

**Chapman University Fowler School of Law**  
**Upper-Level Course Descriptions**  
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**Spring 2026**

**Advanced Federal Income Tax (2) Law-7879**

This course is a continuation of the basic Federal Income Taxation course. It includes federal income tax topics that are not generally addressed in detail or at all in the basic course, such as: in-depth coverage of tax accounting issues, taxation of intellectual property, taxation within families, tax consequences of litigation, alternative minimum tax, employee benefits and deferred compensation, and an introduction to basic issues of tax policy. **This course is a core requirement for the Taxation certificate. Prerequisite: Federal Income Taxation.**

**Advanced Seminar: The Holocaust, Genocide, and the Law (3) Law-7823**

This course examines international human rights law through the legacy of the Holocaust. Topics to be covered are: 1) the legal system of Nazi Germany; 2) prosecution of Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg and subsequent prosecutions under national legal systems, including the Eichmann trial in Israel, and the work in the United States of the Office of Special Investigations in the U.S. Department of Justice; 3) Holocaust denial, including the Irving v. Lipstadt in England; 4) Holocaust and the internet, including the Yahoo decisions in France and the United States and laws in various European nations dealing with hate speech and glorification of the Nazi era; 5) Holocaust restitution litigation in the United States to recover stolen wartime assets, including Nazi looted art; and 6) the legal legacy of the Holocaust upon the current International Criminal Court. **This course is an approved elective for the International Law Certificate.**

**Advanced Topic: Art and Cultural Heritage Law (3) Law-7928**

This three-unit class will provide an overview of law relating to art and cultural heritage. Transactions in the rapidly growing legitimate global art market are estimated at almost \$70 billion annually, and art institutions, auction houses, dealers, museums and collectors have holdings valued well into the multi-trillions of dollars. Lawyers are involved in all aspects of the art world, and the legal issues they deal with are varied and fascinating. Students in this class will gain an understanding of the nature of art and cultural heritage institutions, services, and transactions, both domestic and international; an appreciation of the legal doctrines and regulations relevant to the art world; and an understanding of the dynamics of art and cultural heritage transactions. In addition, the class will examine the policy, political and ethical considerations that relate to the art market. Specific topics will include the role of copyright law, freedom of speech and expression, and government support (and censorship) of artistic expression; the role of museums and galleries and the legal obligations of trustees; the role of auction houses and dealers; question of title for works of art; the law of war and cultural heritage (for example the destruction of archaeological treasures by ISIS and others); responses to the problem of looting and illegal export of cultural heritage; the looting of art works by the Nazi's; and the global trade in antiquities. **This course is an approved elective for the International Law Certificate.**

**Advanced Topic: Food Law (3) Law-7672**

This course focuses on the federal regulatory framework for food and its history, basic requirements, and goals; law's role in agriculture emphasizing large-scale production, public health and sustainability goals; and other regulations impacting food's production, distribution, consumption, and sale. **Effective Spring 2023, this course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement.**

**Agency and Partnership (3) Law-7507 California Bar Tested**

This course covers the law of agency and unincorporated business entities. The course will explore the definition and nature of a principal-agent relationship; the rights and duties of principals and agents; the scope of agents' actual and apparent authority; the liability of disclosed and undisclosed principals for agents' acts; agent fiduciary duties; third party rights and remedies; employer-employee and independent contractor relationships. The course also addresses the nature of unincorporated business entities, including general and limited partnerships,

limited liability partnerships, and limited liability companies. Students will study statutory and case law discussing the formation, operation, and management of these entities, and students will learn the basic internal/external rights, powers, duties, and liabilities of the entity members vis-à-vis one another and vis-à-vis outside third parties. **This course is an approved elective for the Business Law certificate and the Entrepreneurship Emphasis.**

#### **Business Associations (4) Law-7146 California Bar Tested**

**The following description is for Professor Willis' section of this course in Spring 2026.**

This course offers coverage of the fundamentals of agency and partnership along with a basic understanding of both closely held and publicly held for-profit corporations and other hybrid entities. Particular attention is given to the way in which corporations organize and operate. The course examines the respective roles, relationships, responsibilities, and liability exposure of shareholders, directors, and officers. The study of corporate regulation under key portions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations of the S.E.C. is included. This course OR Corporations is a core course requirement for Business Law Emphasis. Students who have completed the course in Corporations may not enroll in this course.

#### **Business Planning (3) Law-7515**

The goal of this course, through reviewing actual documents and agreements (and through class discussion), is to have students become familiar with certain legal and business relationships/issues raised in documents, business agreements and other contracts -- from a practical (real life) perspective. Generally, class discussions track the formation, growth, and eventual sale of a California business. We begin by analyzing and comparing different business entity structures. We then examine the relationship and conflicting motivations of owners, officers, and employees of a business. We move to the growth of a business with a review of the various interactions a business has with its consultants, employees, venture investors, banks, and vendors. This includes the application of corporate finance, securities, and intellectual property law principles, among others. We end the course with an examination of the eventual merger/acquisition of a business. Practical problems and solutions are the focus of this course. It is intended to provide an important component of preparing students who will be advising and/or interacting with California businesses. **This course is an approved elective for Business Law Certificate. May satisfy either the Experiential Course or Practice-Oriented Writing requirement with faculty approval; one course cannot satisfy both requirements at the same time.**

#### **California Street Gangs (2) Law-7934**

This class will study the statutes of the "Street Terrorism Enforcement and Prevention Act of 1988" [STEP] (criminalizing active gang participation) from a legal and practical standpoint. Besides an in-depth understanding of this expansive and ever-changing area of jurisprudence in California, the course will provide an analysis of how gang-related felonies proceed through California courts. It will include study of the complicated and frequently used theories of extended criminal liability used by prosecutors including conspiracy, aiding, and abetting, natural and probable consequence theory and provocative-act murder. A study of selected evidence code sections and related case law will be included to facilitate an understanding of issues, as well as common problems of proof at every gang trial. The use of guest speakers and selected autobiographical readings will provide context to this otherwise counter-intuitive culture of violence and respect. **Pre-Requisites: Criminal Law and Evidence. This course is an approved elective for the Criminal Law certificate. This course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement.**

#### **Client Development and Marketing (3) Law-7944**

(Formerly Entrepreneurship and the Law)

Today's law firms demand more than legal proficiency; they are all looking for rainmakers who can generate a significant amount of business for the firm. Rainmakers aren't made by accident, but rather through effective client development and marketing. This class will cover the critical intangibles like client trust, perceived expertise, and business acumen – all learnable qualities that make lawyers more marketable and less expendable. Students will review real case studies of how lawyers built their practices from nothing into seven or even eight-figure books of business. Students will also embark on an advanced analysis of pertinent ethics rules in areas like attorney marketing and interactions with clients. **This course is an approved elective for the Entrepreneurship Emphasis Certificate program and the Business Law Emphasis certificate under category 1.**

**Client Interviewing and Counseling (3) Law-7520**

Students will learn and practice skills involved in interviewing and counseling clients. Through the course of the semester, students will take one simulated case from the initial phase of gathering and evaluating facts supplied by a client, conduct substantive legal research, write a memorandum to the client file, and provide oral and written advice to the client based on consideration of facts and applicable law. The course will focus on interpersonal aspects of client relationships as well as ethical problems that may arise in the context of client representation. Students participate in simulated interviews and counseling sessions, portraying both client and attorney. Students will complete several written products, including a client letter, a memo to the file, and papers analyzing the lawyering process from the perspective of both attorney and client. **This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement OR the Experiential Course Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements at the same time. This is a core requirement in the Certificate in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution.**

**Commercial Leasing (2) Law-7521**

This course introduces students to one of the most important areas of real estate practice: commercial lease law and negotiation. Students are required to master elements of legal substance and theory concerning the leasing of commercial property, as well as methods of practice and negotiation. In addition to studying sophisticated commercial leases, case opinions, and other textual materials, students draft and revise provisions of commercial leases and related lease documents. **This course is an approved elective for the ENLURE certificate and the Business Law certificate. This course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement.**

**Constitutional Law (4) Law-7126 California Bar Tested**

This course covers the powers of the three branches of the federal government, the relationship of the branches of the federal government to each other and to the States, the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, including the effect of the Fourteenth Amendment on the application of the Bill of Rights to the States, and an introduction to issues involving equal protection. **This course must be taken in the second year of study either fall or spring semester.**

**Constitutional Law: Equal Protection & First Amendment (3) Law-7812 California Bar Tested**

This course covers the limitations on the state and federal governments imposed by three individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution: equal protection of the laws, freedom of religion, and freedom of speech. **Prerequisite: Constitutional Law.**

**Corporations (3) Law-7145 California Bar Tested**

This course provides a basic understanding of both closely held and publicly held for-profit corporations. Particular attention is given to the way in which corporations organize and operate. The course also examines the respective roles, relationships, responsibilities, and liability exposure of shareholders, directors and officers. The study of corporate litigation and regulation under key portions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations of the S.E.C. is included. **Students who have completed the course in Business Associations may not enroll in this course. This course, OR Business Associations, is a core course requirement for the Business Law Emphasis.**

**Criminal Procedure/Police Practices (3) Law-7301 California Bar Tested**

This course provides a close examination of the laws of criminal investigation. Topics include constitutional limits on arrests and stops, search and seizure, interrogation of suspects, right to counsel, and the privilege against self-incrimination. **Students with a first year cumulative GPA below a 2.6 must take this course as a graduation requirement.**

**Directed Research (1-3; 12 and ½ pages minimum per credit based on standard format) Law-7850**

Courses are available to 2-4Ls only to study and research topics which are not provided for by regular curricular offerings. To register for Directed Research, students must complete a Directed Research form and submit the completed form to the Registrar's Office for processing. The signatures of the supervising full-time

professor and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs are required. The completed Directed Research form must be submitted to the Registrar's office by the given Add/Drop deadline for the semester. Students cannot register for a Directed Research project online. **Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.6 at the end of their first year to partake in a Directed Research project.**

### **Entertainment Business and Legal Affairs (3) Law-7352**

An overview of the primary areas of practice in which a lawyer and/or business affairs executive engage at a typical Hollywood studio throughout all phases of development, production, marketing and distribution of theatrical motion pictures. Emphasis will be placed on the business aspects in each of these areas and the economics of the various revenue streams exploited in such distribution. Deal structures will be taught for the customary transactions entered into for both "in-house" productions as well as films financed and/or produced by third parties but distributed by the studio (i.e., acquisitions, negative pick-ups, co-productions, split rights arrangements, etc.) as well as studio deals with financial partners to lay off economic risk. The course will conclude with an exercise in which the students will select a motion picture slate made up of various genres, cast and deal models they will select based upon the project elements of actual (but anonymous) Hollywood studio productions. The success of those slates will then be projected as revealed by the actual performance of the movies from which those elements were taken. **This course is an approved elective for the Business Law certificate and the Entertainment Law certificate. This course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement OR the Experiential Course Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements at the same time.**

### **Entertainment Industry Contracts (3) Law-7830**

This course provides an inside look at what it's like to be an entertainment lawyer and prepares students to work in the industry, whether at a studio, a firm, or representing artists. Students receive hands-on experience with entertainment industry contracts, from the inception of a creative idea to acquiring rights and hiring talent (including writers, directors, actors, composers, and more). Students will negotiate deal terms and draft a variety of contracts involved in the making of a feature film, streaming series, and other media. Students will also learn how to effectively communicate with clients and other lawyers. The entertainment attorney's role as advocate, negotiator, drafter, and communicator throughout the course of a deal will be examined. The skills learned in this course apply not just to entertainment deals, but to negotiating and drafting clear, enforceable contracts in all areas of law. **This course is a prerequisite to the Entertainment Law Clinic. This course satisfies the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement OR the Experiential Course Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements at the same time. This course is a required course to obtain the Entertainment Law Certificate and an approved elective for the Business Law Certificate.**

### **Environmental Law (3) Law-7541**

This course constitutes an analysis of the ends and means of environmental protection through study of statutes, administrative regulations and practices, and judicial decisions treating the protection of the environment in the United States. Topics may include statutes that regulate pollution emissions (e.g., the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act); procedural requirements (e.g., National Environmental Policy Act, California Environmental Quality Act); administrative law (e.g., standing, standards of judicial review); hazardous and toxic substances and wastes; risk assessment and management; natural resources and wildlife conservation; enforcement and liability; and environmental justice. **This is a core requirement in the Certificate in Environmental Law, Land Use, and Real Estate Law. The grade in this course is based on a paper. This course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing requirement with professor approval.**

### **Estate Planning (2) Law-7837**

An estate planning course, looking at both small and large estates, with consideration of lifetime and testamentary dispositions of property, the use of the marital and charitable bequests, estate tax savings strategies, and the use of life insurance. The course will look at the drafting and use of estate planning documents, such as wills, inter vivos trusts, insurance trusts, living wills and durable powers of attorney and provide an overview of special issues for estates including substantial closely held business interests. **This course is an approved elective for the Tax Law Emphasis.**

#### **Evidence (4) Law-7142 California Bar Tested**

This course covers the standards regulating admissibility of evidence in both criminal and civil trials. Special emphasis is placed on the Federal Rules of Evidence. **This course is a core requirement for the Criminal Law Certificate.**

**Evidence with Professor Mainero (usually offered in the Fall) covers both the Federal Rules of Evidence and the California Code and thus covers two bar tested subjects. Students who take Evidence with Professor Mainero may not take the elective California Evidence course *because the elective is duplicative of the material covered in Professor Mainero's Evidence course.***

#### **Federal Courts/Jurisdiction (3) Law-7543**

This course examines the scope of the federal judicial power and the role of the federal judiciary in our constitutional system. It considers the relationship of the federal courts to the legislative and executive branches of the federal government, and the relationship of the federal courts to the state courts. As such, class discussion naturally focuses on separation of powers and federalism principles. Topics may include Supreme Court jurisdiction, congressional control of federal court jurisdiction, justiciability, non-Article III courts, state sovereign immunity, federal court abstention, section 1983, federal review of state court decisions, and federal habeas corpus.

**Prerequisite or concurrent enrollment: Constitutional Law.**

#### **Financial Accounting (3) Law-7855**

This course represents an introduction to accounting for students with little background in the field. Initial emphasis is on established accounting principles and the analysis of financial statements. The course's perspective is that of a business attorney who might use financial statements to advise clients in various legal settings (e.g., the drafting of financial contracts and the valuation of businesses). Applications to securities law are also considered.

**This course is a core requirement for the Business Law Emphasis program and the Entrepreneurship Emphasis program; however, this may be waived upon verification that the student previously completed a comparable course in their undergraduate/graduate studies. The course previously taken will not be accepted in transfer, but it is only to waive out of this requirement for the emphasis.** Students must contact the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Dean Richard Redding, [redding@chapman.edu](mailto:redding@chapman.edu), to request a waiver based on an Accounting course previously taken.

#### **Financial Literacy for Lawyers (3) Law-7677**

Money is the crux of most civil disputes and transactional law. It is also an issue that confounds many lawyers personally, as evidenced by the large number of them working into their golden years by necessity. This survey course aims to demystify all things money, help students maximize the financial return on their law degree, and help future lawyers better understand their clients' financial interests. We accomplish this by examining the U.S. financial system from both a legal and a business perspective. Students will learn the fundamentals of the financial regulatory structure, applicable laws, and how wealth is built and protected. Topics covered include: the regulatory framework of the U.S. financial system; depository products; equity and debt investments; digital currencies and NFT's; common vehicles for investment (retirement plans, brokerage accounts, 529 plans, etc.); lending; venture capitalism/debt; and asset protection strategies. No financial or business background is required. The instructor's goal is for students to leave law school not only "practice ready," but life ready. **This course is a core requirement for the Entrepreneurship Certificate Program.**

#### **Fundamentals of In-House Corporate Practice (2) Law-7854**

This is a practical skills course in practicing as an In-House Corporate Lawyer that introduces students to the fundamentals of working effectively in a high-functioning corporate law department and prepares them for a career as an In-House Corporate Counsel. The course will focus on developing a skill set for an in-house corporate generalist addressing issues related to corporate formation and administration, real property acquisition, facilities management (e.g., construction contracts), work force and labor issues (e.g., ADA compliance and workplace harassment/discrimination), litigation, and the management and defense of intellectual property. Students will have the opportunity to perform exercises relating to each of the substantive areas of in-house practice through actual case

studies of corporate legal issues and simulating actual assignments as corporate counsel. Outside reading consists of articles and excerpts of published materials. Class sessions consist of lectures, class discussion, practical exercises, and presentations, with some prominent in-house lawyers and general counsel as guest speakers, and networking opportunities. **This course is an approved elective for Business Law Emphasis. This course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing requirement.**

### **Intellectual Property (3) Law-7555**

This course surveys the primary types of intellectual property under federal and state law. It emphasizes trademarks, copyrights, and patents while also addressing unfair competition, rights of publicity, trade secrets, and protection of designs. The course analyzes the rights and remedies associated with each type of intellectual property that it covers, as well as the relationships between different types of intellectual property. **This course is a core requirement for the Entertainment Law Certificate. It is also an approved elective for the Business Law Certificate.**

### **International Criminal Law (3) Law-7332**

This course will study the development of international criminal law since the mid-20th century. Study will include the main doctrines of international criminal law and procedure, including concepts of jurisdiction, substantive international crimes and defenses, modes of international criminal responsibility, procedures and attributes of various international tribunals, and the strengths and weaknesses of international criminal law compared to other mechanisms of enforcing international norms and obligations. Ad hoc international criminal tribunals (e.g., Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia), the International Criminal Court, and nationally based prosecution and accountability mechanisms will also be considered, with an emphasis on U.S. practice and policy in this field. **This course is an approved elective for the Criminal Law Certificate and the International Law Certificate.**

### **International Law & Organizations (3) Law-7558**

This introductory course in international law surveys the sources of international law and some contemporary global issues and challenges. The course introduces concepts of international law and how they achieve legitimacy through United Nations organizations and conferences, the International Court of Justice, the International Law Commission, treaty bodies, and state practice, as well as through other actors. The law of foreign sovereign immunity and the act of state doctrine are considered along with the role of international law in the U.S. legal system and the allocation of foreign affairs powers between the President and Congress. Selected topics that may be explored include international claims (including expropriation law), human rights, norms governing the use of force, and the law of the sea and environmental issues. **This course counts for the International Law Emphasis Requirement and the required Public International Law Class for the Emphasis.**

### **Law Practice Management (3) Law-7646**

No boss, no timecard to punch, and unlimited income potential. Sounds amazing, right? Starting your own law practice can be the ticket to these rewards and many more, but it also means hard work, calculated risks, and a steep learning curve. This course is designed to help flatten the learning curve by covering issues commonly encountered when starting and building a new firm. Students will embark on a practice-oriented survey of topics such as: selecting a practice area; choosing a business structure; setting fees; establishing credibility in the space; acquiring clients; hiring/managing employees; and charting a path from startup to success. Students will design a business plan for their own startup firm and have the opportunity to receive one-on-one feedback from the instructor. **This course counts toward the experiential course requirement. This course is a core requirement for the Entrepreneurship Emphasis Track 1.**

### **Legal Landscape of Small Business (3) Law-7953**

Entrepreneurs encounter a wide variety of legal issues while starting and growing a small business. This course is designed to survey the most common of these issues and evaluate them from two, sometimes vastly different, perspectives: the attorney and the business owner. Students will learn to spot and assess potential liabilities in small business operations, including those that may arise in the context of contracts, disability law, employment law, leasing, intellectual property, and taxation. Upon the conclusion of the course, students will be prepared for a

more in-depth analysis of select topics of their choice as electives. **This course is a core requirement for the Entrepreneurship Certificate Track 2.**

### **Mediation (3) Law-7581**

This course focuses on different theories and approaches to mediation. Mediation is gaining importance as a mechanism for parties to heal differences without the expense and trauma of litigation. The competent practitioner should understand how mediation works and how to represent clients effectively in a mediation setting. Students in this course have an opportunity to function as both advocates and mediators, using a variety of techniques to resolve disputes. The course grade is based primarily on papers assigned by the instructor. **This course is an approved elective for the Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Certificate and the Business Law Certificate. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course Requirement.**

### **National Security Law – Law 7569 (3)**

National Security law focuses on how law regulates U.S. national security policies, practices, and institutions. Organized as an introduction into these issues, it covers how national security responsibilities are shared between the branches of government, the role of international law, the use of armed forces abroad, intelligence operations, and detention. This includes topics such as NSA operations, Guantanamo, and conflicts in Afghanistan, Libya, and Vietnam. Legal sources studied include: the Constitution, statutes, treaties, customary international law, executive orders, departmental regulations, and historical precedents.

**Prerequisite: Constitutional Law. This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement. Enrollment is limited to 20 students. This course is an approved elective for the International Law Certificate.**

### **Negotiations (3) Law-7816**

Students will practice preparing for and conducting legal negotiations. Students will learn about different approaches and theories of negotiation, develop their skills, understand their negotiating preferences and those of others, as well as deal with ethical issues. Students will do simulated negotiations involving transactions, litigation and other situations lawyers may encounter in practice. In addition to researching and preparing for the negotiations, students will draft agreements and will be asked to reflect upon and write about their learning. This course is a core requirement for the Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Certificate. **This is a core requirement in the Certificate in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution. This course is an approved elective for Business Law Certificate. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course Requirement.**

### **Patent Law and Practice (3) Law-7815**

This course offers an in-depth exploration of patent law. The course covers standards for patentability, the patent application process, claim construction, infringement, defenses to infringement, and remedies for patent infringement. The course also includes discussion and practical exercises related to the practice of patent law. We will also touch upon the distinction between patent law and the law of trade secrets. Students are not required to have a technical background to take this course. **This course is an approved elective for the Business Law certificate. This course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing requirement.**

### **Practice Foundations--Civil (3) Law-7362**

In this course, students will learn the basics of civil litigation from case initiation to trial. Students will work in teams to draft and answer complaints, create discovery plans, draft trial briefs, and argue their cases to the class. The class will also discuss client interviewing, mediation, settlement, and trial. **Students are required to take either Practice Foundations—Civil, Practice Foundations—Criminal Litigation, or Practice Foundations—Transactions prior to graduation. Students who take a second Practice Foundations course may use it to satisfy the practice-oriented writing requirement, or the experiential course requirement, but not both.**

### **Practice Foundations--Criminal Litigation (3) Law-7665**

This course exposes students to the mechanics of criminal litigation. Students will study the stages of the criminal process from charging through sentencing. There will also be instruction in advanced legal writing techniques and students will produce written briefs of the type frequently filed in trial courts in criminal litigation.

The course will heavily emphasize California practice and procedure, although there will be some consideration of competing approaches taken in other jurisdictions. Students will learn primarily through simulated exercises in which students will act as lawyers litigating the various stages of a criminal case. Grading will be based on performance in the simulated exercises as well as on several written exercises. This course is strongly recommended for students interested in practicing criminal law. Students in this course need not have taken Evidence or Trial Practice. **Prerequisite: Criminal Procedure: Police Practices. This course is a core requirement for the Criminal Law Certificate. Students are required to take either Practice Foundations—Civil, Practice Foundations—Criminal Litigation, or Practice Foundations—Transactions prior to graduation. Students who take a second Practice Foundations course may use it to satisfy the practice-oriented writing requirement, or the experiential course requirement, but not both.**

#### **Practice Foundations--Transactions (3) Law-7657**

This course will introduce students to transactional law practice by exploring the role of lawyers in executing business-related transactions. Students will participate in exercises and simulated transactions that lawyers handle in practice. Students will practice communicating with and advising clients, drafting documents, dealing with other attorneys, and handling transactions. Students will learn how transactional lawyers add value and solve problems for clients by identifying client objectives, understanding the business context of the matter, spotting legal and business issues, evaluating options, and closing a deal. Students will receive feedback about their progress and work. **Students are required to take either Practice Foundations—Civil, Practice Foundations—Criminal Litigation, or Practice Foundations—Transactions prior to graduation. Students who take a second Practice Foundations course may use it to satisfy the practice-oriented writing requirement, or the experiential course requirement, but not both.**

#### **Professional Responsibility (3) Law-7139 California Bar Tested (General Bar Exam and MPRE)**

This course is designed to master the law tested on the MPRE and the California Bar exam on the subject of legal ethics. Students will focus on the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct, the California Rules of Professional Conduct, and relevant California state statutes. Topics include the ethical rules governing attorneys in every facet of their practice. This course also explores what lawyers must do when confronted with a request from a client that challenges the lawyer's ethics and the conflict between the obligations to whistle-blow and to maintain client confidentiality.

#### **Remedies and Practice Lab (4) Law-7367 California Bar Tested**

This course presents students with an analysis of the judicial remedies available in the American system of jurisprudence. The course is designed to familiarize students with the principles of damages, restitution, and equitable remedies. **All students who at the end of their first year of study are ranked in the bottom 25% of their class MUST take Remedies and Practice Lab as a graduation requirement.**

#### **Secured Transactions (3) Law-7605 – Uniform Bar Exam Tested**

A secured transaction is one in which a debtor borrows money from a creditor and designates property as collateral to secure repayment of the loan. A classic example is the financed purchase of an automobile. Should the debtor fail to make the required payments, the secured party may take legal action or (in some instances) repossess the property. Secured transactions fuel a substantial part of the American economy. In this course, we will examine various rules governing debtor/creditor and creditor/creditor relationships, addressing several key questions: how do financial institutions protect themselves against borrower default, what happens when the debtor files for bankruptcy protection, and who wins when similarly-situated creditors must square off against each other in the fight for the debtor's vulnerable assets? Given that many of the rules governing secured transactions in personal property are found in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, we will frequently consult its provisions. In laying a core conceptual foundation, we will also address secured transactions in real property, including the ramifications of mortgaging property and the legal and equitable rights of mortgagors and mortgagees prior to and during the foreclosure process. In each session, we will apply the law to hypothetical problems presented, and as a result, students completing the course will have a knowledge base critical to the effective representation of average consumers, growing businesses, insolvent/bankrupt debtors, and sophisticated financial institutions. The course



provides a solid foundation for courses in Bankruptcy Law. **This is a bar-tested course on the UBE. As of March 2024, the UBE will be the bar exam in 43 states and all US territories (except Puerto Rico).**

### **Taxation of Business Organizations (3) Law-7608**

Although this course is devoted primarily to rules governing the taxation of corporations and their shareholders under Subchapter C of the Internal Revenue Code, there is limited coverage of the tax treatment of partners and partnerships under Subchapter K. With respect to corporate tax, topics include the treatment of initial capitalization transactions, corporate distributions, stock redemptions, taxable asset acquisitions, subsidiary and non-subsidiary liquidations, and corporate reorganizations (e.g., statutory mergers and consolidations). In the partnership tax context, students will address the treatment of capital contributions, partner capital accounts, partnership interests, the ramifications of partnership distributions, settlement of partner accounts, the impact of tax allocations, and the notion of “substantial economic effect.” Throughout the course, students will consider whether governing rules achieve Congress’s policy goals, and the roles played by key judicial doctrines. **Prerequisite: Federal Income Tax. This course is a core requirement for the Certificate in Taxation. This course is an approved elective for the Business Law certificate.**

### **Trademarks and Unfair Competition (3) Law-7824**

This advanced course in intellectual property covers topics related to trademarks and unfair competition. The course will address the economic and policy aspects of trademark and unfair competition law in the federal and international systems, including related areas of comparative advertising and consumer protection law, and their adaptation to the internet age. The course will probe fundamental concepts like priority, use in commerce, distinctiveness, likelihood of confusion, geographical indicators, dilution and fair uses. Through a combination of assignments and guest lectures from diverse California industries, students will be exposed to the challenges facing trademark practitioners, including selection and federal registration of marks, licensing, pursuing counterfeiters, defending against infringement claims, and assessing non-infringing uses. During the semester, students will be expected to undertake and complete several practical assignments that together will apply toward satisfying the course’s writing requirements (which is in lieu of a final exam). These may include conducting an initial trademark clearance search, preparing an opinion letter on the availability of a mark for a new business, filing a (mock) intent to use registration at the USPTO, preparing a cease-and-desist letter, drafting a trademark license, and providing a client advisory on a recent case of interest. In addition to casebook assignments, students will be responsible for monitoring and analyzing trademark and unfair competition disputes in the news and presenting them in class. **This course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement.**

### **Trial Practice (3) Law-7617**

This is a practical skills course in advocacy which introduces students to the fundamental components of a typical civil and criminal trial. It requires students to perform exercises involving each component and try a mock civil or criminal case from provided problem materials. The course requires student participation in discrete exercises, including jury voir dire, opening, and closing statements, and direct and cross-examination. **Prerequisite or concurrent enrollment: Law-7142 Evidence. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course requirement. This course is a core requirement for the Advocacy and Dispute Resolution certificate and an approved elective for the Criminal Law Certificate. This course will meet the Law School’s Experiential Course requirement.**

### **Video Game Law (2) Law-7358**

The video game industry is larger than the film, television, and music industries combined and, in 2022, was estimated to have a revenue of almost \$387 billion. This growth doesn’t seem to be slowing down any time soon, and with the emergence of new ways to participate in and consume gaming content, there are thousands of opportunities to work in video games. This course provides students with the opportunity to gain a practical understanding of the unique business and legal issues related to video game development, publishing, and distribution. Topics include: (i) overview of IP ownership, IP clearance, and user-generated content; (ii) privacy and data security; (iii) licensing and EULAs; (iv) streamers, marketing, and the FTC; (v) consumer products; and (vi) AI, virtual reality, and mixed reality platforms. Students will also learn to draft and negotiate agreements common to the industry. **This course is an approved elective for the Entertainment Law Emphasis.**

### **Wills and Trusts (3) Law-7334 California Bar Tested**

This course examines rules pertaining to intestate succession; testamentary dispositions; execution, modification, and revocation of wills, testamentary capacity and will contests; interpretation of wills; protection of spouse and children; and the use of will substitutes. The creation, types, and characteristics of trusts are also examined, including coverage of the construction of trusts, and trust administration. **Students with a first year cumulative GPA below a 2.6 must take this course as a graduation requirement.**

## **Bar Preparation Courses**

**Enrollment in Bar Preparation Courses is limited to 3L and 4L students.**

### **Advanced Selected Topics in American Law (3) Law-7676 California Bar Tested**

The enrollment in Advanced Selected Topics in American Law in the Spring will give priority to students entering their final year of law study ranked in the bottom 25% of their class and will be a small section course with no more than fifteen (15) students per section that will focus entirely on intensive writing practice in advance of the Bar Exam. Advanced Selected Topics will thus not be offered in the Fall Semester. All students are eligible for Legal Analysis Workshop, which will be offered both in the Fall and in the Spring. **Advanced Selected Topics in American Law is only offered in the spring semester.**

### **Legal Analysis Workshop (3) Law-7504 California Bar Tested**

This course will focus on two of the three portions of the bar exam: the performance test and multiple choice. The performance test is a closed-universe test of your skills; bar takers are given a task memo, a file (set of documents from which to extract their client's facts), and a library (a set of cases and/or statutes to determine the relevant law). Bar takers have ninety minutes to determine what their task is, what the legal issues and relevant law are, their client's relevant facts, and to draft the legal document they have been asked to write. This could be a memo, a portion of a brief, a client letter, interrogatories, etc. This class will teach students how to approach a performance test, what is expected of them, and how to accomplish the task within the requisite time. This class also teaches students the necessary skills for bar exam multiple choice questions, touching on Constitutional Law, Contracts and Sales, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, and Torts.

### **Selected Topics in American Law (3) Law-7636 California Bar Tested**

This is a skills-development course that provides students with an intensive substantive review of selected legal material routinely tested on the bar exam and relevant to law practice, including contracts, torts, civil procedure, criminal law and procedure, real property, evidence, corporations, constitutional law, professional responsibility, wills and trusts, community property, and remedies. Through the use of problems and exercises in a bar exam format, students will become familiar with the techniques for analyzing, organizing, and writing essay questions based on California law. This is not a substitute for a bar review course, but a course on how to write good legal analysis in a particular area in a short window of time. **All students entering their final year of law study ranked in the bottom 25% of their class MUST take Selected Topics in American Law in the fall semester and MUST take Advanced Selected Topics in the spring semester.**

**Because of the helpful and important nature of Selected Topics in American Law, all students are strongly encouraged to enroll even if it is not required.**

## **Clinical Courses**

#### **Criminal Defense Clinic (4) Law-7945**

Offered in partnership with the Orange County Public Defender's Office (OCPD), the Chapman University Fowler School of Law Criminal Defense Clinic (Clinic) provides a unique opportunity for second and third-year students to explore careers in advocacy, litigation, and criminal law, especially criminal defense law. Beginning on the first day of the Clinic, the professor, a Deputy Public Defender, will work with students on all aspects of the clients' cases. This will require students to attend court several hours each week. The Clinic will also have a classroom component covering practice skills involved in creating and maintaining a client's file, interviewing and counseling clients, reviewing and evaluating discovery, working with a defense investigator to gather and evaluate facts, conducting substantive legal research, writing compelling motions, and being an effective courtroom advocate. The assigned reading will be available to you through free resources; no textbook is required.

**Prerequisites:** Students are required to have taken or be concurrently enrolled in Evidence, and students will be expected to become certified law students with the California Bar. Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Trial Practice are helpful but not required.

**Additional Requirements:** Email Professor Brown ([markbrown@chapman.edu](mailto:markbrown@chapman.edu)) and Professor Laura Jose at [Ljpubdef@gmail.com](mailto:Ljpubdef@gmail.com) (1) with any questions you may have, (2) a copy of your updated resume; (3) a one-paragraph description of why you would like to join the Clinic; (4) a completed copy of the Volunteer Intern Application; and (5) a completed Volunteer Waiver form, which authorizes the Public Defender's Office to conduct a background check (including a Livescan at no additional cost to you). Once the background check is completed and the Professor approves a student's enrollment in the Clinic, the Registrar's Office will enroll the student in the course. **The clinic satisfies the experiential course requirement, and it is an approved elective for the Criminal Law Emphasis. In addition, students may elect to work on more extensive briefs or motions to satisfy the practical writing requirement.**

#### **Criminal Prosecution Clinic (4) Law-7942**

Offered in partnership with the Orange County District Attorney's Office (OCDA), the Chapman University Fowler School of Law Criminal Prosecution Clinic allows upper-level students exploring careers in advocacy, litigation, and [criminal law](#) a unique opportunity to assist with actual cases under the supervision of an Assistant District Attorney. The clinic is comprised of both a classroom component and a fieldwork component. The classroom component of the clinic, taught by a Senior Assistant District Attorney, meets one night a week from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to provide students with a legal and practical foundation in the prosecutorial tasks they will be called upon to perform in the field. In the fieldwork component, students devote approximately 10-12 hours a week to conducting hearings and assisting in the prosecution of felonies and misdemeanors under the supervision of an experienced prosecutor. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course requirement and is an approved elective for the Criminal Law Emphasis. Email Professor Bogardus at [kbogardus@chapman.edu](mailto:kbogardus@chapman.edu) with questions about the clinic. **Prerequisite or concurrent enrollment: Evidence Law-7142. Additional Requirements: Successful background check clearance (process is overseen by the OCDA) and submission of clinic application form. Upon successful completion of the background check process, the Registrar's Office will enroll you in the course. The clinic satisfies the experiential course requirement, and it is an approved elective for the Criminal Law Emphasis.**

#### **Entertainment Law Clinic (3) Law-7631**

This course will provide students with the opportunity to work with low budget independent filmmakers. Students conduct client interviews with Directors and Producers who are about to begin production on feature length films. Students prepare documents and contracts for 1-6 films each semester, including: forming an LLC; acquisition of underlying rights; employment contracts for director, producer, actors and crew; location agreements and releases. Students communicate directly with the filmmaker, prepare briefing memoranda on issues unique to each film, and create client files. Students will meet to discuss drafting challenges and issues and the role of the production attorney in advising a filmmaker or production company. **Prerequisite: Entertainment Industry Contracts. This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement OR the Experiential Course Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements. This is an approved elective for the Entertainment Law Certificate.**

**Tax Law Clinic (variable credit 2 – 3) Law-7941**

(Replaces course formerly titled U.S. Tax Court Clinic.) In this variable unit course students handle actual tax controversy and collections cases for taxpayers on a pro bono basis before the IRS and in U.S. Tax Court under special rules of student practice. Under supervision of attorney-professors, students are responsible for all aspects of their cases including interviewing clients, gathering facts and evidence, researching applicable laws, and meeting with the IRS for potential settlement. If the case is for trial, the student normally represents the client in court and completes all post-trial work. **This course is counted as an elective toward the Certificate in Taxation. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course Requirement. Prerequisite: Federal Income Tax. This course does not have a regular class meeting time; hours are by arrangement. Please contact Professor Willis with any questions at [gwillis@chapman.edu](mailto:gwillis@chapman.edu)**

**Co-Curricular Courses (variable credits) Academic credit is on a pass/no pass basis.****Externship I (variable credits) Law-7946**

Externships I is for students who wish to enroll for 2 or more units of experiential course credit on a pass/no pass basis. (For an explanation of experiential course credit, please see the Student Handbook.) Externships offer law school credit for practical experience working for a judge, District Attorney or Public Defender, government agency, non-profit, private law firm or corporation. Externs work under the supervision of experienced practicing attorneys or judges who provide guidance and training in research, writing, and other lawyering skills. For information on how to obtain an externship, and to read the Externship Handbook, visit <http://www.chapman.edu/law/externships/index.aspx>. Externship I can be taken for between 2 and 5 units during the school year and for between 2 and 6 units over the summer, details on how many hours must be worked per unit, as well as how many externships can be taken in all, see the Externship Handbook at the above link. The Director of the Externship Program, Professor Carolyn Young Larmore ([larmore@chapman.edu](mailto:larmore@chapman.edu)), must approve all externships. To apply for admission to the Externship Program, submit a completed Externship Application to the Director as soon as possible, or at least 1 week before the start of the semester. The link to the application is found at the end of the Externship Handbook. If the Director approves the externship, students will receive a code to enroll. In addition to fieldwork, first-time externs must participate in a one-time hour-long orientation held during the first two weeks of the semester. All Students must also complete, readings, exercises, reflections, time entries, and other assignments. Details will be provided once the student is enrolled.

**Externship II (variable credits) Law-7947**

Externships II is for students who do not wish to receive experiential course credit. (For explanation of experiential course credit, please see the Student Handbook.) Students who enroll in Externship II will not earn experiential course credit, but rather regular pass/no pass credit. Externships offer law school credit for practical experience working for a judge, District Attorney or Public Defender, government agency, non-profit, private law firm or corporation. Externs work under the supervision of experienced practicing attorneys or judges who provide guidance and training in research, writing, and other lawyering skills. For information on how to obtain an externship, and to read the Externship Handbook, visit <http://www.chapman.edu/law/externships/index.aspx>. Externships can be taken for between 1 and 5 units during the school year and for between 1 and 6 units over the summer, except for select judicial externships that are considered “full time” and can be taken for 10 units. For details on how many hours must be worked per unit, as well as how many externships can be taken in all, see the Externship Handbook at the above link. The Director of the Externship Program, Professor Carolyn Young Larmore ([larmore@chapman.edu](mailto:larmore@chapman.edu)), must approve all externships. To apply for admission to the Externship Program, submit a completed Externship Application to the Director as soon as possible, or at least 1 week before the start of the semester. The link to the application is found at the end of the Externship Handbook. If the Director approves the externship, students will receive a code to enroll. In addition to fieldwork, first-time externs must participate in a one-time hour-long orientation held during the first two weeks of the semester. All Students must also complete, reflections, time entries, and other assignments. Details will be provided once the student is enrolled.

**Law Review Law-7860**

The Chapman Law Review is a legal journal edited and published by School of Law students selected on the basis of academic achievement and a writing competition. Students on the Chapman Law Review receive credit for demonstrable competence in scholarly writing and editing. Students are required to produce a student note as a Directed Research project under the direction of a faculty member during their first year on the Law Review. Students may receive up to three units of credit for Directed Research during the spring semester. Students are also registered for one unit of credit in the spring semester of the first year of service on Law Review which is graded by the Law Review's faculty adviser. Thereafter, subject to approval prior to registration by the faculty adviser, senior editors may receive up to three ungraded units of academic credit per semester of participation.

### **Skills Competitions Law-7861**

Experiential competitions are an important component of legal education. Such competitions offer realistic opportunities to practice research, writing, analytical, and communications skills, and to develop ethics, judgment, and professionalism. Students may earn one unit of credit for negotiations, mediation, and client counseling competitions outside the law school, or three units for trial and appellate competitions outside the law school. This course may satisfy the Experiential Course Requirement with a two (2) credit minimum. Only competitions that involve a brief-writing component may satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement, and only if Professor John Bishop, or another member of the faculty, agrees to supervise the revision of the brief. **This course is only available for students who have been invited to join one of the competition boards: Moot Court Board, Mock Trial Board, and ADR Board**

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