

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Oklahoma City University School of Law offers a number of certificate programs. If you would like to pursue a certificate program, please complete and file a *Declaration of Intent to Pursue a Certificate Program* with the Student Services Office. The form is available from that office. This allows the university's computer system to identify you as a potential certificate holder. Also be sure to check the appropriate box on your work statement each semester or summer term.

### CERTIFICATES IN BUSINESS LAW

Much of the work of lawyers involves counseling business entities and representing businesses in complex commercial litigation. With the globalization of the economy and increasing advances in information technology, the legal framework for business transactions is constantly changing. Law students who are well-grounded in these emerging legal issues will be better equipped to represent clients in transactions and dispute resolution.

#### A. *Electronic Commerce Concentration*

A student shall receive a Certificate in Business Law with an Electronic Commerce Concentration upon completion of all requirements for the *Juris Doctor* degree and completion of the following requirements:

(1) Completion, with a B- average, of six of the following courses, composed of:

(a) All three core courses:

- i. Computer Law;
- ii. Electronic Commerce and Banking; and
- iii. Intellectual Property Law;

(b) At least one Uniform Commercial Code-related course:

- i. Commercial Paper;
- ii. Sales;
- iii. Secured Transactions; or
- iv. Consumer Bankruptcy; and

(c) Any of the following elective courses:

- i. Agency and Unincorporated Business Associations;
- ii. Bankruptcy Reorganization;
- iii. Consumer Law;
- iv. Copyright Law;
- v. Corporations;

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- vi. Debtor-Creditor Law;
  - vii. Patent Law;
  - viii. The Law of Alternative Dispute Resolution;
  - ix. Trademark Law;
  - x. UCC courses listed in Section (1)(b); or
  - xi. Any other elective course with significant business law content approved by the program director;
- (2) Completion, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor, a publishable paper (seminar, directed research, or law review note, but not a supervised paper), on an electronic commerce topic approved by the program director;\*
- (3) Editing of a major article with significant electronic commerce content (law review or equivalent format) to the satisfaction of the program director;\* and
- (4) Attending at least a one-day Continuing Legal Education program with significant electronic commerce content, to the satisfaction of the program director.\*

The program director for this certificate is Professor Alvin Harrell.

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\* A paper, article edit, or CLE program attendance used for the Electronic Commerce Concentration may not also be used for the Financial Services and Commercial Law Concentration.

### ***B. Financial Services and Commercial Law Concentration***

A student shall receive a Certificate in Business Law with a Financial Services and Commercial Law Concentration upon completion of all requirements for the *Juris Doctor* degree and completion of the following requirements:

- (1) Completion, with a B- average, of six of the following courses:
- a. Agency and Unincorporated Business Associations;
  - b. Banking Law;
  - c. Bankruptcy Reorganization;
  - d. Commercial Paper;
  - e. Consumer Bankruptcy;
  - f. Consumer Law;
  - g. Corporations;
  - h. Debtor-Creditor Law;
  - i. Electronic Commerce and Banking;
  - j. International Business Transactions;
  - k. Products Liability;

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- l. Sales and Leases;
  - m. Secured Transactions;
  - n. The Law of Alternative Dispute Resolution; or
  - o. Any other elective course with significant business law content approved by the program director;
- (2) Completion, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor, a publishable paper (seminar, directed research, or law review note, but not a supervised paper) on a commercial law topic approved by the program director;\*
  - (3) Editing of a major commercial law article (law review or equivalent format) to the satisfaction of the program director;\* and
  - (4) Attending at least a one-day commercial law Continuing Legal Education program, to the satisfaction of the program director.\*

The program director for this certificate is Professor Alvin Harrell.

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\* A paper, article edit, or CLE program used for the Financial Services and Commercial Law Concentration may not also be used for the Electronic Commerce Concentration.

**CERTIFICATE IN CLIENT REPRESENTATION IN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

A student shall receive a Certification in Client Representation in Alternative Dispute Resolution upon completion of all requirements for the *Juris Doctor* degree and completion of the following courses:

- (1) The Law of Alternative Dispute Resolution;
- (2) Client Representation in Arbitration;
- (3) Client Representation in Mediation; and
- (4) Client Representation in Negotiation.

The program director for this certificate is Professor Phyllis Bernard.

## **CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH LAW**

A student shall receive a Certificate in Health Law upon completion of all requirements for the *Juris Doctor* degree and completion of the following requirements:

- (1) Completion, with a B- average, of five of the following courses, composed of:
  - (a) Health Law (formerly known as Law and Medicine);
  - (b) At least two of the following core courses:
    - i. Administrative Law;
    - ii. Bioethics;
    - iii. Health Care Regulatory Law;
    - iv. Law & Genetics; or
    - v. Public Health Law; and
  - (c) Any of the following elective courses:
    - i. Agency and Unincorporated Business Associations;
    - ii. Child Abuse and Neglect I & II;
    - iii. Elder Law;
    - iv. Employment Law;
    - v. Information Privacy Law;
    - vi. Insurance Law;
    - vii. Law of Alternative Dispute Resolution;
    - viii. Products Liability; or
    - ix. Any other elective course with significant health law content approved by the program director;
- (2) Completion, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor, of a publishable paper (seminar, directed research or law review note, but not a supervised paper) on a health law topic approved by the program director; and
- (3) Completion of one of the following:
  - (a) Pro bono work consisting of 50 hours during one semester in a health law field approved by the program director;
  - (b) Paid employment consisting of 100 hours during one semester in a health law field approved by the program director;
  - (c) Externship at a placement site approved by the program director; or
  - (d) A second paper (seminar, directed research law review note, or a supervised paper) to the satisfaction of a full-time faculty sponsor, on a health law topic approved by the program director.

The program director for this certificate is Professor Vicki MacDougall.

## CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC LAW

As the relationship between law and public policy becomes more complex and the role of attorneys in government agencies increases, there is a great need for attorneys with both an excellent grounding in the theory of law and political science and a well-rounded exposure to the doctrines of public law in diverse areas such as Environmental Law, Securities Regulation, and Federal Criminal Law. The Certificate in Public Law enables students, through a well-planned series of courses, extensive writing, and opportunities to do an externship in the field, to acquire excellent training in public law that will make them attractive not only to government employers, but to any employer who deals with public law issues.

A student shall receive a Certificate in Public Law upon completion of all requirements for the *Juris Doctor* degree and completion of the following requirements:

- (1) Completion, with a B- average, of six of the following courses, composed of:
  - (a) Administrative Law;
  - (b) At least one of the following courses:
    - i. Legislation;
    - ii. State Constitutional Law; or
    - iii. State and Local Government; and
  - (c) Any of the following elective courses:
    - i. American Criminal Law and Restorative Justice;
    - ii. American Indian Law;
    - iii. Antitrust Law I;
    - iv. Antitrust Law II;
    - v. Applied Criminal Procedure;
    - vi. Capital Punishment;
    - vii. Constitutional Civil Rights;
    - viii. Environmental Law;
    - ix. Estate and Gift Tax Law;
    - x. Federal Criminal Law;
    - xi. Federal Jurisdiction;
    - xii. First Amendment;
    - xiii. Immigration Law;
    - xiv. Income Tax Law;
    - xv. Labor Law;
    - xvi. Religion and the Constitution;
    - xvii. Securities Regulation; or
    - xviii. State Administrative Law; or
    - xix. Any other elective course with significant public law content approved by the program director;

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- (2) Completion, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor, a publishable paper (seminar, directed research, or law review note, but not a supervised paper) on a public law topic approved by the program director; and
- (3) Completion of one of the following:
  - (a) A Government Practice Externship or a Judicial Externship, to the satisfaction of the Director of Externship Programs; or
  - (b) A second paper (seminar, directed research, law review note, or a supervised paper) on a public law topic approved by the program director, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor; or
  - (c) A brief (for a moot court team approved for academic credit) on a public law topic approved by the program director, to the satisfaction of a full-time law faculty sponsor.

The program director for this certificate is Professor Andrew Spiropoulos.