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Like every law school, our first-year curriculum includes a set of courses that establish the core doctrinal, theoretical, and policy foundations of law. But our 1L curriculum uniquely includes a series of courses that are designed—from the first day of law school—to fulfill our mission of producing practice-ready lawyers.

You’ll begin practical training on the very first day. In Problem Solving I: The Lawyer and Client, you will work with practicing lawyers and law school faculty to develop the skills that lawyers use to build and maintain relationships with individual, corporate, and governmental clients. As part of this training, you’ll interview an actual client and observe real-world legal proceedings.

In Legal Argument and Factual Persuasion, you’ll systematically learn how a lawyer formulates arguments to the court using the three fundamental sources of law—constitutions, statutes, and case precedents. The course also introduces an entirely different argument structure that lawyers use to persuade jurors to find disputed facts in favor of their clients. You will then write a memorandum of law, the lawyer’s primary form of written communication.

In Practicing Law in a Global World: Context and Competencies I, you’ll learn the transnational and international principles that are a mainstay of law in the 21st century. Class sessions with lawyers will expose you to the diverse settings and substantive areas of practice in which you may choose to use your law degree. As a result, you’ll be able to make more informed choices about your elective courses and better position yourself for success in the job market.

The second semester introduces an additional set of lawyering skills. You’ll begin your training on the challenging art of conveying complex legal analysis in writing. In Problem Solving II: The Lawyer As Writer, you’ll objectively evaluate a series of realistic client problems by using effective research techniques. You’ll then write a memorandum of law, the lawyer’s primary form of written communication.

In Practicing Law in a Global World: Context and Competencies II, you’ll receive the additional training you’ll need to be an effective and valued lawyer beyond substantive legal knowledge. Drawing upon some of the latest research, as well as input from our prominent alumni, the course will introduce you to the extra-legal competencies needed to succeed in today’s competitive marketplace—including teamwork skills, project management, cultural competency, and familiarity with basic business concepts.

Required courses in your second year continue to prepare you for practice. In Problem Solving III: The Lawyer As Persuader, you’ll learn how to use research and writing tools to craft arguments that are strong, honest, and respectful of your adversaries and the court. You’ll advocate both in written briefs and in oral arguments.

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IN-HOUSE CLINICS

During your second and third years, you’ll have the chance to participate in one of four legal clinics. Under the guidance of clinical faculty, you’ll offer legal services to area residents and public interest organizations that cannot afford private representation.

Penn State’s Dickinson Law offers four distinct types of clinics:

- Direct, individual client representation in our Community Law Clinic
- A mixture of direct client representation and policy advocacy in our Children’s Advocacy Clinic
- Nonprofit lobbying and policy advocacy in our Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Clinic
- Interdisciplinary collaboration between future lawyers and professionals in our Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic

INTERNSHIPS

With a Dickinson Law internship, you’ll practice law in a legal setting outside the classroom while earning academic credit. You’ll gain valuable experience working for a federal or state judge, prosecutor or public defender, government agency, or nonprofit organization.

Internship opportunities exist at the local, state, and federal levels, in both public and private settings. Students may request to participate in one of our pre-existing internship placements or create their own unique internship of their choosing. Though this is not an exhaustive list, Dickinson Law internship placements have previously included work with the following types of organizations:

- Office of the United States Attorney
- Office of the County District Attorney
- Office of the Federal Public Defender
- Office of the County Public Defender
- Pennsylvania Governor’s Office of General Counsel
- Pennsylvania Department of Banking & Securities
- Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development
- Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
- Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board
- Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
- Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas
- Ben Franklin TechCelerator Program
- U.S. Army War College
- Women in Need
- MidPenn Legal Services
- Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
SEMESTER-IN-PRACTICE PROGRAMS

Continue your transition from promising student to practicing attorney with a Semester-in-Practice. These immersive programs allow you to work full-time in Harrisburg, Washington, DC, or an international tribunal.

Placements have included the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; U.S. Department of Justice; Governor’s Office of General Counsel; YWCA Domestic Violence Legal Center; and International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), The Hague, Netherlands; and the International Criminal Court (ICC).

- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
- International Justice Program
While your core, required courses provide a strong foundation of doctrinal knowledge, the electives you select in your second and third years of law school begin to shape your career. Dickinson Law’s elective curriculum is organized around the substantive ways that lawyers use their training. This is what we call “The Lawyer As…”

- The Lawyer As… Business Advisor
- The Lawyer As… Civil Rights Advocate
- The Lawyer As… Conflict Resolver
- The Lawyer As… Consumer Advocate
- The Lawyer As… Employment Advisor
- The Lawyer As… Environmental Advocate
- The Lawyer As… Family Advisor
- The Lawyer As… Government Advisor
- The Lawyer As… Intellectual Property Advisor
- The Lawyer As… International Advisor and Advocate
- The Lawyer As… Manager and Leader
- The Lawyer in… Medicine, Health Care, and Biotechnology
- The Lawyer As… Prosecutor and Defender
- The Lawyer As… Public Interest Advocate
- The Lawyer As… Regulatory Advisor
- The Lawyer As… Researcher
- The Lawyer As… Tax Advisor
- The Lawyer As… Trial Advocate
- The Lawyer As… Wealth Management Advisor
- The Lawyer As… Writer
THE LAWYER AS…

BUSINESS ADVISOR

Business lawyers are some of the most sought-after attorneys in the legal profession. Your business law career might include working as a corporate and transactional lawyer in a private law firm or in-house counsel at a corporation.

In The Lawyer As Business Advisor curriculum, you’ll develop an understanding of business issues related to mergers and acquisitions, as well as intellectual property.

To pursue a career in business law, you should enroll in core business-related electives, those related to specialized areas of law, and those that expand your skills as a legal advisor and counselor during your second and third years.

Related Coursework

- Business Entities I: Unincorporated Business Entities
- Business Entities II: Corporations
- Multinational Corporations
- International Business Transactions
- Business Planning for Small Business Enterprises
- Federal Securities Regulation
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Lawyering and Ethics for the Business Attorney Seminar
- White Collar Crime
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Consumer Protection
- Bankruptcy
- Banking Regulation
- Payment Systems
- Construction Law
- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Antitrust Section
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
  - Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities
  - Pennsylvania Department of State
- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
  - Securities and Exchange Commission
  - U.S. Department of the Treasury
  - U.S. Department of Commerce
  - U.S. Agency for Economic Development
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
  - Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry
  - Pennsylvania Department of Banking

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THE LAWYER AS...
CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE

Civil rights lawyers dedicate their careers to protecting the right to free expression, assembly, religion, and privacy. They seek redress for discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, disability, age, or sexual orientation. And they help people navigate problems involving immigration and citizenship.

The Lawyer As Civil Rights Advocate curriculum will prepare you for a career in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, in state attorneys general offices, in nonprofit public interest organizations, and in private firms that focus on employment discrimination and fair housing issues. The Miller Center Pro Bono Matching Program gives you the opportunity to gain real-world experience by working with attorneys representing clients unable to afford private counsel.

As you study civil rights, you should also consider courses listed in the pages describing The Lawyer As Prosecutor and Defender, The Lawyer As Environmental Advocate, The Lawyer As Government Advisor, and The Lawyer As Consumer Advocate.

Related Coursework

• Trial Advocacy
• Advanced Trial Advocacy
• Constitutional Law II: Equal Protection and Due Process
• First Amendment
• The Constitutional Law of Religion
• Law and Individuals with Disabilities
• Employment Discrimination
• Election Law
• International Human Rights
• Protection of Individual Rights Under State Constitutions Seminar
• Race, Racism, and American Law Seminar
• Immigration Law
• National Security Law
• Poverty Law
• Civil Liberties Litigation
• Criminal Procedure
• Advanced Criminal Procedure
• Post-Conviction Process
• Federal Courts
• Class Actions Seminar
• Nonprofit Organizations

• Administrative Law
• Federal Regulatory and Legislative Practice Seminar
• In-House Clinics
  - Community Law Clinic
  - Children’s Advocacy Clinic
  - Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Clinic
• Internships
  - MidPenn Legal Services
  - Community Justice Project
  - Federal Judicial Placements
  - International Justice Program
• Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
  - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
  - Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
  - Human Rights Watch
• Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
  - YWCA Domestic Violence Legal Center
  - Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

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THE LAWYER AS...
CONFLICT RESOLVER

Effective conflict resolution serves as a critical skill in many areas of legal practice. Lawyers use their knowledge of substantive law, procedural law, and legal ethics, along with many specialized skills, to represent clients in myriad situations. These include consensual dispute resolution procedures, adjudicative dispute resolution procedures, and hybrid mediation-arbitration procedures.

Lawyers also use conflict resolution skills to develop responsive dispute resolution procedures, broader dispute resolution systems, and dispute resolution clauses for inclusion in contracts.

The Lawyer As Conflict Resolver curriculum introduces you to foundational areas of domestic, transnational, and international procedural law. You'll study conflict resolution as it applies to courtroom situations, along with mediation and arbitration in both agency-based and public/private hybrid negotiations.

Related Coursework

- General Dispute Resolution
  - Negotiation/Mediation
  - Client Counseling
  - Arbitration Law
  - Congressional Investigations Seminar
  - International Commercial Arbitration
  - Dispute System Design Seminar
- General Civil Litigation in the United States
  - Trial Advocacy
  - Advanced Trial Advocacy
  - Federal Courts
  - Pennsylvania Practice
  - Evidence
  - Electronic Evidence Seminar
  - Remedies
  - Class Actions Seminar
- General Criminal Litigation in the United States
  - Criminal Procedure
  - Advanced Criminal Procedure
  - Federal Criminal Practice
  - Pennsylvania Criminal Law Practice
  - Post-Conviction Process
- Substantive Law-Specific Procedure in the United States
  - Administrative Law
  - Bankruptcy
  - Business Reorganization
  - Federal Regulatory and Legislative Practice Seminar
  - Civil Liberties Litigation
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Environmental Litigation
- Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution
  - In-House Clinics
    - Children's Advocacy Clinic
    - Community Law Clinic
- Courses that include some negotiation:
  - International Business Transaction
  - Business Planning for Small Business Enterprises
- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
  - National Labor Relations Board
  - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
  - AFL-CIO
- Judicial Internships
THE LAWYER AS...
CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Consumer advocates play a vital role in protecting individuals from a wide variety of unfair business practices. You'll prepare for a career protecting consumers against unfair mortgage lending and foreclosure practices, "pay-day" lenders and other financial institution fraud, consumer crimes against senior citizens, and other breaches of consumer trust.

In The Lawyer As Consumer Advocate curriculum, you'll study Contracts, Torts, and Constitutional Law during your first year. Then, you'll deepen your understanding of consumer rights and obligations with courses on banking law, commercial law, Health Care law, elder law, products liability law, and real estate law.

Related Coursework
- Secured Transactions
- Bankruptcy
- Consumer Protection
- Payment Systems
- Banking Regulation
- Communications Law
- Construction Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Congressional Investigations Seminar

- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection
  - Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
  - Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
    - Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia
    - Federal Trade Commission
    - AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly
  - Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
    - Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
    - Pennsylvania Department of Banking

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THE LAWYER AS...

EMPLOYMENT ADVISOR

Employment lawyers help employers remain compliant with the many federal, state, and local laws governing employment. They also help protect employee labor rights and defend employees against unlawful harassment or discrimination in the workplace. Employment lawyers counsel clients on a variety of issues, including workers’ compensation, wrongful termination, workplace safety, wages and overtime, and employee benefits.

The Lawyer As Employment Advisor curriculum prepares you with substantive employment law knowledge and skills. Courses include Negotiation/Mediation, Writing and Editing, Advanced Legal Research, Workers’ Compensation Law, Employee Benefits Law, Employment Discrimination, and Employment and Labor Law. You’ll receive both in-class and practical instruction in supervised internships in employment law settings such as the Pennsylvania Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the National Labor Relations Board.

Students interested in labor and employment law should also review courses listed under The Lawyer As Conflict Resolver, The Lawyer As Writer, and The Lawyer As Researcher.

Related Coursework

- Advanced Legal Research
- Employment Law Survey
- Employment Discrimination
- Employee Benefits Law
- Gender and Sexual Orientation
- Labor Law
- Law and Individuals with Disabilities
- Negotiation/Mediation
- Sports and Entertainment Law
- Workers’ Compensation Law
- Writing and Editing
- Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
  - Pennsylvania Department of State
  - Pennsylvania Department of Health
  - Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
  - Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
  - Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission
  - Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
  - U.S. Department of Labor and Industry
- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
  - National Labor Relations Board
  - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
  - AFL-CIO
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
  - Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry

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Environmental attorneys work at the federal, state, local, and agency levels to develop and enforce the laws and policies that regulate the environment. They also work for nonprofit environmental advocacy organizations and in private firms planning, advising, and executing compliance with environmental laws and defending clients against claimed violations.

The Lawyer As Environmental Advocate curriculum addresses the constitutional, statutory, administrative, common law, and policy underpinnings of environmental law at all levels. Your study involves class-based and practice-based learning, including environmental law placements in internships, or through a Semester-in-Practice in Harrisburg or Washington, DC.

Related Coursework
- Environmental Law
- Administrative Law
- State and Local Governmental Law
- Agricultural Law
- The Law of the Sea
- Oil and Gas Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- Law and Policy of Shale Gas Development
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Environmental Litigation
- Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Certificate in Government Affairs - Federal Regulatory and Legislative Practice
- Certificate in Government Affairs – State Regulatory and Legislative Practice

Internships
- Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - U.S. Department of Justice
  - Food and Water Watch
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
  - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
  - Environmental Hearing Board
Lawyers who practice family law pursue a number of career paths, from private firms to public entities. As a Family Advisor, you’ll represent spouses, children, or parents in many different aspects of family law. You’ll resolve conflicts, provide emergency protection when needed, represent dependent children, negotiate financial arrangements during divorce proceedings, or represent child welfare agencies. You may also choose a career representing individuals in civil court settings during family disputes.

The Lawyer As Family Advisor curriculum addresses the complexities of family law and incorporates many related areas of law including disability law, juvenile law, administrative law, and constitutional law. Your education includes courses in advocacy, evidence, and poverty law, along with practice-based clinics.

Related Coursework
- Family Law
- Education Law
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates
- Estate Planning
- Probate Practice
- Elder Law
- Law and Aging Seminar
- Juvenile Law
- Law and Individuals with Disabilities
- Poverty Law
- Immigration Law
- Bankruptcy
- Basic Federal Income Taxation
- Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Advanced Federal Income Taxation
- In-House Clinics
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  - AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly
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- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
  - YWCA Domestic Violence Legal Center
THE LAWYER AS…
GOVERNMENT ADVISOR

Government law practice often provides the opportunity to serve the public and to develop expertise in a particular area of law. Careers include working closely with elected officials and senior government policy makers in the executive and legislative branches of state and national government, legal staff positions with city and county governments, private practice, or joining an in-house corporate legal department. In fact, a concentration in government law may ultimately increase your employment options and opportunities in other areas of law.

The Lawyer As Government Advisor curriculum will help you develop skills in specialized areas of law, or prepare you as a generalist who litigates on behalf of government entities. You might also choose a career representing government regulatory agencies in administrative proceedings.

Students interested in government law should enroll in government-related elective courses during their second year. Following those foundational courses, choose carefully among specialized upper-level elective courses to further prepare for a particular area of government law practice. Clinics, internships, and Semester-in-Practice programs can jump start your career and make valuable contacts that will help you throughout your career.

Related Coursework
- Constitutional Law II: Equal Protection
- Administrative Law
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Federal Regulatory and Legislative Practice Seminar
- Election Law
- Education Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- National Security Law
- Protection of Individual Rights Under State Constitutions
- Civil Liberties Litigation
- Certificate in Government Affairs

- Internships
  - Legislative Reference Bureau
  - Judicial Conduct Board
  - Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General

- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
  - U.S. Department of Justice
  - Federal Communications Commission
  - Federal Aviation Administration
  - Environmental Protection Agency

- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel

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THE LAWYER AS…
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ADVISOR

By some estimates, nearly half the market capitalization of the largest public companies is attributable to intellectual property. As businesses increasingly adopt IP strategic plans, you’ll discover a number of rewarding career paths. Careers include in-house corporate advisors, attorneys in boutique IP law firms, patent examiners at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and positions with governmental agencies.

The Lawyer As Intellectual Property Advisor curriculum will teach you how to identify intellectual property, prepare contracts and trademark applications, devise strategies to protect against unauthorized exploitation, cultivate new revenue streams from intellectual property, and ensure that companies do not violate the IP rights of others.

Students interested in intellectual property should take the Introduction to Intellectual Property course in the fall of their second year, then consider enrolling in additional specialized courses. Students should also consult courses listed under The Lawyer As Researcher, The Lawyer As Writer, The Lawyer As Conflict Resolver, The Lawyer As Consumer Advocate, and The Lawyer As Government Advisor.

Related Coursework
- Introduction to Intellectual Property
- Copyrights
- Patents
- Trademarks
- Internet Law
- Communications Law
- Transactional Drafting
- Internships
  - Federal Judicial Clerkships
  - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
  - Ben Franklin TechCelerator Program

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THE LAWYER AS...  
INTERNATIONAL ADVISOR AND ADVOCATE

Lawyers with international law expertise enjoy successful careers in private law firms, corporate general counsel offices, the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations, the International Criminal Court, and various public service organizations. As a global citizen and ambassador, you’ll use your skills to elevate public awareness about important international law and human rights issues, and to explain the international treaties and customary laws that govern state conduct and private interactions.

The Lawyer As International Advisor and Advocate curriculum will give you a solid foundation in international law concepts (public and private) and help you understand the impact of international law on domestic practice. You’ll learn the skills necessary to advise clients on global business transactions, bring a damages claim related to a foreign incident, negotiate an environmental treaty, or assess the legality of a military use of force. You’ll also have the opportunity to participate in Dickinson Law’s International Justice Program, where you’ll work side-by-side with senior prosecutors at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the Special Court for Sierra Leone, both located in The Hague, Netherlands.

Students interested in international law should consult courses listed in The Lawyer As Environmental Advocate and The Lawyer As Government Advisor. You’ll also want to explore Dickinson Law’s education abroad programs for a list of our institutional partners around the world.

Related Coursework
- International Human Rights
- Cross-Border Legal Practice Seminar
- International Business Transactions
- Comparative International Tax Law
- National Security Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- Immigration Law
- History of International Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Criminal Law
- International Trade Law
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Certificate in Government Affairs
- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
  - U.S. Agency for International Development
  - Human Rights Watch
  - U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Asset Control
  - U.S.-China Economic Review and Security Commission
  - International Justice Program
    - International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
    - International Criminal Court (ICC)
THE LAWYER AS...
MANAGER AND LEADER

Many of today's leading companies and organizations need trusted leaders and advisors who have a foundation in law to guide the firm’s successful legal and business strategies. Lawyers who can help lead an organization are invaluable in a broad range of employment settings.

The Lawyer As Manager and Leader curriculum introduces you to project management principles and leadership skills. You’ll also build expertise and extra-legal competencies that will prepare you to help your clients interact with and manage specialists in other fields.

Related Coursework
- Cross-Border Legal Practice Seminar
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Business Planning for Small Business Enterprises
- Client Counseling
- Negotiation/Mediation
- Trial Advocacy
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Dispute System Design Seminar
- Lawyering and Ethics for the Business Attorney Seminar
- Strategic Legal Research
- Writing Workshop
- Writing and Editing for Lawyers
- Federal Regulatory and Legislative Practice Seminar
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Internships
  - Ben Franklin TechCelerator Program
  - Judicial Placements
  - Judicial Conduct Board
- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including
  - American Bar Association
  - U.S. Agency for International Development
  - AFL-CIO

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THE LAWYER IN
MEDICINE, HEALTH CARE,
AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

An aging population and technological breakthroughs have created heightened demand for legal advice and advocacy within the Health Care and biotechnology fields. Careers exist in private law firms, state and federal governmental agencies, and as in-house counsel.

The Lawyer in Medicine, Health Care, and Biotechnology curriculum addresses all substantive aspects of the field: the doctor-patient relationship; the organization, financing, and legal regulation of Health Care; and the development, legal protection, and safety of biotechnology. You’ll also learn how to help individuals as they confront a Health Care system of increasing complexity, and how to navigate the ethical issues arising out of end-of-life decisions and new technologies.

Related Coursework
- Products Liability
- Law and Medicine
- Health Care Law and Policy
- Health Care Organization and Finance
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Administrative Law
- Elder Law
- Law and Aging Seminar
- Law and Individuals with Disabilities
- The Law of Employee Benefits
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates
- Estate Planning
- Probate Practice
- Introduction to Intellectual Property

- Poverty Law
- Patents
- In-House Clinics
  - Children’s Advocacy Clinic
  - Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic
  - Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Clinic
- Internships
  - Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Antitrust Section
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
  - Pennsylvania Department of Health
  - Pennsylvania Department of State

Thomas L. VanKirk ’70, executive vice president, chief legal officer
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THE LAWYER AS...
PROSECUTOR AND DEFENDER

Prosecuting attorneys and public defenders serve the government in international, federal, and state criminal proceedings. Lawyers in private practice also serve as retained counsel for the accused and as counsel appointed by the court to represent individual defendants.

The Lawyer As Prosecutor and Defender curriculum addresses the substantive law of domestic and international crimes. You’ll learn procedures governing the prosecution and defense of criminal cases, constitutional principles of criminal prosecution, guidelines regarding sentencing, and the process following conviction.

Related Coursework
- Criminal Procedure
- Advanced Criminal Procedure
- Juvenile Law
- White Collar Crime
- Post-Conviction Process
- Death Penalty Seminar
- Pennsylvania Criminal Law Practice
- Federal Criminal Practice
- National Security Law
- International Criminal Law
- Trial Advocacy
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Certificate in Government Affairs

- Internships
  - Judicial Internships
  - Office of the United States Attorney
  - Office of the Federal Public Defender
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, including
    - Bureau of Consumer Protection
    - Antitrust, Health Care, and Tax Litigation Sections
  - District Attorney’s Offices
  - Public Defender’s Offices
  - International Justice Program
- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
  - Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia
  - Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia
  - U.S. Attorney’s Office of the District of Columbia
  - U.S. Department of Justice
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
  - U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
  - Office of the Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Pennsylvania

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THE LAWYER AS...
PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCATE

As a public interest lawyer, you’ll spend your career serving the public and advocating for the underrepresented through transactional work, policymaking, and adversarial proceedings. You’ll work for international, national, or regional nonprofit organizations or for government entities at the federal, state, or local level.

The Lawyer As Public Interest Advocate curriculum covers core substantive constitutional law and statutory principles that extend to all public interest cases, along with the specialized knowledge you’ll need to practice in a discrete area of public interest law. Students interested in public interest should also consult courses listed in The Lawyer As Prosecutor and Defender, The Lawyer As Civil Rights Advocate, The Lawyer As Environmental Advocate, The Lawyer As Consumer Advocate, and The Lawyer As Government Advisor.

Related Coursework

- Immigration Law
- Constitutional Law II: Equal Protection
- Race, Racism, and American Law Seminar
- First Amendment — Free Speech
- The Constitutional Law of Religion
- Civil Liberties Litigation
- Protection of Individual Rights Under State Constitutions Seminar
- Juvenile Law
- Law and Individuals with Disabilities
- Animal Law
- Poverty Law
- The Supreme Court Seminar
- Federal Indian Law Seminar
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Class Actions Seminar
- Post-Conviction Process
- Death Penalty Seminar
- International Human Rights
- Education Law
- Employment Discrimination
- In-House Clinics
  - Children’s Advocacy Clinic
  - Community Law Clinic
  - Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Clinic
- Election Law
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
  - Pennsylvania Department of Education
  - Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
  - Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities
  - Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection
  - MidPenn Legal Services
  - Community Justice Project
- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
  - American Bar Association
  - National Lawyers Guild
  - Council on American-Islamic Relations
  - National Partnership for Women and Families
  - National Senior Citizen’s Law Center
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
  - YWCA Domestic Violence Legal Center
  - Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate
- International Justice Program

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THE LAWYER AS…
REGULATORY ADVISOR

A regulatory lawyer can practice in government or nonprofit public service positions, in private law firms, or in a corporate legal department. An increasing part of legal practice, regulatory compliance work is performed by lawyers who specialize in a particular regulatory area, such as Health Care law, financial regulatory law, intellectual property law, labor and employment law, or environmental compliance law.

The Lawyer As Regulatory Advisor curriculum is designed to help you choose and prepare for a career in a specific regulatory practice area. You’ll obtain a firm grounding in the core areas of legal practice by taking gateway upper-level elective courses in administrative law, evidence, business entities law, and taxation. You’ll then take survey courses in various areas of regulatory expertise, such as banking and securities law, employment and labor law, and environmental law. By your final year, you should focus on one or two areas of regulatory law and take the advanced courses in those areas.

Related Coursework

• Administrative Law
• Federal Regulatory and Legislative Practice Seminar
• Environmental Law
• Banking Regulation
• Communications Law
• Election Law
• Energy Law and Policy
• Congressional Investigations Seminar
• Certificate in Government Affairs

• Internships
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Antitrust Section and Charitable Trusts Section
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
  - Pennsylvania Department of Banking
  - Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
  - Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
  - Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
  - Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission

• Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - Federal Trade Commission
  - U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
  - Federal Communications Commission

• Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
  - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
  - Pennsylvania Department of Banking

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THE LAWYER AS… RESEARCHER

Effective problem-solving and critical thinking are the keys to success in every area of legal practice. As an attorney, the thoroughness of your research will either limit or expand the options available to your clients.

The Lawyer As Researcher curriculum gives you a foundational knowledge of the legal system and the information sources needed to research a wide range of legal issues. You’ll learn how to manage uncertainty and ambiguity, and you will apply your research to real-world problems.

Related Coursework

• Strategic Legal Research
• Practice-Oriented Research Tips and Training Certificate Program
• Internships
• Semester-in-Washington, DC Program
• Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
• International Justice Program

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THE LAWYER AS…
TAX ADVISOR

Tax advisors work for private law firms, international accounting firms, corporations, partnerships, not-for-profit organizations, governments, and international organizations. They participate in negotiation and litigation before the federal Internal Revenue Service and Department of Treasury, state revenue agencies, foreign tax agencies, and the courts. Lawyers focused on tax law also play critical roles in tax policy formulation with governments, private enterprises, and individuals.

The Lawyer As Tax Advisor curriculum is designed to teach you the unique skills necessary for helping clients and governments navigate the intricacies of tax law as it applies to various financial and business activities. You’ll learn tax law as it pertains to real estate, corporate organization, operation, mergers and acquisitions, international business and financial transactions, trusts and estates, and nonprofit organizations.

Related Coursework
- Basic Federal Income Tax
- Advanced Federal Income Tax
- Corporate Tax
- Partnership Tax
- Comparative International Tax Law
- Estate Planning
- Business Planning for Small Business Enterprises
- State and Local Taxation
- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Tax Litigation Section
  - Semester-in-Washington, DC Program, including:
    - Internal Revenue Service
    - U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division
  - Semester-in-Harrisburg Program, including:
    - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Tax Litigation Section
    - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Tax Litigation Section
THE LAWYER AS…

TRIAL ADVOCATE

Trial lawyers enjoy successful careers as federal or state prosecutors, in international fora, as public defenders or private defense counsel, and as civil attorneys across the entire spectrum of law in private law firms, in nonprofit organizations, and in government agencies. Additionally, the persuasive skills used by trial lawyers are employed by attorneys who negotiate contracts and perform other transactional work.

The Lawyer As Trial Advocate curriculum imparts procedural knowledge, along with the substantive techniques of persuasion, in national and transnational dispute resolution settings. You’ll learn how to advocate in negotiation, mediation, arbitration, administrative hearings, civil and criminal trials, and appeals. You’ll also learn unique strategies and advocacy techniques in subject-specific litigation.

This curriculum requires you to become an expert in knowledge from other disciplines, just as you must when representing clients in the real world. As such, you should also review courses listed under The Lawyer As Researcher, The Lawyer As Writer, The Lawyer As Prosecutor and Defender, and The Lawyer As Conflict Resolver.

Related Coursework
- Evidence
  - Evidence
  - Electronic Evidence Seminar
- Remedies
- Client Counseling
- Trial Advocacy
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Appellate Advocacy
- Trial Advocacy Board
- Trial Moot Court Competition Teams
- Written Advocacy and Judicial Opinions
- Negotiation/Mediation
  - Negotiation and Mediation
- Dispute System Design Seminar
- Arbitration
  - Arbitration Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Federal Courts
- Conflicts of Law
- Insurance Regulation
- Class Actions Seminar
- Pennsylvania Practice
- Criminal Law
  - Pennsylvania Criminal Law Practice
  - Federal Criminal Practice
  - International Criminal Law
  - Post-Conviction Process
  - Criminal Procedure
  - Advanced Criminal Procedure
  - White Collar Crime
- Subject Specific Litigation
  - Civil Liberties Litigation
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Environmental Litigation
  - Products Liability
  - Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution
  - Internships
    - Office of the United States Attorney
    - Office of the Federal Public Defender
    - District Attorney’s Offices
    - Public Defender’s Offices
    - MidPenn Legal Services
    - Community Justice Project
    - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, including:
      - Bureau of Consumer Protection
      - Health Care and Tax Litigation Sections
    - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
    - Pennsylvania Department of State
    - Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
    - Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
    - Independent Boards and Commissions
      - Gaming Control Board
      - Liquor Control Board
      - Public Utility Commission
      - State Civil Service Commission
    - International Justice Program
      - International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
      - International Criminal Court (ICC)
Lawyers play a critical role in generating and preserving wealth, planning for the unpredictable, and transferring wealth through gifts, inheritances, trusts, and estates. As a Wealth Management Advisor, your career might include planning and advocating for private clients, banks, insurance companies, investment firms, charities, and governmental institutions.

The Lawyer As Wealth Management Advisor curriculum approaches the issues of wealth management from a holistic perspective. You’ll learn how the laws of property, business organization, trusts and estates, and contracts are dynamically related to the practical effects of taxation that change the way wealth is generated and preserved in society. You’ll also learn the structure of business organizations and the legal principles that govern financial activities and investments.

Related Coursework
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates
- Real Estate Negotiation and Drafting
- Probate Practice
- Elder Law
- Law and Aging Seminar
- Estate Planning
- Negotiation/Mediation
- State and Local Taxation
- State and Local Governmental Law
- Environmental Law
- Insurance Regulation
- Agricultural Law
- Secured Transactions
- Construction Law
- Bankruptcy
- Basic Federal Income Tax
- Advanced Federal Income Taxation
- Corporate Taxation
- Partnership Taxation
- Business Planning for the Small Business
- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Charitable Trusts and Organizations Section
THE LAWYER AS…
WRITER

Language is the lawyer’s most powerful tool. Regardless of the career path you choose, your writing must be clear, concise, and effective. You must be able to assess a problem objectively to determine the proper course of action and advocate for your clients in many forms of written communication.

The Lawyer As Writer curriculum gives you weekly opportunities to refine and perfect your legal writing in the context of real client situations. You’ll practice objective legal writing by drafting memoranda of law, practice persuasive writing by crafting legal briefs, and learn how to craft language to produce stronger and more effective communications.

Related Coursework

- Writing and Editing for Lawyers
- Written Advocacy and Judicial Opinions
- Writing Workshop
- Intensive Legal Writing and Drafting
- Transactional Drafting
- Law Review
- Internships
  - Federal Judicial Placements
  - Pennsylvania Supreme Court
  - Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
  - Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas
- Semester-in-Washington, DC Program
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
- International Justice Program
Our upper-level curriculum offers students the opportunity to earn a certificate by taking a prescribed combination of core and elective courses.

The Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution offers concentrations in Civil Litigation, Criminal Litigation, and Dispute Resolution.


Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution
To earn a Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution, students must complete a minimum of 15 credits by taking the required core and elective courses, as approved by the Certificate Director.

Certificate in Government Affairs
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Joint Degree Programs

Your choice of courses is not limited to Penn State’s Dickinson Law. You may earn up to six credits towards your J.D. degree from approved graduate level courses offered by other Penn State departments. You also may enroll in one of an array of joint degree programs, graduating with both your J.D. from Dickinson Law and a master’s degree from a coordinate department of Penn State.

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LL.M. Program

Throughout its rich, 40-year history of offering the LL.M. Program, Dickinson Law has welcomed students from around the world who have come to advance their careers by studying with our distinguished faculty. Our program is a 24-credit, one academic year course of study, designed to give students a high-level understanding of the U.S. legal system.

Following the foundational courses which introduce U.S. legal doctrine and analytic methodologies, students may select courses in a particular field or concentration, pursue inter-disciplinary research opportunities with other Penn State graduate programs, undertake research projects with faculty, or enrich their legal studies by participating in one of our experiential learning programs.

At Dickinson Law, we integrate our LL.M. students into the life of the law school. Our LL.M. cohort is kept intentionally small to foster greater interaction with faculty and J.D. students, as well as to cultivate relationships with alumni, judges and lawyers in the nearby metropolitan legal markets of Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, and Washington DC.

To learn more about our LL.M. program, contact Professor Amy Gaudion, Director of Graduate and International Education at dickinsonlawLLM@psu.edu.
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