The Business Law Clustered Curriculum

Introduction

The William S. Richardson School of Law clustered approach to the study of business law enhances our students’ ability to navigate the curriculum during their second and third years. The School of Law’s program of study in the business core capitalizes on Hawai‘i’s central position linking Asia and the Pacific.

The business law curriculum is supported by four clusters that are responsive to the needs of Hawai‘i’s next generation of business lawyers. These clusters prepare students for the practice of law in the following spheres: (1) corporate, (2) cross-border & comparative commercial law, (3) innovation & entrepreneurship, and (4) small firm practice.

Leading scholars and practitioners with highly specialized knowledge in and across the clustered business law curriculum offer students both theoretical challenges and concrete foundations to enable their success in a new millennium economy driven by global business and Internet-related technology and innovations. Our faculty members are committed to providing students with opportunities to pursue both scholarship and practical experiences in business law.

Business Law Core

Business Law Core courses build upon doctrine and policy presented in the first year contracts course; as well, they represent the foundation for a business law or enterprise management career path. These courses are Business Associations, Secured Transactions, Intellectual Property Law, and the Second Year Seminar. Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in these courses early in their law school careers because early planning can ensure maximum advantage of the advanced courses offered in the clusters.

Business Law Faculty

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<th>Full-Time Faculty of Law</th>
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Business Core (Enroll in 2L Year)

Business Associations  (F/S)¹
Secured Transactions (F)
Second Year Seminar (Business Law Faculty) (S)

Business Clusters

Corporate Sphere
- Administrative Law (F/S)
- Antitrust Law in Intellectual Property (S) (N)
- Business Reorganization in Bankruptcy (S)
- Corporate & Partnership Taxation (S)
- Corporate Finance (S)
- Government Contract Law (F/S)
- Labor Law (F)
- Negotiable Instruments (S)
- Securities Regulation (F/S)

Cross-Border & Comparative Commercial Law
- Asia Pacific Insolvency Law (F)
- Asian Comparative Labor Law (S)
- Chinese Business Law (S)
- International Business Transactions (F)
- International Intellectual Property Law (S)
- Japanese Business Law (S)

Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- High Growth Entrepreneurship (F)
- Intellectual Property Law (F)
- Intellectual Property Strategies (F/S) (N)
- Internet Law & Policy (F/S)
- Licensing Intellectual Property (F/S)
- Small Business & Entrep. Clinic (S)

Small Firm Practice
- Contract Drafting (F/S)
- Debtor & Creditor Rights (S)
- Labor & Employment Law (F)
- Non-Profit Workshop (S)
- Real Estate Development (S)
- Sales (S)

¹ F/S denotes course can be offered and taken in either fall or spring semesters. F denotes course offered in the fall semester. S denotes course offered in the spring semester. N denotes newly proposed, new course offering, or previously offered advanced legal studies course offering subject to approval by the School of Law Curriculum Committee. Courses are subject to availability.