights
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20395%20v03)

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours

This survey course explores a wide range of legal issues relating to sexual orientation and gender identity. The issues we will address cut across numerous areas of legal doctrine, including criminal law, employment, family law, equal protection, privacy, and First Amendment law. The course considers how the legal system regulates and affects various aspects of the lives of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered individuals; we will address workplace issues, family relationships (including marriage, partnerships and parenting), and the interplay between law, politics, and policy as it relates to sexual orientation. The course will meld both legal theory and practical considerations, and therefore will draw on the experiences of several practitioners as course participants currently involved in shaping various aspects of LGBT law and policy.

**Strongly Recommended:** Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

**Mutually Excluded Courses:** Students may not receive credit for both this course and Sexuality, Gender and the Law Seminar or the course, Gender and Sexuality: Law and Theory.

LAW 1353 v00 Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression, Sex Characteristics and International Human Rights Law
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201353%20v00)

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 the professor. This project-based practicum course will focus on issues of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics from an international human rights law perspective. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out 10 hours/week of project work under the direction of the course professor.

**SEMINAR:** Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people are victims of multiple human rights violations, which are directly linked to the lack of acceptance (by societies and the State) of their non-normative sexualities, gender identities or expressions. Some of the most common human rights violations of LGBTQ people include killings, torture, ill-treatment, “corrective” rape, discrimination in schools, workplace and in accessing health services, among many others. Intersex persons face human rights violations related to the lack of respect towards their bodies, which differ from the socially accepted standards of “female” and “male” bodies, including irreversible non-consented genital surgery at the early stages of infancy and forced sterilization. The course will take a close look at some of these violations, and the corresponding States’ obligations under international human rights law. In seminar, students will analyze landmark and recent decisions emerging from regional and international human rights monitoring bodies, which have developed standards for the interpretation and application of human rights to sexual orientation, gender identity and bodily diversity. This analysis will provide a solid legal foundation for students to develop their projects for external partners.

**PROJECT WORK:** Students will work, under the direction of the professor, with external partners on legal and policy projects, including but not limited to, legal research (statutory and case law), drafting memoranda on specific human rights issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQ) people, preparing shadow reports to present before international human rights bodies, conducting analysis of legislation or a case pertaining to the rights of LGBTQI people, among others. External partners include international and domestic leading human rights organizations working on the promotion and protection of the rights of LGBTQ people at the international, regional or local level.

**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.

Evening students who work during the day are encouraged to reach out to the professor to discuss whether this practicum course would be compatible with their schedules. 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 supervised 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...
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LAW 1272 v00 Sexuality, Gender and the Law
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course will provide an introduction to the legal contexts and theoretical debates surrounding sex, gender, sexuality, and their intersections. We will explore the way gender and sexuality have been debated, defined, and redefined in the contexts of gender identity and performance, sexual pleasure, reproductive rights, sexual violence, marriage, family organization, and work. In each context we will canvas the evolution of the law as well as consider how feminist and queer theorists have conceptualized gender and sexuality in order to reimagine and critique prevailing legal rules and cultural norms. In short, the class will probe the ways that law is gendered, sexualized and raced, and with what overall effects on social institutions and practices.

Key topics will include:

• The influence of identitarian politics on law and vice versa
• Regulation of Sexual Conduct
• Regulation of Reproduction
• The Meanings of Same Sex Marriage
• Sex, Law & Consent
• Gender & Sexuality at Work
• Equality, Stereotypes, and Pregnancy
• Sexual Harassment

Students will be graded primarily on the basis of a take-home exam at the end of the semester with some consideration of class participation. There may also be short response/essay papers or small group projects required.

Strongly Recommended: Constitutional Law II.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and Sexual Orientation and the Law: Selected Topics in Civil Rights.

LAW 435 v01 State Government Law and Policy
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 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.

LAW 415 v00 Strategic Intelligence and Public Policy Seminar
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This seminar explores several significant legal and policy concerns raised by the conduct of foreign intelligence activities. We will consider the disclosures of Edward Snowden and their impact on the balancing of national security and privacy, the congressional authorization for foreign intelligence surveillance and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. We will review the role of Congress and the executive branch in intelligence oversight. We will consider the investigation and prosecution of espionage, using the Aldrich Ames and other recent cases as examples, including the Classified Information Procedures Act and the state secrets privilege. We will examine the authority for, and controls on, covert action and its role in the conduct of foreign policy, and compare the role of military special operations. We will use one class to examine the Law of Armed Conflict and International Humanitarian Law. And we will discuss the problems of cyber-security with a senior corporate officer from a major military industrial company. The class will be structured as an ongoing conversation on these and related topics.
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LAW 1287 v00 Strategic Litigation for Social Change (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201287%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This seminar addresses practical considerations and legal doctrines relevant to strategic civil rights litigation. Regardless of one’s political orientation or the substantive issue at hand, targeting laws for judicial termination involves a common set of legal doctrines and best practices. Students will study issue and client selection, media relations, fee shifting, the basics of Section 1983 and the Declaratory Judgment Act, and governmental avoidance doctrines (immunities, abstention, mootness), among other topics. For the paper portion of the grade, students identify an allegedly unconstitutional law—be it a statute, ordinance, regulation, the nature of the thing is unimportant—and create a case challenging that law, with a complaint and accompanying memorandum laying out their strategic vision. Attendance and participation will also factor into the grade.


Note: Laptops may not be used during class sessions.

LAW 1368 v00 Supreme Court Decisions: The Impact of the 2017-18 Term of the Supreme Court of the United States on Federal Practice (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201368%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 1 credit hour
The course is designed to focus on decisions from the 2017-18 Term of the Supreme Court of the U.S. and to examine their impact on practice before the Federal Courts. The cases will be used as teaching tools to examine the many facets of Federal Practice.

Note: This course is mandatory pass/fail and will not count toward the 7 credit pass/fail limit for J.D. students.

Note: Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory and all enrolled students must attend the first class in order to remain enrolled. Students on the wait list must attend the first class in order to be admitted off the wait list. Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar. Once the second class session begins, students may only seek a withdrawal by contacting an academic advisor in the Office of JD Academic Services. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

LAW 1361 v00 Supreme Court History from John Jay to John Roberts (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201361%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar examines the history of the Supreme Court as an institution from its origins to the present day. Beginning with the design for the Supreme Court in the Constitution itself, we will study the Court as it has developed chronologically, from its first meeting on February 2, 1790 in the Royal Exchange building in New York City to its current occupants on One First Street. Each week we will move forward from one period to the next, organizing our study around the 17 Chief Justiceships of John Jay through John Roberts. We will rely principally upon two single volume histories of the Supreme Court and supplement these narratives with selections from some of the defining cases from each of these periods. Our goals throughout will be to think through the dominant jurisprudential questions and trends of each era, the personalities that shaped the Court at different moments, and the changes in the powers and internal operating procedures of the Court itself.

Students will be expected to prepare an outline, draft, and final version of a 20-25-page paper on a topic covered in the seminar and chosen in consultation with the instructor. Participation in class discussions will factor into final grades.

Note: Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory and all enrolled students must attend the first class in order to remain enrolled. Students on the wait list must attend the first class in order to be admitted off the wait list. Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar. Once the second class session begins, students may only seek a withdrawal by contacting an academic advisor in the Office of JD Academic Services. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.
The professor's discretion, may be withdrawn from the practicum course. 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 operate in conjunction with Georgetown Law’s Supreme Court Institute (SCI), which provides moot courts to Supreme Court advocates in virtually every case the Court hears each Term. Each moot court panel is composed of five “Justices,” professors or practitioners with experience in Supreme Court and appellate advocacy. This practicum will enable eight J.D. students to function as “law clerks” who will help prepare “Justices” to serve on SCI moot court panels. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out five hours/week of project work under the direction of the course professor.

Seminar: The seminar component of the practicum will explore the role and function of law clerks; the mechanics of writing a useful bench memo and draft opinion; and ethical dimensions of judicial clerkships, including confidentiality and influence. Seminar sessions will also feature guest speakers, including appellate judges and recent Supreme Court law clerks.

Project Work: Each student will be assigned a case scheduled for argument in the February or March sitting, for which he or she will prepare a “bench memorandum.” Prior to the moot court, the student will submit the memorandum to his or her assigned moot “Justice” – a Georgetown Law professor who has volunteered to serve on the moot panel – and will meet with the Justice for a “case conference” to discuss the case in preparation for the moot. After attending the moot court, the student will attend the oral argument, read the argument transcript, or listen to the audio recording, and write a post-mortem review describing the ways in which the moot resembled and differed from the argument.

Learning Objectives:

Writing, legal analysis, oral presentation, and other skills required to serve as an effective appellate law clerk; sensitivity to ethical issues such as confidentiality and influence on judicial decision-making.

Prerequisite: 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 course is open to J.D. students only.

This course may be suitable for evening students who have sufficient flexibility in their day jobs to take time off to attend the weekly seminar (3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. each Monday); conduct a case conference with their Justice/professor (roughly an hour, scheduled at the professor’s convenience); and observe their assigned moot court (a two-hour session during the working day, scheduled to accommodate the needs of the advocate). THIS COURSE REQUIRES PROFESSOR PERMISSION TO ENROLL. Students must submit a Statement of Interest (one page double-spaced), explaining their interest in the course, to Professor Dori Bernstein (dkb37@law.georgetown.edu) by June 4, 2018. FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE 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. This is a three credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and one credit will be awarded for approximately five hours of supervised project work per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks. The total number of hours devoted to each component will vary depending on the number of scheduled sessions for the moot court panels. For more information, please visit http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20469%20v00.

LAW 469 v00 Supreme Court Litigation Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20469%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar seeks greater understanding of the nature of Supreme Court decision-making in four primary ways:

First, we will read a modest amount of secondary source material and discuss how the Supreme Court works and how it differs from other American courts.

Second, we will study in depth several cases being decided by the Court this Spring.

Third, through two short (10-12 page, double-spaced) writing assignments and opportunities for extensive one-on-one discussion with me, there will be a heavy emphasis on effective legal writing.

Fourth, we will focus on effective oral advocacy, as practiced in the U.S. Supreme Court, with multiple opportunities to observe actual moot courts and talk with arguing counsel, and also for each student to participate as advocate and judge in short, informal moot courts, all in cases currently pending before the Court.

Topics to be discussed include the certiorari process, strategic considerations in briefing before the Court, the role of amici curiae, the Office of the Solicitor General and its impact on the work of the Court, and the role of oral argument in the decisional process.

Students will be expected to be prepared to participate at each seminar meeting. Course grades will be based on classroom participation and the two papers.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program, including Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (or Democracy and Coercion), 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: Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties. Federal Courts and the Federal System is helpful, but not required.

Note: FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE 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.

Students will attend three Supreme Court Institute moot courts over the course of the semester. Most will be held at the usual class time, but it is possible that one or more may be scheduled on a Friday afternoon (1:00 p.m. or later). Availability to attend at these times is a class requirement except for other class conflicts.
LAW 418 v00 Supreme Court Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20418%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar examines the Supreme Court as an institution with emphasis on the ways in which the institutional forms and structures of the Court influence the law the Court makes. Topics studied include: appointments to the Court; the Court’s jurisdiction and procedures for determining cases it will adjudicate; the internal deliberative process employed by the Justices; and the role of the advocates before the Court. Cases currently pending in the Supreme Court will be studied for illustrative purposes.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (or Democracy and Coercion).


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 1416 v00 Supreme Court Topics: The Role of Dissenting Opinions (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201416%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 1 credit hour
In this course students will learn about the role of dissenting opinions in U.S. appellate courts generally, and the United States Supreme Court in particular, with a special focus on the writings and jurisprudence of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We will also briefly discuss the role dissent plays in select foreign jurisdictions. Students will be evaluated based on their active and informed class participation, including a mini-moot during the final class session, and on the quality of their final written product, which will be a 5-10 page paper.

Recommended: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System or Democracy and Coercion.

Note: This course is mandatory pass/fail and will not count toward the 7 credit pass/fail limit for J.D. students.

Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory and all enrolled students must attend the first class in order to remain enrolled. Students on the wait list must attend the first class in order to be admitted off the wait list. Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar. Once the second class session begins, students may only seek a withdrawal by contacting an academic advisor in the Office of JD Academic Services. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

LAW 1299 v00 Tackling the Civil Access to Justice Crisis (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201299%20v00) (Fieldwork Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course will focus on the access to justice crisis in this country. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out 10 hours/week of fieldwork with organizations that are engaged in research and developing interventions to address the civil access to justice crisis.

SEMINAR: In the two-credit, graded, seminar portion of the practicum, students will learn about the nature and extent of the access to justice crisis in this country. Recent studies reveal that an estimated 75% of civil cases in the state courts have at least one party who is unrepresented, leaving some 30 million people who cannot afford an attorney alone in court. Indeed, 86% of civil legal problems of low income Americans receive inadequate or no legal help. The stakes are high with many people without legal help facing the danger of losing their families, their homes and their livelihoods. Yet, this invisible crisis has given rise to an array of innovations to serve more people who cannot afford an attorney. Students will study new interventions to rectify this broken system; consider strategies to bring forward solutions; enhance their competencies in gathering essential information; engage in creative problem-solving; enhance their legislative and rule drafting skills; gain experience in working as part of a team; and address cultural issues and concerns.

FIELDWORK: In the two-credit, mandatory pass/fail, fieldwork portion of the practicum, students will be assigned to work with organizations that are engaged in research and development initiatives to address the civil access to justice crisis. The organizations may include District-based legal services providers—such as Ayuda, D.C. Access to Justice Commission, D.C. Pro Bono Center, as well as national organizations such as the Legal Services Corporation, Fines and Fees Justice Center, or the Self Represented Litigation Network. Initiatives underway include: revising unauthorized practice of law rules to permit non-lawyers to help address unmet legal needs; expanding pro bono commitments through establishing mandatory pro bono requirements, and through other means; developing “low bono” projects to represent those with modest incomes who cannot afford the normal rates lawyers charge; creating ways for professionals and community actors who are not lawyers to help provide access to justice; creating civil Gideon requirements at state levels in adversarial proceedings where basic human needs are at stake; providing new forms of self-help services to those who represent themselves in litigation or in their handling of other legal matters; and reforming court rules and procedures to create a fairer environment for pro se litigants.

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 a clinic or another practicum course.

Note: LL.M. students may enroll in this course, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email Louis Fine (fine@law.georgetown.edu) to request admission.

This course is suitable for evening students who can commit to attending seminar and working 10 hours/week (during business hours). This is a four credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits for approximately 10 hours of fieldwork per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks, to be scheduled with the faculty. The two-credit seminar portion will be graded. The two credits of fieldwork are
LAW 1605 v00 Technology and the Free Press Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201605%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
In the past two decades, technology has dramatically changed the American press. The Internet and mobile devices have revolutionized the creation and consumption of news. The economic structure supporting the press, and newspapers in particular, has crumbled. Readers are finding more of their news through platforms like Google, Facebook, and YouTube. Even though these companies have disavowed the “media” label, they play editorial roles—deciding what speech is allowed into the new public square and even shaping that speech.

These rapid changes lead to numerous legal questions: What is the “free press” in an era when journalists are pushed to amass clicks? Who is a journalist when access to publication technology has been democratized? Are reporter shield laws still relevant when technology allows the government to covertly spy on journalists? Does law have a role to play in combatting so-called “fake news”? Can and should the First Amendment (or other law) protect the press from being squeezed by technology platforms? More generally, what is law’s role in protecting journalists, the press, or the journalistic process? This course aims to encourage deep thinking, discussion, and writing about the answers to these questions.

Among the learning objectives for this course are: developing an understanding of how the law conceives of the press, journalists, and the audience for news; determining what legal questions arise as a result of how technology is impacting the press; creatively considering whether and how law can address these questions; improving legal research techniques as well as the ability to closely read and analyze both scholarly work and legal authorities; developing, organizing, and writing a seminar paper that is not merely descriptive but sets forth a thesis and defends it; and refining the ability to give and receive feedback as we workshop drafts.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

LAW 1074 v00 The Constitutional Family: Rights, Responsibilities, and Family Relationships (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201074%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
No area of the law arouses more controversy than state regulation of the family. This course studies the law of parent-child relations with a focus on constitutional concerns.

What is the source of parental authority? What rights do parents enjoy to direct the upbringing of their children? Do children hold rights of their own? Should they? What is the state’s role with regard to parent-child relations? We will look at how these questions (and many more) have been answered historically (with some surprising discoveries) as well as the current state of the law, and we will consider what future might await the evolving family. The shifting “settlement” of individual, family, and state interests will lead us to a rich universe of topics (see below) and to broader philosophical considerations (questions about the nature of individual and group rights, identity and assimilation, the proper boundaries of civic discourse)—not to mention a host of questions that are intensely personal and problematic.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Religious Liberty and the Contemporary Family Seminar: Legal and Literary Perspectives.

Note: This course will be enrolled via waitlist.

LAW 1428 v00 The Past and Future of Civil Liberties Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201428%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course, taught by Professor David Cole, who will become the National Legal Director of the ACLU in January 2017, will examine key moments in the history of civil liberties, as well as some of the current civil liberties challenges and those likely to arise in the coming years. The course will focus on the role that the ACLU and other civil society organizations have played in civil liberties conflicts, studying their strategies, tactics, goals, and effectiveness. Readings will include historical accounts of civil liberties disputes, as well as cases and other materials relating to current and future civil liberties disputes. Among other topics, we will cover criminal justice, campaign finance reform, the tension between LGBT rights and religious freedom, immigrants’ rights, sexual assault and due process on college campuses, and the right to die.

Each student will be responsible for two 8-10 page papers and significant class participation, including an oral presentation on the topic of one of the papers. Each paper and class participation will count for a third of the final grade.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

Note: This course is enrolled via waitlist.
LAW 1495 v00 The Role of the State Attorney General
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201495%20v00)

J.D. Course | 2 credit hours

As the chief legal officer of the states, commonwealths and territories of the United States, attorneys general serve as counselors to their legislatures and state agencies and as the “People’s Lawyer” for all citizens. Originating in the mid-13th century in the office of England’s “King’s Attorney” the office had become, by the American Revolution, one of advisor to the Crown and to government agencies. Today, of all positions in state government, the Office of the Attorney General is quite possibly the most radically changed since the founding of the United States of America. Three forces have molded the Office of the Attorney General: state constitutions and state government codes, which specify the duties and responsibilities of the attorney general; legislative decrees altering the duties of the attorney general in response to specific state needs; and the personalities and ambitions of those who have served as attorney general. Attorneys general today deal with everything from common law and statutory authority; conflicting legal and policy demands; resource restriction; relationships with academics and outside counsel; to hard core partisan politics. This course will cover the day to day challenges faced by attorneys general and their staffs in delivering legal advice to guide state government in a constitutional and ethical manner. The course will also cover the relationship of attorneys general with the federal government, the private bar and a myriad of advocacy organizations. It will focus on some of the most controversial legal issues attorneys general address – consumer protection, public corruption and mass incarceration to name a few.

Although each state is unique, the course will demonstrate the remarkable congruence that exists among state attorneys general when addressing similar challenges and issues. Unlike private and other government lawyers, who work subject to ethical rules that defer decision making to agency “clients,” for state attorneys general representing the public interest is the day-to-day reality of their professional lives. The course is weighted toward those decisions by attorneys general that reflect their independent status, which is most often revealed when legislatures, other elected officials, state agencies or the federal government exceed their constitutional or statutory authority. The course materials include federal and state statutes and case law, law review and descriptive articles from a variety of sources, and hypotheticals that describe the nature and function of the Office of State Attorney General. There is no separate text for this course, all readings and videos will be available via TWEN (either through links or directly downloadable).

Students will be evaluated on class participation (15%); the quality of a short writing assignment in which each student will profile a current state attorney general (20%), and a compact take home exam which can be self-scheduled any time during the exam period (65%). The short writing assignment will be due on ___ shortly before Week Seven. Each student will submit a short paper or memorandum profiling a current attorney general, including the underlying legal authority for that attorney general’s role, election date, interests and significant action, culture of that attorney general’s office, and key initiatives, including at least one example of their multistate litigation participation and one action involving the defending the state role. The take home exam will involve analysis of a hypothetical which explores current issues facing state attorney generals. In addition to substantive content, the exam will be assessed according to the quality of the prose and organization of the discussion.

LAW 1463 v00 The Trump Presidency: Legal, Political and Moral Problems
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201463%20v00)

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

Donald Trump’s victory in the 2016 presidential election has raised a host of constitutional, policy, and moral concerns. For some Americans, the Trump presidency promises long-delayed and much needed reforms vital to our future. For others, it threatens the very survival of the republic.

This deep and acrimonious division, in turn, raises serious questions about whether Americans still share enough common ground to function as a thriving democracy. It also raises questions about constitutional law. Can adherence to the constitution or to constitutional values bridge this disagreement? Are our constitutional structures sufficiently robust to ward off authoritarianism? If not, are there other social or political structures that will serve this purpose? Is authoritarianism a serious threat under current circumstances?

In addition to these broad and existential questions about the country’s future, the Trump presidency poses a host of narrower, legal and related policy questions about matters such as the appropriate form of immigration policy, the putative need for electoral reform, the problem of providing adequate health care and controlling costs, the role of courts in curbing presidential power, and the virtues or vices of free trade.

The Trump phenomenon did not emerge from nowhere. It is part of a world-wide erosion of the liberal consensus that has dominated politics since the end of World War II. That consensus is threatened by the emergence of strong nationalist and populist forces. We will explore the possible causes of this change and the implications it holds.

For many of us, the Trump presidency also poses personal challenges. Is civil disobedience an appropriate response? Should a lawyer accept a civil service job while Donald Trump is president? Should lawyers who already have these positions resign? Is it ever appropriate for a government lawyer to take steps to oppose the policy aims of political appointees?

The aim of this course is to examine these and related questions in a calm and analytic fashion. The course is open to students of all political persuasions. It would be foolish to suppose that we can talk about these issues without having our political views influence the discussion, but we expect all participants to be respectful of, and open to, the positions of fellow participants.

Learning Goals for this course:

• To master a variety of complex legal questions raised by the Trump presidency.
• To learn about and develop informed views about important policy choices raised by the Trump presidency.
• To examine the efficacy and desirability of various constitutional structures as they intersect with the Trump presidency and the system by which Trump was elected.
• To think in a serious way about political disagreement, how it should be resolved, and how a liberal democracy can deal justly and effectively with deep cultural, social, and political divisions.
• To model among ourselves how people who disagree can talk candidly, respectfully, and forcefully about their disagreements.
LAW 1454 v00 Topics in LGBT Civil Rights Seminar

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar will address aspects of the long and ongoing work to win LGBT freedom, equality, and inclusion. Topics likely will include the freedom to marry, challenges to so-called "sodomy" laws, the efforts to establish the rights of transgender individuals, LGBT parenting, and employment discrimination, as well as such matters as how the movement is structured, how political and legal groups and strategies interact, etc. The approach will be to talk not only about the development of the legal doctrine but also about the cultural and political context in which the struggle has taken place, and how that context contributed to the willingness or unwillingness of courts and politicians to embrace the cause. Readings will include briefs, case law, and selections from secondary sources. Students should finish the course with an understanding of how the law in this area has evolved, where it is going, and how the LGBT movement illustrates some more general aspects of how successful civil rights movements in this country operate.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

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 1430 v00 Transforming the Police Seminar

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
The relationship between police and the communities they serve is not only one of the most important civil rights issues facing our country today; it is one of the most important issues we face overall. In many respects, police are the face of our criminal justice system and the embodiment of our Constitution. Understandably then, each new revelation of apparent police abuse raises concern, not only about that particular incident, but about the fairness and humanity of our criminal justice system—and even our democracy. These concerns are particularly acute in communities from which police misconduct takes a disproportionate toll.

We will review current thinking on approaches to policing and study police practices related to stops, searches, arrests, custodial interrogations, and the use of force. We will explore different mechanisms of protecting constitutional rights (primarily the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments) and other legal limitations on police powers. We will pay particular attention to enforcement mechanisms aimed at long-term structural reform of police departments and other law enforcement agencies, such as Section 1983 injunctive suits and the statute authorizing DOJ's pattern-or-practice investigations in Ferguson, Baltimore, and elsewhere. This course also will explore the extent to which existing legal interpretations of the Constitution may undermine lawful and effective policing, including whether current law sufficiently incentivizes police and non-police players in the legal arena to use their unique authority to prevent police misconduct and its related harms.

The final grade for the seminar will be based on a final paper and participation.

Learning goals for this course:

• Better understand the democratic/ethical values we want local law enforcement to embody and promote.
• Explore the extent to which current policing furthers those values; where it falls short; and why.
  • Gain general understanding of current police practices and the extent to which they do or do not promote lawful and effective policing;
  • Understand/develop an informed opinion on the extent to which the law does and does not appropriately direct and constrain police behavior (emphasis on 1st, 4th, 14th A)
• Understand strengths and weaknesses of legal mechanisms that have been developed to hold police individuals/agencies accountable to the rule of law; develop an informed opinion on which might be more effective in differing climates and how to improve.
• Explore and gain better understanding of limits of the law to “fix” policing and potential need for other interventions (reference to poverty, education, unemployment, but focus in this respect will be on role of protest and direct action, as well as on education/advocacy specifically around issues of bias, esp. race bias).
• Develop and hone skills related to constructive discussions regarding policing, including the nexus between race and policing.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System and Criminal Justice or Criminal Procedure.
LAW 1497 v00 Urban Law and Policy Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201497%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar will explore a range of legal and policy problems currently affecting American cities including housing and land use, concentrated poverty and racial segregation, expanded efforts to police crime, recent efforts to regulate harmful products (sugary drinks, tobacco, guns, unhealthy food), innovative efforts to encourage economic development, and strategies to expand social justice, among others. We will analyze the underlying social, economic, and political causes of these problems and the responses made by policymakers and courts. We will examine the limits of existing legal doctrines concerning local government powers at a time when local government units are being asked to take on more and more responsibility for improving society and regulating the conduct of citizens in local jurisdictions. Grades will be based on active participation in class discussion and a research paper. The last few weeks of the course will be devoted to student presentations of their research. Students seeking to use this course to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement must sign up for the three credit section.

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 J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2-credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

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. Laptops and tablets are not allowed in the classroom.

LAW 1370 v00 Writing for Practice: Federal Courts and the Federal System (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201370%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 1 credit hour
The ability to write effectively 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 two adjunct professors working in collaboration with the full-time faculty member teaching the larger course. In addition to the practical legal writing skills taught, students will also learn more generally about litigation strategy and the demands and concerns of professional practice.

The Federal Courts and the Federal System writing seminar will provide students with the opportunity to hone their legal writing while working through current, real world examples of the issues addressed in the Federal Courts and the Federal System course. Discussion will focus on using substantive Federal Courts knowledge as a practitioner, including framing complex issues for different audiences, working with “bad” facts, and the art of revision.

Written work product is the focus of the seminar. Students will write and revise objective memoranda and litigation documents. The professors will provide individualized comments on each major writing assignment, and many writing assignments will be discussed in class. Class participation will count toward the final grade.

Prerequisite: Legal Practice: Writing and Analysis; concurrent or prior enrollment in Federal Courts and the Federal System. Students may contact the professors 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 McSorley (tmm49@georgetown.edu) and Professor Bonner (eab73@georgetown.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. After the June 6 application deadline, students will be admitted into open seats on a rolling basis.

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.

Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

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