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Biotechnology

Regulation & Enforcement: Regulation plays a big role in biotechnology. Thus, clients, in forms of corporations or companies need legal assistance in obtaining regulatory approvals to test and sell their products. Biotechnology regulation stems from state and local, federal – such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and international authorities. Occasionally, biotechnology attorneys would also be asked to represent their clients in white-collar crimes initiated by employee-whistleblowers. Intellectual property attorneys specializing in the biotechnology field could also work with these government regulators, themselves.

Courses:

- Copyright Law
- Data Privacy & the Law
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Under State Law: Trade Secrets & Employee Mobility
- International & Comparative Intellectual Property
- Patent Litigation
- Patents and Trade Secrets
- Social Networks, Portable Devices & Third Party Content
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition
- Art Law Seminar
- Cyberlaw Seminar
- Digital Media Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- Intellectual Property Issues in Biotechnology
- Intellectual Property Licensing Seminar
- International Aspects of Intellectual Property Protection Seminar
- Intersection of Human Rights, Economic Development and Intellectual Property
- Selected Issues in Intellectual Property Seminar

Professors:

- Cochran, R. Gregory

- Cohen, Marsha
- Dunn, Jennifer
- Feldman, Robin
- Hooper, Sarah
- King, Jaime
- Obasogie, Osagie K.
- Rao, Radhika
- Rubinstein Reiss, Dorit
- Schwartz, Robert
- Troya, Yvonne
- Weithorn, Lois

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Environmental Law Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- UCH/UCSF Consortium
- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Professional Resources:

Criminal Law: Prosecution

Prosecutors work for the local, state or federal government in enforcement of local criminal codes, and state and federal statutes. District attorneys work locally. In California, state prosecutors work for the Office of the Attorney General. Prosecution of federal crimes is typically coordinated through the US Attorney's Office in each federal judicial district.

Departments in these offices are usually organized by which types of crimes they prosecute: e.g., felonies (crimes punishable by prison sentences of longer than one year), misdemeanors (crimes punishable by prison sentences of less than one year), and enforcement of city ordinances. Other divisions of state and local prosecutors' offices may include areas like consumer fraud and environmental standards enforcement. Juvenile matters are handled through a separate juvenile justice system that ideally focuses on treatment and rehabilitation rather than punishment.

Criminal Law Courses:

- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Federal Criminal Law
- International Criminal Law
- Law, Psychiatry & Mental Health System
- Roles & Ethics in Practice
- Advanced Criminal Law Seminar: Issues in Criminal Defense
- Capital Punishment Seminar
- Comparative Criminal Procedure & Evidence Seminar
- Criminal Justice Reform Seminar
- Criminal Punishment Seminar
- Forensic Evidence Seminar
- Jury Instructions Seminar
- Law & Psychiatry Seminar
- Legal Interpretation: The Language of Jury Instructions Seminar
- Post-Conviction Remedies Seminar
- Terrorism and the Law Seminar
- Trial Advocacy I
- Trial Advocacy II (Criminal)

Professors:

- Aviram, Hadar
- Bisharat, George
- Bloch, Kate
- Diamond, John L.

Criminal Law: Defense

Criminal defense attorneys may work for the federal, state, or local government (“public defenders”), or for private law firms (often solo).

Public defenders represent those criminal defendants that are unable to afford to pay for legal help on their own. The state provides public defenders to ensure that the constitutional right to a defense is observed. PDs often see their jobs as a calling. Because of this, the joy they get from their job can lead to very little work-life distinction. They find themselves energized by the pressure and are people who do not mind ‘being on’ for many days at a time. With an incredibly heavy case load, public defenders are generally in court every day and can have as many as hundreds of active cases at any one time. They might argue bail motions in the morning, interview witnesses in the afternoon, and prepare for the next week’s opening statement in the evening. They will report never having enough time in the day, but it is what they expected the practice of lawyering to be like. They tend to take pride in the role they play in balancing the powers of the state, providing the Constitutional Rights afforded to each citizen, and in protecting people from what they may see as unfair laws, the unfair impact of laws, or the prison industrial system as a whole. They like being in the courtroom performing (more so than research and writing). They are happy to learn that the time constraints of their daily job precludes the ability to develop significant research. They are not squeamish and spend a significant amount of time with ‘gory details’, and tend to find these details interesting. The importance of representing the poor, mentally ill, and those who cannot afford access to justice are strongly held beliefs.

Private criminal defense attorneys often have a background as either a Public Defender or a District Attorney where they have received significant experience with the fast-paced practice of criminal law. Without this background, they may have started a solo practice, and perhaps are focusing on one specific type of crime. Alternatively, they may only have a few criminal cases and are rooted in the world of general solo practitioners or find themselves with an occasional client with multiple legal needs. Their cases may be referrals or they may receive cases from a panel such as the conflict cases from a county bar association where the Public Defender (state or federal) cannot take the case, usually due to multiple defendants who cannot be represented by the same office due to the limitations that places on their defense. Attorneys in this area tend to be resourceful, self-motivated, and entrepreneurial. They can be handsomely compensated, particularly in stark contrast to government criminal law experience. In this regard, they might build a practice involving much more research and even an entirely appellate practice, or out of a necessity for work when cases are low. They can do in depth legal work for a few clients at a time.

Professors:

- Faigman, Lisa
- Glidden, Brittany
- Lee, Evan
- Lee, Eumi K.
- Little, Rory
- Miyazawa, Setsuo
- Park, Roger C.
- Rappaport, Aaron

- Weithorn, Lois

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Civil Justice Clinic – Individual Representation
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Immigration Rights Clinic
- Government Law Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Environmental Law

A practice in environmental law offers multiple options. An environmental law attorney could work for a federal or state governmental agency, where they would assist in enforcing statutes intended to conserve natural resources. The desire to both use and conserve natural resources like fossil fuels, forestry, and water has created a complex system of statutes, regulations, and rulings

Natural resource attorneys may also assist clients in complying with such regulations by advising them on land use issues and in the acquisition and disposition of natural resources like water, fisheries, timber, and minerals. They may also represent clients before the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and other resource agencies throughout the United States when challenged.

Courses:

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Environmental Law: Contaminated Property Issues
- Biodiversity Law
- California Water Resources
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Quality Law & Policy
- Federal & Interstate Water Resources Land Use Regulation
- Public Land & Natural Resources Law
- Remedies
- American West Seminar
- Climate Change: Law, Policy & Business Seminar
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Environmental Law Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- International Environmental Law
- Land Trusts & Conservation Easements Seminar
- Legal Implications of Climate Change
- Public Lands & Natural Resources Seminar
- Takings & the Environment Seminar
- Water Law
- Water Resources Seminar

Professors:

- Leshy, John
- Owen, Dave
- Takacs, David

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Community Economic Development Clinic
- Community Group Advocacy and Social Change Lawyering Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Legislation Clinic
- Government Law Clinic
- Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Professional Resources:

Data Privacy

Data privacy attorneys assist clients in managing private or government data breaches, drafting and enforcing privacy policies, and developing and improving data privacy practices to minimize the chances of a data breach. Data privacy attorneys could also represent companies in regulatory investigations and consumer protection and privacy claims and in handling complex class action cases. Mergers and acquisitions and other data-transfer transactions often play a vital role in data protection, so an attorney practicing in this area is often expected to oversee the safe and private transfer data and address liabilities whenever a breach occurs.

Courses:

- Data Privacy & the Law
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Under State Law: Trade Secrets & Employee Mobility
- International & Comparative Intellectual Property
- Patents and Trade Secrets
- Social Networks, Portable Devices & Third Party Content
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition
- Cyberlaw Seminar
- Digital Media Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- International Aspects of Intellectual Property Protection Seminar
- Intersection of Human Rights, Economic Development and Intellectual Property
- Selected Issues in Intellectual Property Seminar

Professors:

- Bronfman, Jill
- Ghappour, Ahmed

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock Client Representation Clinic
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Legislation Clinic
- Government Law Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Family Law

See also Probate, Trusts and Estate Law

Family law revolves around issues relating to marriage and divorce, such as premarital agreements or the disbursement of community property, as well as a range of issues involving children, such as adoption, custody, and visitation. Family law attorneys can assist clients in obtaining restraining orders before state courts whenever there has been an incident of domestic violence, and can also represent the parties being accused of committing domestic violence.

Family law attorneys often practice in smaller firms and non-profit legal service organizations, where they provide direct legal services to clients unable to pay for legal help. Non-profit legal service organizations may have a specific focus, such as the prevention and reporting of child abuse and domestic violence, or provide a variety of direct legal services that include family law matters. Skills and procedures learned in Alternative Dispute Resolution courses are just as crucial to the practice of family law as the ones taught in Litigation courses, since family attorneys are often asked to participate in a mediation process when representing their client in a divorce and custody proceeding.

As part of the estate planning process, family law attorneys may also assist clients with arranging their affairs to achieve maximum economic benefit for their intended beneficiaries upon the client's death or incapacity, with the least tax consequences possible. This is also known as *Family Wealth Management*.

Courses:

- Children & the Law
- California Community Property
- Elder Law
- Family Law
- Federal Income Taxation
- Selected Problems in Family Law
- Taxation of Family Wealth Transfers
- Wills & Trusts
- Advanced Family Law Seminar
- Bioethics & the Law
- Child Maltreatment in Context
- Children and the Law
- Constitution of the Family Seminar
- Family Law Concentration Core Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- Healthcare Decisionmaking Seminar
- Juvenile Justice
- Mediation
- Negotiation & Mediation: Process & Practice Negotiation

Professors:

- Carillo, Jo
- Freshman, Clark
- Izumi, Carol
- Kane, Mary Kay
- Musalo, Karen
- Schwarz, Lois
- Troya, Yvonne
- Weisberg, D. Kelly
- Weithorn, Lois
- Zamperini, Michael

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock ADR Team
- Mock Client Representation Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Business Tax Practicum
- Legislation Clinic
- Government Law Clinic
- Mediation Clinic

- Medical Legal Partnership for Seniors Clinic
- Practicum at Legal Services for Children

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- UC Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program
- [CEB video: A Day in the Life of a Family Law Attorney](#) / [A Day in the Life of a Trust and Estate Litigator](#)

Health Law

Regulatory Compliance: Attorneys who practice in regulatory compliance may assist organizational clients with negotiating and drafting commercial transactions, as well as ensuring that these transactions comply with regulations. Regulatory compliance attorneys may also assist in litigating disputes that arise from commercial disputes or challenges from regulatory entities. Aspects of the industry are regulated by federal and state government agencies, such as the duty to keep patient health and personal information private and the standard of care used by healthcare providers.

Healthcare System Reform: Attorneys who advocate for healthcare system reform will often encounter economic and sociological policy concerns, and will thus be asked to engage in debates and have an understanding of macroeconomics.

Courses:

- Disability Law
- Domestic Violence Law
- Elder Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Food and Drug Law
- Health Law I
- Health Law II
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property
- Introduction to Law (for Master of Studies Law Program)
- Law and Biosciences Seminar
- Law, Psychiatry & the Mental Health System
- Modern Bioethics: From Nuremberg to “Octomom”
- MSL Legal Writing & Research
- Public Health Law
- Science in Law
- Scientific Methods for Lawyers
- Law and Health Sciences Concentration Seminar
- Bioethics, Law & Healthcare Decisionmaking Seminar
- Child Maltreatment in Context Seminar
- Children & the Law
- Forensic Evidence Seminar
- Genetics: Issues in Law & Policy Seminar
- Germs, Globalization and Governance Seminar
- Law and Economics Seminar
- Law and the Human Body Seminar
- Psychiatry & Law Seminar
- Public Health & Homelessness Seminar
- Public Policy Advocacy Seminar
- Social, Legal & Ethical Implications of Human Reproductive & Genetic Tech. Seminar
- Sociology of the Criminal Justice System Seminar
- Special Education Law Seminar
- Women’s Health & the Law

Professors:

- Cochran, R. Gregory
- Cohen, Marsha
- Dunn, Jennifer
- Hooper, Sarah
- King, Jaime
- Obasogie, Osagie K.
- Rao, Radhika
- Rubinstein Reiss, Dorit
- Schwartz, Robert
- Troya, Yvonne
- Weithorn, Lois

Co-Curricular Activities:

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- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Civil Justice Clinic – Individual Representation
- Community Economic Development Clinic
- Community Group Advocacy and Social Change Lawyering Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic

- Legislation Clinic
- Government Law Clinic
- Medical Legal Partnership for Seniors Clinic
- Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- UCSF Consortium
- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Professional Resources:

Immigration Law

Immigration lawyers guide individuals and businesses through the complexities of a highly technical and often changing federal regulatory scheme.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has three agencies relating to immigration: [Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#), [Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\)](#) and [Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\)](#). Government service practice options can include working for one of the divisions of DHS enforcing the immigration laws on a daily basis, or working for the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) enforcing immigration laws and challenging state laws that infringe federal authority over immigration.

Private attorneys who practice immigration law typically help immigration clients obtain temporary visas, employment authorization, permanent residence (“green card”) and citizenship from the federal agencies. A few “big law” firms have small immigration groups that assist workers employed by the firm’s multinational corporate clients to get U.S. immigration status. Most such “business immigration” representation is done by attorneys in specialized immigration law firms (e.g., [Fragomen Worldwide](#), [Berry Appleman & Leiden](#), [Pearl Law Group](#)). Private practice attorneys can also assist individuals with family-based immigration status, investor based visas, political asylum applications, and U visas (which are set aside for victims of crimes). There are non-profit organizations that represent refugees and undocumented immigrants filing political asylum applications, U Visas and other status requests to avoid deportation (e.g., [ORAM](#), [Asylum Access](#), [The Florence Project](#), [ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project](#)).

Immigration practice representing immigrants in applying for status is mostly a paper practice involving setting a strategy and then drafting forms and supporting letters for the application. Political asylum work can also involve drafting appellate briefs. Immigration attorneys spend their time counseling clients, advising on strategies, drafting petitions, applications and motions, and filling out forms or verifying the forms have been properly filled out.

UC Hastings’s [Center for Gender & Refugee Studies](#) works to protect the rights of women, children, LGBT individuals and other refugees who flee persecution. UC Hastings also has the [Immigrant’s Rights Clinic](#) which students can apply to for enrollment in their 3rd or later semesters.

Courses:

- Comparative Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Immigration Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights
- Introduction to Chinese Law
- Islamic Law
- Legal Reform in East Asia
- National Security & Foreign Relations Law
- Refugee Law & Policy
- Transnational Law
- Accountability in International Human Rights Law
- Advanced International Law Research Seminar
- Asian Pacific Americans & the Law
- China and the International Legal Order
- Comparative Rights Adjudication
- Immigrants’ Rights Clinic
- International Environmental Law
- International War Crimes Prosecution
- Introduction to Japanese Legal System
- Law & Development
- Law & Social Anthropology
- Law & the Japanese American Internment

- Law & the Society of Japan
- Law in the Middle East
- Legal Implications of Climate Change
- Military Law
- Political Economy of Law
- Refugee & Human Rights Clinic
- Reparations for Injustices: Domestic & International
- Research Methods in Foreign, Comparative, and International Law

Professors:

- Bisharat, George
- Boswell, Richard A.
- Mattei, Ugo
- Musalo, Karen
- Roht-Arriaza, Naomi

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team

- Mock Client Representation Clinic
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Immigration Rights Clinic
- Legislation Clinic
- Government Law Clinic
- Practicum at Legal Services for Children
- Refugee & Human Rights Clinic
- Workers' Rights Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program
- Recommended Alumni to do a video: Oscar Teran, Molly Franck Joseph, Peter Stark [Fairuz may have more suggestions]

Civil Litigation: Business Litigation and Insurance Coverage

Companies often face complex disputes with other businesses, government entities, or groups of individuals, and **business litigation** requires an understanding of both the business issue and the industry of the client.

CEB video about business litigation

Most **insurance attorneys** do both insurance coverage and insurance litigation. This practice is very contract driven. The meat of the work is interpretation of the scope of coverage of insurance contracts (auto, home owners, renters, CGL, employers, directors and officers, etc.) Attorneys in this practice review the facts of insurance claims in conjunction with insurance contracts and advise insurers or insureds with respect to coverage questions. Attorneys will prepare lengthy advisory opinions that evaluate whether an insurance claim should be accepted or denied and address any other significant insurance issues. The advisory opinions interpret provisions of the insurance contract in conjunction with relevant statutory or judicial authority. The practice can be intellectually challenging because the coverage disputes arise in a variety of areas, and resolving issues can involve untangling layers of verbiage.

In addition to preparing advisory opinions, the attorneys in this practice area also litigate claims on behalf of insurers, by defending the insurers against claims of breach of contract and bad faith or by filing declaratory relief actions asking the court to determine the scope of coverage under the contract. People who are not fond of this practice find analyzing and debating over insurance contracts tedious. In addition the practice tends to be very motion-heavy, as insurers generally wish to dispose of litigation by way of dispositive motions such as motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment. People who enjoy legal research and analysis of complex issues thrive in this practice.

Courses:

- Advanced Civil Procedure - Complex Litigation
- Advanced Corporate Law
- Advanced Negotiation: Art of the Deal
- Arbitration
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Remedies
- Business Planning
- Consumer Transactions
- Commercial Contract Writing
- Corporate Finance
- Corporations
- Employment Discrimination
- Entertainment Law
- Financial Crises and the Regulation of Financial Institutions
- Hedge Funds & Investment Management
- Insurance
- International Business Transactions
- Labor & Employment Law
- Labor Law I
- Regulated Industries
- Remedies
- Sales & Leases of Goods
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Sports Law
- Telecommunications Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar
- Business Planning Seminar
- California Nonprofit Corporation Law & Charitable Foundations Seminar
- Case Studies in Contract Law Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering

- Investor-State Arbitration Under NAFTA Seminar
- Islamic Finance and Transactions Seminar
- Mediation
- Negotiation & Mediation: Process & Practice
- Negotiation
- Real Estate Finance Law Seminar
- Sports Law Seminar

Professors:

- Crawford, John
- Martinez, Leo
- Prince, Harry G.

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock ADR Team
- Mock Client Representation Clinic
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships

- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Civil Justice Clinic – Individual Representation
- Community Economic Development Clinic
- Community Group Advocacy and Social Change Lawyering Clinic
- Government Law Clinic
- Mediation Clinic
- Medical Legal Partnership for Seniors Clinic
- Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic
- Workers' Rights Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program
- [A Day in the Life of a Business Litigation Attorney](#)

Civil Litigation: Personal Injury/Tort Litigation

Tort litigation allows an injured party an avenue to seek remedies before courts, usually against the party who committed the injury. Tort litigation allows remedies for physical (and certain other) injuries to a person as well as injury to a person's property or business. A "tort" encompasses all types of civil wrongs other than a breach of contract. The harm alleged in a tort action can be the result of negligence or intentional wrongdoing, such as an assault or battery, which may also be a crime. Money damages are typically the remedy sought, but the victim of a tort may also seek an injunction or restitution of some sort, depending on the type of harm alleged. Class actions are often brought against the party who committed the injury whenever a large number of persons are harmed by the same product or activity.

Civil litigation that focuses on plaintiff side cases tends to have a community of lawyers who see their role as central to balancing a playing field that tends to favor those with already well established power and resources. Plaintiff centered civil litigation tends to attract people who also have a high degree of comfort working with risk, as there are often significant financial fluctuations as a result. As a group, they tend to value creativity, and excel with fast-paced on-your-feet thinking. They are able to balance the wide fluctuations in the energy level used in day to day practice. There might be down periods of weeks or even months, and then weeks of late-nights as a trial date looms. A typical day might include meeting a client who has significant problems and will depend greatly on legal advice for issues ranging from where to get medical help, to doing research on whether something can come in as evidence, to trying to attract clients through outreach and networking. People who like this work enjoy being underdogs and 'rooting for the little guy' as well as coming up with novel interpretations that can change existing laws. They are thick skinned and generally outgoing and comfortable with external pressure, often viewing the possibility of trial as exciting. The parts of practice that they describe as challenging are the often lengthy and contentious periods of discovery.

Purchasing insurance is a usual way of hedging the risk of large financial loss that might arising from a possible liability for accidental injury to others. Thus, tort defense attorneys at times come to represent two separate defense entities: the part that committed the injury and the defendant's insurance company. It would be useful to thoroughly understand the role that insurance plays in recovery of damages.

Courses:

- Arbitration
- Complex Litigation
- Insurance
- Mass Torts
- Personal Injury Litigation
- Products Liability
- Remedies
- Roles & Ethics
- Cohen, Marsha
- Diamond, John L.
- Leshy, John
- Owen, Dave
- Roht-Arriaza, Naomi
- Rubinstein Reiss, Dorit
- Schwartz, Robert
- Takacs, David

Co-Curricular Activities:

Professors:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock ADR Team

- Mock Client Representation Clinic
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Civil Justice Clinic – Individual Representation
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Mediation Clinic

- Practicum at Legal Services for Children
- Workers' Rights Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Corporate Governance

Beginning with the formation of the entity, and through initial investment and management of its securities, corporate attorneys are tasked with a wide range of demands to ensure the fair and careful management of companies. These companies include corporations, sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies and limited liability partnerships. Practitioners are often tasked with ensuring that the legal duties of directors, managers and majority shareholders to minority shareholders and owners are carried out with good faith and care. Corporate attorneys also ensure that the company's equity is managed according to the state and federal law.

Courses:

- Advanced Corporate Law
- Advanced Negotiation: Art of the Deal
- Antitrust
- Arbitration
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Remedies
- Biodiversity Law
- Business Planning
- Comparative Antitrust Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Consumer Transactions
- Commercial Contract Writing
- Corporate Finance
- Corporations
- Employment Discrimination
- Entertainment Law
- Federal Income Taxation of Corporations & Partnerships
- Federal Income Taxation of Real Estate & Other Investments
- Financial Crises and the Regulation of Financial Institutions
- Hedge Funds & Investment Management
- Insurance
- International Business Transactions
- Labor & Employment Law
- Regulated Industries
- Remedies
- Sales & Leases of Goods
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Telecommunications Law

- U.S. Taxation of Foreign Transactions & Investments
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar
- Business Planning Seminar
- California Nonprofit Corporation Law & Charitable Foundations Seminar
- Case Studies in Contract Law Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- Introduction to Mergers & Acquisition
- Investor-State Arbitration Under NAFTA Seminar
- Islamic Finance and Transactions Seminar
- Mediation
- Negotiation & Mediation: Process & Practice
- Negotiation
- Real Estate Finance Law Seminar
- Tax Concentration Seminar
- Tax Problems of Exempt Organizations Seminar

Professors:

- Armitage, Alice
- Ball, Alina
- Cable, Abraham
- Crawford, John
- Depoorter, Ben
- Ellias, Jared
- Miyazawa, Setsuo
- Short, Jodi

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team

- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Community Economic Development Clinic

- Environmental Law Clinic
- Government Law Clinic
- Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Corporate Law: Antitrust

Some antitrust attorneys assist organizational clients in addressing transactions and issues that would threaten fair competition in capital markets, including those concerns created by organic growth or acquisition. Others work within the U.S. Department of Justice, or similar agencies, in ensuring that unfair competition among market competitors, such as monopolies, do not arise. Procedurally, antitrust attorneys represent their clients in litigation, or through preventative client counseling. Issues in antitrust practice revolve around economics, market analysis and intellectual property.

Courses:

- Advanced Civil Procedure - Complex Litigation
- Advanced Corporate Law
- Advanced Negotiation: Art of the Deal
- Antitrust
- Arbitration
- Business Planning
- Comparative Antitrust Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Consumer Transactions
- Commercial Contract Writing
- Corporate Finance
- Corporations
- Financial Crises and the Regulation of Financial Institutions
- Hedge Funds & Investment Management
- Insurance
- International Business Transactions
- Regulated Industries
- Remedies
- Sales & Leases of Goods
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Sports Law
- Telecommunications Law
- U.S. Taxation of Foreign Transactions & Investments
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar
- Business Planning Seminar

- California Nonprofit Corporation Law & Charitable Foundations Seminar
- Case Studies in Contract Law Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- Introduction to Mergers & Acquisition
- Investor-State Arbitration Under NAFTA Seminar
- Islamic Finance and Transactions Seminar
- Mediation
- Negotiation & Mediation: Process & Practice
- Negotiation
- Real Estate Finance Law Seminar
- Sports Law Seminar

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
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Clinics:

- Legislation Clinic
- Government Law Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Corporate Law: Commercial Transactions

This area of practice is heavily tied in with other legal practice areas, such as the real estate, tax, securities, antitrust, and intellectual property practices, and thus may represent clients from diverse industries. Therefore, commercial attorneys would benefit from having a solid understanding of multiple legal practice areas.

Commercial attorneys help their clients with the acquisition, financing, marketing, licensing, leasing, and sale of goods, services, products and technologies, usually by negotiating and drafting agreements.

Numerous private institutions, such as banks, manufacturing firms, and non-profit organizations hire commercial lawyers as their “in-house” counsel, who are responsible for addressing many of their blended business-legal needs internally. Local, state and federal governments also hire commercial lawyers in a capacity analogous to a private “in-house” counsel.

Courses:

- Advanced Corporate Law
- Advanced Negotiation: Art of the Deal
- Antitrust
- Arbitration
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Remedies
- Biodiversity Law
- Business Planning
- Comparative Antitrust Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Consumer Transactions
- Commercial Contract Writing
- Corporate Finance
- Corporations
- Federal Income Taxation of Corporations & Partnerships
- Federal Income Taxation of Real Estate & Other Investments
- Financial Crises and the Regulation of Financial Institutions
- Hedge Funds & Investment Management
- Insurance
- International Business Transactions
- Regulated Industries
- Remedies
- Sales & Leases of Goods
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation

- Sports Law
- Telecommunications Law
- U.S. Taxation of Foreign Transactions & Investments
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar
- Business Planning Seminar
- California Nonprofit Corporation Law & Charitable Foundations Seminar
- Case Studies in Contract Law Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- Introduction to Mergers & Acquisition
- Investor-State Arbitration Under NAFTA Seminar
- Islamic Finance and Transactions Seminar
- Mediation
- Negotiation & Mediation: Process & Practice
- Negotiation
- Real Estate Finance Law Seminar
- Sports Law Seminar
- Tax Concentration Seminar
- Tax Problems of Exempt Organizations Seminar

Professors:

- Armitage, Alice
- Ball, Alina
- Cable, Abraham

- Crawford, John
- Depoorter, Ben
- Ellias, Jared
- Field, Heather
- Short, Jodi
- Viswanathan, Manoj

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Community Economic Development Clinic
- Community Group Advocacy and Social Change Lawyering Clinic
- Business Tax Practicum
- Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program
- Link to <http://uchastings.edu/student-life/student-services/academic-advising/BusinessTransactionalCourses.pdf>

Corporate Law: Finance & Bankruptcy

Finance: Attorneys representing financial institutions often assist their clients in structuring the purchase of or investment in assets, equipment, or other private companies. This practice is contract-heavy and attorneys in this area spend a large amount of time negotiating and drafting contracts on behalf of their clients. The practice demands excellent organization, drafting skills, and detail-orientation. Large contracts, like those outlining an acquisition of one company by another, usually take months to finalize. There are also issues of compliance that the client, and thus the attorney, would need to address.

Bankruptcy: Bankruptcy is governed by a special set of federal statutes. Clients can either be individuals or organizational clients seeking debt-relief and restructuring, or individual or organizational creditors, where all the creditors are fighting to get the greatest amount possible from what remains of the entity pursuing bankruptcy. The practice of bankruptcy involves litigation, counseling, and contract negotiation and drafting.

Courses:

- Advanced Corporate Law
- Advanced Negotiation: Art of the Deal
- Arbitration
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Remedies
- Business Planning
- Consumer Transactions
- Commercial Contract Writing
- Corporate Finance
- Corporations
- Federal Income Taxation of Corporations & Partnerships
- Federal Income Taxation of Real Estate & Other Investments
- Financial Crises and the Regulation of Financial Institutions
- Hedge Funds & Investment Management
- Insurance
- International Business Transactions
- Regulated Industries
- Sales & Leases of Goods
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- U.S. Taxation of Foreign Transactions & Investments
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar
- Business Planning Seminar
- California Nonprofit Corporation Law & Charitable Foundations Seminar
- Case Studies in Contract Law Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- Introduction to Mergers & Acquisition
- Investor-State Arbitration Under NAFTA Seminar
- Islamic Finance and Transactions Seminar
- Mediation
- Negotiation & Mediation: Process & Practice
- Negotiation
- Real Estate Finance Law Seminar
- Tax Concentration Seminar
- Tax Problems of Exempt Organizations Seminar

Professors:

- Armitage, Alice
- Cable, Abraham
- Crawford, John
- Depoorter, Ben
- Ellias, Jared
- Field, Heather
- Short, Jodi

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Community Economic Development Clinic

- Community Group Advocacy and Social Change Lawyering Clinic
- Legislation Clinic
- Government Law Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Employment/Labor Law Litigation

Employment law attorneys that handle litigation cases typically litigate either on the side of the employer (“management side”) or the employee (“plaintiff side”). The cases involve allegations of employment discrimination, civil rights violations, wrongful termination or discharge, breach of employment contracts, breach of covenants not to compete or confidentially agreements, violations of employee privacy, and workplace harassment. Some attorneys focus on wage and hour violations. Some specialty practices include workers’ compensation claims. Some lawyers focus on Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) issues. Some lawyers advise companies on Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

Litigators may, in addition to representing clients in court, may also need to represent them before administrative agencies such as the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) or the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH).

Employment litigators interview clients and witnesses to investigate the facts of the events alleged in the case, review documents including emails and other employment records, seek or oppose discovery of employee files, depose the employees involved, bring pre-trial motions and resolve the dispute through mediation or settlement negotiations, arbitration or trial. Management side employment litigators often also counsel and advise their clients of best practices to avoid litigation or on company policies and procedures.

Law firms tend to specialize in one side or the other of this litigation. Big law employment and labor practices tend to represent employers – the “management side” of the practice. There are also firms that specialize only in employment and labor issues, representing management (e.g., [Littler](#)). Employee attorneys can practice with others, on their own, or in small plaintiff’s side employment law practices (e.g., [Kochan & Stephenson](#)).

Courses:

- Advanced Civil Procedure - Complex Litigation
- Advanced Corporate Law
- Advanced Negotiation: Art of the Deal
- Arbitration
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Remedies
- Corporations
- Employment Discrimination
- Entertainment Law
- Insurance
- International Business Transactions
- Labor & Employment Law
- Labor Law I
- Remedies
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Sports Law

- Telecommunications Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar
- Business Planning Seminar
- California Nonprofit Corporation Law & Charitable Foundations Seminar
- Case Studies in Contract Law Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- Mediation
- Negotiation & Mediation: Process & Practice
- Negotiation
- Real Estate Finance Law Seminar
- Sports Law Seminar

Professors:

- Dubal, Veena
- Glidden, Brittany
- Grodin, Joseph

- Piomelli, Ascanio
- Schiller, Reuel
- Williams, Joan C.

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock ADR Team
- Mock Client Representation Clinic
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Civil Justice Clinic – Individual Representation
- Community Group Advocacy and Social Change Lawyering Clinic
- Immigration Rights Clinic
- Government Law Clinic
- Mediation Clinic
- Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic
- Workers' Rights Clinic

Community Resources:

- UC Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program
- [A Day in the Life of an Employment Law Attorney](#)
- [Employment Law Career Resources](#)

Intellectual Property Law

Trademarks, Copyrights, & Patents

Trademarks: Trademarks are symbols used by companies distinguish themselves, their products or services from their competitors. Trademark attorneys assist their clients in registering their trademarks with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and protecting their trademarks from infringements by competitors via litigation. Trademark lawyers also negotiate and draft licenses for use of a particular trademark, such as the naming rights of a sports arena or stadium.

Copyrights: A copyright presents a creator with the exclusive rights to sell and benefit from original works of authorship or expression. The federal copyright statutes protect works in the publishing, entertainment and fine arts industries. Copyright attorneys usually counsel authors, artists, filmmakers, musicians, and others in the media and entertainment fields regarding the rights to their works. They also work on issues related to digital media, such as the online distribution of music and new media like blogs and video clips.

Patents: Patents protect the intellectual property interest of a company or person who invents or discovers any new and useful tool or process.

One important aspect in the intellectual property sphere is known as patent prosecution. Patent prosecution refers to the process of attaining patents through the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), usually by filing patent petitions. Patent prosecution attorneys assist clients in evaluating the patentability of the invention or process offered, and in responding to PTO questions and objections. This practice demands some scientific or technical training, in order to thoroughly understand whether the invention or process meets the necessary standard for a patent: that it be “new and not obvious”. They must also pass must pass the patent bar examination administered by the PTO. This exam is in addition to a state bar exam.

Through the courts, patent litigators assist their clients in ensuring that their patents are not infringed by others. Patent litigators are not required to have a background in technology or science to litigate disputes.

Patent lawyers also fill transactional roles when they assist their clients in negotiating and drafting agreements concerning the use or transfer of technology. An IP attorney would benefit from a basic understanding of corporate law as various matters consists of corporate and commercial transactions.

Courses:

- Copyright Law
- Data Privacy & the Law
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Under State Law: Trade Secrets & Employee Mobility
- International & Comparative Intellectual Property
- Patent Litigation
- Patents and Trade Secrets
- Social Networks, Portable Devices & Third Party Content
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition
- Art Law Seminar
- Cyberlaw Seminar
- Digital Media Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering

- Intellectual Property Issues in Biotechnology
- Intellectual Property Licensing Seminar
- International Aspects of Intellectual Property Protection Seminar
- Intersection of Human Rights, Economic Development and Intellectual Property
- Patent Prosecution Seminar
- Selected Issues in Intellectual Property Seminar
- Trademark Prosecution Seminar

Professors:

- Armitage, Alice
- Beldiman, Dana
- Bronfman, Jill
- Depoorter, Ben
- Feldman, Robin
- Lefstin, Jeffrey

- Obasogie, Osagie K.

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock ADR Team
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Government Law Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- UC Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

International Law: Commercial & Trade

The practice of an international trade attorney could revolve around trade relations between the U.S. and other countries. For instance, an international trade attorney may assist clients with disputes between the interests of the client against those of a foreign country before the WTO, especially where there is a trade agreement between the U.S. and the foreign country on the matter. An international trade attorney could assist organizational clients in ensuring regulatory compliance within the international business arena. This could mean representing private parties before U.S. government agencies, such as the U.S. International Trade Commission, or foreign governmental institutions, such as the European Commission or tax or antitrust agencies of other countries.

Courses:

- Biodiversity Law
- Comparative Law
- Data Privacy Law
- International Business Transactions
- International & Comparative Intellectual Property
- International Trade Law & Policy
- Maritime Law
- National Security & Foreign Relations Law
- The United Nations System
- Transnational Law
- U.S. Taxation of Foreign Transactions & Investments
- Advanced International Law Research Seminar
- China – Business Law & Economic Rights
- Comparative Cyberlaw
- EU and its Lawsystem(s)
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Environmental Law
- International Negotiations & Dispute Settlement
- International Patent Law & Practice
- Islamic Finance and Transactions Seminar
- Law & Business in Japan
- Law & Development
- Law & Economics
- Law & Social Anthropology
- Legal Implications of Climate Change
- Political Economy of Law
- Research Methods in Foreign, Comparative, and International Law

Professors:

- Beldiman, Dana
- Depoorter, Ben
- Paul, Joel
- Purcell, Sheila

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock ADR Team
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

International Law: Public International Law

Public international law covers advocacy and litigation. Attorneys practicing public international law may work on diplomatic relations and treaties between sovereign states as well as trade relations between countries. Lawyers also work for government institutions, such as the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Department of Commerce, or for international agencies like the United Nations or the International Court of Justice. Attorneys practicing public international law may serve non-governmental organizations (NGOs) by advocating for changes within economic development, immigration law or international human rights.

Courses:

- Biodiversity Law
- Comparative Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Immigration Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights
- Introduction to Chinese Law
- Islamic Law
- Legal Reform in East Asia
- National Security & Foreign Relations Law
- Public International Law
- Refugee Law & Policy
- The United Nations System
- Transnational Law
- Accountability in International Human Rights Law
- Advanced International Law Research Seminar
- Asian Pacific Americans & the Law
- China and the International Legal Order
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Comparative Rights Adjudication
- EU and its Lawsystem(s)
- Immigrants' Rights Clinic
- International Environmental Law
- International Negotiations & Dispute Settlement
- International War Crimes Prosecution
- Introduction to Japanese Legal System
- Law & Development
- Law & Social Anthropology
- Law & the Japanese American Internment
- Law & the Society of Japan
- Law in the Middle East
- Legal Implications of Climate Change
- Military Law
- Political Economy of Law
- Refugee & Human Rights Clinic
- Reparations for Injustices: Domestic & International
- Research Methods in Foreign, Comparative, and International Law

Professors:

- Bisharat, George
- Ghappour, Ahmed
- Hand, Keith J.
- Keitner, Chimene
- Mattei, Ugo
- Musalo, Karen
- Prince, Harry G.
- Purcell, Sheila
- Rao, Radhika
- Roht-Arriaza, Naomi

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock ADR Team
- Mock Client Representation Clinic
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Community Group Advocacy and Social Change Lawyering Clinic
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Immigration Rights Clinic
- Legislation Clinic

- Government Law Clinic
- Refugee & Human Rights Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Probate, Trusts and Estates Law

Probate, or Trusts and Estates Litigation, is the process of challenging a provision or codicil of a will or trust, or the entire document itself, the appointment of the personal representative, or related matters. It is a state law practice and the processes and issues vary depending on the laws governing property and inheritance in that state. Often states will have specialized divisions of the trial courts to deal with probate matters (e.g., the Probate Court of the Superior Court of San Francisco). The facts of each dispute will define the exact cause of action (e.g., lack of mental capacity, undue influence, duress, intentional interference with an expectancy, and/or improper signing of the will) that needs to be prosecuted or defended. Probate litigators can represent a wide variety of clients, including private and institutional fiduciaries, individual beneficiaries of a will or trust, charitable organizations, and estates. Probate has procedures that apply just to probate litigation. Probate lawyers deal with clients who are having family disputes over assets or non-profits that are the beneficiaries of gifts. They perform litigation-related work including drafting briefs, advocating at hearings and trial, and engaging in settlement and mediation. Sometimes probate litigators are also involved in civil litigation that is related to family wealth disputes, including financial elder abuse issues, trustee disputes, conservatorships, real estate issues and more, some of which may be litigated in the civil division, and not the probate division, of the state trial court.

Courses:

- California Community Property
- Elder Law
- Family Law
- Federal Income Taxation
- Selected Problems in Family Law
- Taxation of Family Wealth Transfers
- Wills & Trusts
- Children and the Law
- Constitution of the Family Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- Healthcare Decisionmaking Seminar
- Mediation
- Negotiation & Mediation: Process & Practice Negotiation

Professors:

- Carillo, Jo
- Freshman, Clark
- Izumi, Carol
- Kane, Mary Kay
- Musalo, Karen
- Schwarz, Lois
- Troya, Yvonne
- Weisberg, D. Kelly

- Weithorn, Lois
- Zamperini, Michael

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock ADR Team
- Mock Client Representation Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Business Tax Practicum

Public Interest

Public interest attorneys often practice with non-profit legal service providers by providing free legal representation to those unable to afford legal assistance. Legal representation usually comes as representation in non-criminal matters (for criminal, see Criminal Law: Defense.) Most non-profit legal service providers are funded by government grants or private donation. Public interest attorneys are usually well-versed in legal matters revolving around community economic development, disability issues, elder law, employment, family law, housing, or public benefits. Occasionally, public interest attorneys perform other temporary roles, such as a social worker, when interacting with clients.

Courses:

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Environmental Law: Contaminated Property Issues
- Arbitration
- Biodiversity Law
- Children & the Law
- Constitutional Law
- Disability Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Environmental Quality Law & Policy
- Health Policy
- Immigration Law
- Insurance
- Labor & Employment Law
- Labor Law I
- Law, Psychiatry & the Mental Health System
- Legislation Law
- Remedies
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar
- American West: Law, Culture & Environment
- Bioethics & the Law Seminar
- California Nonprofit Corporation Law & Charitable Foundations Seminar
- Civil Rights Seminar
- Community Economic Development Seminar
- Constitution of the Family Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- Land Use Regulation Seminar
- Law & the Japanese American Internment Seminar

- Legislation - Statutory Interpretation & Bill Drafting
- Negotiation & Mediation: Process & Practice
- Public Finance Seminar
- Public Policy Advocacy Seminar
- Psychiatry & the Law Seminar
- Tax Problems of Exempt Organizations Seminar

Professors:

- Marshall, Shauna
- Miyazawa, Setsuo
- Silverstein, Gail
- Spencer, Mai-Linh
- Troya, Yvonne
- Piomelli, Ascanio

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock Client Representation Clinic
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Civil Justice Clinic – Individual Representation
- Community Economic Development Clinic
- Community Group Advocacy and Social Change Lawyering Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic

- Immigration Rights Clinic
- Legislation Clinic
- Government Law Clinic
- Medical Legal Partnership for Seniors Clinic
- Practicum at Legal Services for Children

- Refugee & Human Rights Clinic
- Workers' Rights Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Real Estate Law

Transactions: Attorneys practicing within real estate transactions are often tasked with helping clients structure the construction or acquisition of income-producing property. Clients usually require large loans to purchase such property, so real estate finance attorneys often help with the negotiation and drafting of lending agreements as well. Other practitioners represent the other party in lending agreements – lenders. Lenders will often be large banks. Real estate attorneys also represent parties to a lease agreement or the sale of property. These practitioners help clients negotiate other property rights such as easements to others' property.

Land Use: Attorneys often assist clients interested in constructing or acquiring real estate by meeting zoning and environmental regulations imposed by government. The practice usually consists of representing before and negotiating with governmental agencies, client counseling on local and state regulations restricting certain development and use of property, and logistics and project management, such as organizing timetables to get the development through approval.

Courses:

- Advanced Civil Procedure - Complex Litigation
- Advanced Corporate Law
- Advanced Negotiation: Art of the Deal
- Arbitration
- Biodiversity Law
- Consumer Transactions
- Commercial Contract Writing
- Corporate Finance
- Corporations
- Hedge Funds & Investment Management
- Insurance
- International Business Transactions
- Regulated Industries
- Remedies
- Sales & Leases of Goods
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar
- Business Planning Seminar
- California Nonprofit Corporation Law & Charitable Foundations Seminar
- Case Studies in Contract Law Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyering
- Introduction to Mergers & Acquisition
- Investor-State Arbitration Under NAFTA Seminar
- Islamic Finance and Transactions Seminar
- Mediation
- Negotiation & Mediation: Process & Practice

- Negotiation
- Real Estate Finance Law Seminar
- Tax Concentration Seminar
- Tax Problems of Exempt Organizations Seminar

Professors:

- Ball, Alina
- Crawford, John
- Depoorter, Ben
- Ellias, Jared
- Field, Heather
- Leshy, John
- Williams, Joan C.

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Community Economic Development Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Business Tax Practicum
- Government Law Clinic
- Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program

Tax Law

Practice in Tax Law applies complex statutes under the Internal Revenue Code to the client's particular circumstances. A huge segment of the industry revolves around tax issues involving legal entities, such as corporations. Tax lawyers assist clients in anticipating tax consequences for commercial and financial ventures, and in planning specific tax objectives. This might require tax attorneys to understand the client's business and the complex tax scheme enough to spot any discrepancies between client's tax objectives and other business goals. Tax lawyers may also assist clients defending the client's tax positions and justifications against the Internal Revenue Service before the courts. This practice is known as tax controversy. Tax lawyers also assist clients in ensuring that new tax laws fairly take into account their business interests by lobbying both administrative agencies and legislatures.

Many employers seek applicants with previous experience at the IRS, the United States Tax Court, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Courses:

- Advanced Federal Income Taxation
- Federal Income Taxation
- Federal Income Taxation of Corporations & Partnerships
- Federal Income Taxation of Real Estate & Other Investments
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Non Profit Organizations
- Public Finance
- State & Local Taxation
- Taxation of Family Wealth Transfers
- U.S. Taxation of Foreign Transactions & Investments
- Business Planning Seminar
- Financial Basics for Lawyers
- Estate Planning Seminar
- Land Trusts & Conservation Easements Seminar
- Tax Policy Seminar
- Tax Concentration Seminar
- Tax Problems of Exempt Organizations Seminar

Professors:

- Field, Heather
- Martinez, Leo
- Viswanathan, Manoj

Co-Curricular Activities:

- Moot Court Team
- Mock Trial Team
- Clinics
- Externships
- Student Organizations

Clinics:

- Business Tax Practicum
- Legislation Clinic
- Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic

Represented Externships:

Community Resources:

- Hastings' Alumni Mentor Program