

Chapman University Fowler School of Law
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Administrative Law (3) Law-7503

This course provides a study of the processes of decision making by administrative agencies and their control by legislators and courts. It centers on the tension between the need for delegation of power to agencies sufficient to ensure effective government, and the need to limit that power and protect the citizen from government oppression. The course focuses particularly on administrative procedure (including notice and comment rulemaking) and deals with the concept of administrative discretion and the constitutional, statutory, and common law doctrines that control discretion in administrative decision making. Also considered are contemporary issues that bear upon the fairness of governmental action (e.g., the right to notice and hearing, confrontation of witnesses, ex parte communications, institutional decisions, and combination of functions).

Advanced Legal Research (2) Law-7803

This course will focus on the resources, process, and strategy of legal research. The course will include instruction on primary law such as legislative and administrative documents, and secondary sources, including practice materials. Students will be required to complete several research assignments to demonstrate competence using print and online resources to research and analyze legal issues. There is no final exam. **This course will satisfy the Experiential Course requirement.**

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. **This course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement.**

Business Associations (4) Law-7146 California Bar Tested & Uniform Bar Exam Tested

In this course students will learn the way in which entities organize, operate and are financed. Students study both closely held and publicly held for-profit corporations and other hybrid entities in addition to learning the fundamentals of agency and partnership. The course examines the roles, obligations, duties, rights, and remedies of owners, managers, and other stakeholders in each business form under common law, Delaware general corporate law and the Model Business Corporations Act. Key portions of federal regimes (e.g., securities regulation and taxation) is also 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 Emphasis Certificate and the Taxation Law Emphasis 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.

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 or concurrent enrollment: Constitutional Law.**

Corporate Governance (3) Law 7522

This course in Advanced Corporation Law examines the transformation of the governance of public corporations in the aftermath of corporate scandal. The first portion of the course will be dedicated to common exploration of themes, materials and selected case studies; the last portion of the course will be dedicated to individual student presentations of research paper projects on approved personally selected topics. Legal theories of the public corporation will be probed in order to assess recent reforms, situating domestic developments in light of international responses and approaches. Course topics will include: the changing roles and expectations of directors and senior officers; the responsibilities of those advising them, including corporate counsel and auditors; rights of other "stakeholders", including shareholders, creditors and employees; California-specific governance legislation; corporate social responsibility; the role of institutional investors; "shareholder democracy"; executive compensation; diversity on boards; and other legislative and regulatory responses to policy issues in corporate governance.

Prerequisites: Corporations or Business Associations. Enrollment is limited to 15 students. This course is an approved elective for the Business Law Emphasis Certificate. This course will satisfy the practice-oriented writing requirement.

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 or business affairs executive engage on behalf of a Hollywood studio or production company covering all phases of development, production, marketing and distribution of motion picture and television content. The class may be joined by producing students from Chapman's film school to create an interdisciplinary dynamic (as has been successfully done in past years). Emphasis will be placed on the deal terms and revenue streams derived from such content (including film acquisitions, negative pick-ups, streaming licenses, etc.) and students will role play negotiations in various dealmaking contexts pertaining to such deal arrangements. 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 as well as a role playing exercise at a fictitious film festival (such as Sundance or Cannes). **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 Financing (3) Law-7955

This course provides students with a comprehensive overview of the customary sources and deal structures used in the financing of entertainment content (i.e. films, streaming and tv series) including the monetization schemes currently evolving in the entertainment industry. If and to the extent all class participants are in agreement, up to four class sessions may be conducted on the premises of a major Hollywood agency, studio or streaming company in the L.A. area to allow students to engage directly with an array of entertainment financing and dealmaking professionals. Practical exercises will be conducted designed to give students experience in the negotiation and integration of disparate financing sources and distribution arrangements. There is no final exam, rather at the end of the semester, the students will present a financing and distribution plan for a movie, tv/streaming program (or other entertainment content) to a jury of entertainment financing professionals. **This course is an approved elective for the Entertainment Law Certificate. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course Requirement.**

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.**

Note: Dean Mainero's Evidence section in the fall semester covers both Federal Evidence and California Evidence, both of which are tested on the California Bar Exam.

Family Law (3) Law-7542

This course will cover California family law. It will be a doctrinal class with a final exam. The following topics will be covered: cohabitation and marriage; divorce and annulment; parentage and child custody; spousal support and property division; and domestic violence. It may also include one or more of the following topics: adoption, surrogacy, in vitro fertilization, and international child adoption. The class will be helpful for taking the California bar and practicing family 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, to request a waiver based on an accounting course previously taken.

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 Emphasis Certificate.**

International Business Transactions (3) Law-7559

This course satisfies the Experiential Course requirement or the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement, but not both simultaneously. This is a three-credit survey course focused on the planning and execution of business transactions in an international setting. The course approaches international business transactions primarily as a transactional and planning course, building on principles introduced in Contracts and related commercial law courses and extending them into a global context. Students will examine how business transactions are structured, negotiated, and implemented when the parties, assets, or performance obligations are located in different national jurisdictions, adding an additional layer of legal, regulatory, and practical complexity to otherwise familiar commercial arrangements. We will examine various methods of doing business abroad, moving from relatively simple to progressively more involved transactions — beginning with the sale and financing of goods across national borders and progressing to foreign franchise arrangements, technology licensing, and direct investment in foreign enterprises. The last part of the course focuses on the resolution of international commercial disputes. These transactions will be studied in a variety of political and economic settings, including economically developed nations, developing-country markets, and non-market economies in transition. Although there will be some discussion of national controls and international regulation of trade, such as the World Trade Organization and regional trade agreements, the primary focus of the course is on private international business law and transactional problem-solving, including sales contracts, licensing agreements, intellectual property issues, and investment arrangements. The course touches on a range of substantive areas, including corporations, commercial transactions and the Uniform Commercial Code, antitrust, intellectual property (copyright, trademark, patent), conflict of laws, civil procedure, contracts, international trade, and public international law. Prior exposure to these subjects may be helpful, but there are no prerequisites. The course is designed to help students become “practice ready.” Students will work with actual contracts and transactional materials, learning how lawyers plan transactions, allocate risk, and advise clients in the face of legal and commercial uncertainty. Students will draft and markup agreements involving international sales, licensing, and investment transactions, and will be exposed to different negotiation strategies through simulated negotiations that reflect situations lawyers encounter in practice. The course emphasizes that many modern business transactions have global dimensions, even when they appear domestic, and is particularly suited for students interested in business practice, transactional law, or international legal work. There is no final examination. Instead, students will produce a legal memorandum of approximately 20 pages analyzing legal issues for a client based on an assigned problem. Students will submit a draft for feedback prior to submitting the final memorandum, which is designed to be of sufficient quality to serve as a professional writing sample. To promote consistent engagement with the materials throughout the semester, students will also submit brief written assignments (approximately 200–300 words) responding to the assigned readings. In addition, 10% of the final grade will be based on class participation, which will be evaluated separately and is not used as a participation “boost.” **This course is an approved elective for the Business Law Certificate and the**

International Law Certificate. Enrollment is limited to 10 students. Note: this course is offered every other year during the fall or spring semester.

International Comparative Law and Religion (3) Law-7603

The Jewish, Christian and Islamic Legal Traditions. This course, through readings and class discussion, documentaries and guest speakers, introduces the American law student to the legal thought of the three Abrahamic religions – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Following introductory sessions on the history and tradition of each religion, the course will examine and compare the sources and structure of each religion and its basic precepts. Selected legal topics will be examined in-depth, such as the "personal status" laws of marriage, divorce, inheritance; the relationship of the church/synagogue/mosque to the state; and the approach of each religion to the role of armed conflict. The course takes a comparative approach to the three Abrahamic traditions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—and the many ways they interact with each other and with law and society. The course also examines legal persecution of the 3 Abrahamic religions: Antisemitism; Christophobia; and Islamophobia. There is no final exam. This is a paper course. **This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented writing requirement. This course is an approved elective for the International Law Emphasis Certificate Program.**

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 Certificate and the required Public International Law Class for the Emphasis.**

Land Use Regulation (3) Law-7626

This course examines the politics, policy, and law of land use development. The material covers land use planning, zoning, subdivision controls, historic preservation laws, constitutional and state law constraints on regulation, the economics and politics of land development, growth controls, racial and class segregation, sprawl, affordable housing policy, gentrification, environmental regulation, and much more. The course blends traditional case readings with readings from urban theory, history, philosophy, economics, and sociology to give students a context for understanding modern land use regulation. **This is a core requirement for the ENLURE certificate.**

Legal Writing Skills (3) Law-7575

This course is designed to develop legal writing skills needed for success in practice. This course will focus on objective legal analysis and the writing of legal memoranda, as well as persuasive legal writing, with the aim of allowing students to write multiple shorter memos and briefs in which they can practice their reasoning and drafting skills. Note: Any student who received a grade below 2.0 in Legal Research and Writing I and/or Legal Research and Writing II or if recommended by the LAWR professors must take this course as a condition of graduation. In addition, students who are required to take this course must do so during their second year of study. This course is open to all students, but priority may be given to students who are required to take it for graduation. **For the 2026/2027 academic year, this course is offered in the Spring of 2027 semester.**

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 Emphasis 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 (3) Law-7815

This course will cover the core features of US patent law, paying attention to the patent statute, influential cases, and the historical development of key doctrines. No technical background or prior familiarity with intellectual property is required; the course is open to anyone with an interest in the topic. **This course is an approved elective for the Business Law certificate.**

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 & MPRE Tested

This course description is for Professional Responsibility in Spring 2027 with Professor Paton.

This course is a study of the ethical issues confronting an individual lawyer in practice as well as an examination of questions confronting the legal profession as a whole. We will examine complex professional responsibility problems in some of the most important areas of concern for practicing lawyers, including confidentiality, conflicts of interest, and litigation tactics. We will also consider the history, governance and transformation of the legal profession, competence in an age of artificial intelligence, and requirements of professionalism and civility. While this course will assist in your preparations for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination and for the California Bar Examination, it is not designed simply to be an MPRE or bar prep course. The lectures, materials and class discussions will also seek to give both a theoretical and practical foundation for you to think about what it means to practice ethically, and to prompt reflection about what it means to be a lawyer.

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).**

Tax 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 Emphasis certificate and an approved elective for the Criminal Law Emphasis Certificate.**

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 Certificate.**

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 assign students to active misdemeanor cases. Students will work on all aspects of the client's case including reviewing discovery, designing case strategies and preparing litigation. Students will have the opportunity to appear on the record for misdemeanor arraignments, pleas and other standard appearances. In addition, they will hone interviewing skills and client relations with real clients accused of misdemeanors. 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. Please note that students need to be available at least one full morning a week to be present in court.

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 Laura Jose (ljose@chapman.edu) (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 copy of the volunteer waiver form; and (4) a completed background check form. Once the background check is completed and Professor Jose approves a student's enrollment in the Clinic, the Registrar's Office will enroll the student in the course. **Note: Enrollment is subject to OCPD approval. The law school is not involved in the selection process and is not provided with any information about why an applicant is or is not selected. 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 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. Note: Enrollment is subject to OCDA approval. The law school is not involved in the selection process and is not provided with any information about why an applicant is or is not selected. 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 required for the Tax Law Emphasis Certificate. This course is an approved elective towards the Business Law Emphasis Certificate. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course Requirement. Prerequisite: Federal Income Tax.**

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 <https://canvas.chapman.edu/courses/27235>. 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), 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 <https://canvas.chapman.edu/courses/27235>. 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), 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-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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