The Lawyer As...
CURRICULUM
“Legal education is more than classroom instruction. It is a shared experience in which faculty and students work together to create and maintain a supportive climate for learning.”

Thomas Place
Professor of Law
Required Courses

FALL 1L

- Civil Procedure (4 credits)
- Criminal Law (3 credits)
- Legal Argument and Factual Persuasion (3 credits)
- Problem Solving I: The Lawyer and Client (2 credits)
- Torts (4 credits)

Our first-year curriculum includes a set of courses that establish the core doctrinal, theoretical, and policy foundations of law, as well as a unique set of courses designed 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 attorneys 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 conduct simulated client interviews, depositions and negotiations, and observe real-world legal proceedings during your first semester of law school.

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 implement that protocol to deliver a closing argument in the Law School’s Apfelbaum Family Courthouse.

SPRING 1L

- Constitutional Law I (3 credits)
- Contracts (4 credits)
- Practicing Law in a Global World: Contexts and Competencies (2 credits)
- Problem Solving II: The Lawyer As Writer (3 credits)
- Property (4 credits)

Your second semester at Dickinson Law introduces an additional set of lawyering skills. You’ll begin your training in the challenging art of conveying complex legal analysis in writing. In Problem Solving II: The Lawyer As Writer, you’ll analyze a client’s case by researching the relevant law, including cases, statutes, constitutional provisions, and administrative regulations. You’ll then write a memorandum of law, the lawyer’s primary form of written communication, and present oral arguments.

In Practicing Law in a Global World: Contexts and Competencies, 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 and introduce the required legal and extra-legal competencies. As a result, you’ll be able to make more informed choices about your elective courses and experiential learning settings, and better position yourself for success in the job market.

UPPER-LEVEL COURSES

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. In Professional Responsibility, you will not only learn the ethical requirements of lawyering, but will receive advanced training in extra-legal competencies essential to properly representing your clients.

- Problem Solving III: The Lawyer As Persuader (2 credits)
- Professional Responsibility (3 credits)
- One writing course designated as a seminar

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENT

The capstone of our educational mission to prepare you for the workplace is our upper-level experiential learning requirement. You’ll practice law in one of three real-world settings:

- As a certified legal intern in one of our in-house legal clinics
- As an intern with a government agency, judicial chambers, federal or state prosecutor, public defender’s office, nonprofit entity, start up, or approved private sector placement
- By full immersion in one of our Semester-in-Practice programs in Harrisburg, Washington, D.C., New York City, or at an international tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands
In-House Clinics

During your second and third years, you’ll have the chance to participate in one of our 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.

Dickinson Law offers three 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
• Interdisciplinary legal advocacy with collaboration between law students and medical students in our Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic

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, D.C., New York City, or at 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 the International Criminal Court (ICC).

• International Justice Program (The Hague, Netherlands)
• Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
• Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
• Semester-in-New York City Program

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, start-up, nonprofit organization, or approved private sector placement.

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

• Ben Franklin TechCelerator Program
• Community Justice Project
• Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Internship (various)
• MidPenn Legal Services
• Office of the County District Attorney (various)
• Office of the County Public Defender (various)
• Office of the Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Pennsylvania
• Penn State Health
• Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
• Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas
• Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
• Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
• Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center
• Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board
• Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
• Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
• Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
• Pennsylvania School Board Association
• Pennsylvania State Police
• Pennsylvania Supreme Court
• Pennsylvania Treasury Board of Finance and Revenue
• Select Medical Corporation
• United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia–Appeals Chamber
• U.S. Army War College–Office of the Post Judge Advocate
• U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
• U.S. Department of Homeland Security–Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of the Chief Counsel
• U.S. Department of Justice–Executive Office of Immigration Review (York Immigration Court)
• U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
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- Business Advisor
- Civil Rights Advocate
- Conflict Resolver
- Consumer Advocate
- Employment Advisor
- Entrepreneur, Manager, and Leader
- Environmental and Energy Advocate
- Family Advisor
- Government Advisor
- Intellectual Property Advisor
- International Advisor and Advocate
- Medicine, Health Care, and Biotechnology
- Prosecutor and Defender
- Public Interest Advocate
- Regulatory Advisor
- Researcher/Writer
- Tax Advisor
- Trial Advocate
- Wealth Management Advisor
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 or transactional lawyer in a private law firm or in-house counsel at a corporation.

In The Lawyer As… Business Advisor curriculum, you will 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.

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. Our 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 and Energy Advocate, The Lawyer As… Government Advisor, and The Lawyer As… Consumer Advocate.
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**
- Administrative Law
- Advanced Criminal Procedure
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Arbitration: Domestic and International
- Bankruptcy
- Civil Liberties Litigation
- Client Counseling
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Criminal Procedure
- Electronic Evidence Seminar
- Evidence
- Federal Courts
- Federal Criminal Practice
- Negotiation/Mediation
- Pennsylvania Criminal Law Practice
- Pennsylvania Practice
- Post-Conviction Process
- Regulatory and Legislative Practice Seminar
- Remedies
- Trial Advocacy
- Courses that include some negotiation:
  - Entrepreneurship Law: Company Creation
  - International Business Transactions
- Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- In-House Clinics
  - Children’s Advocacy Clinic
  - Community Law Clinic
  - Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic
- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
  - Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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, advanced tort law, and real estate law.

**RELATED COURSEWORK**
- Antitrust
- Banking Regulation
- Bankruptcy
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Construction Law
- Elder Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Payment Systems
- Real Estate Negotiation and Drafting
- Securities Transactions
- In-House Clinics
  - Community Law Clinic
  - Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic
- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection
  - Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
  - Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
  - Pennsylvania Department of Banking
  - Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
  - Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly
  - Federal Trade Commission
  - Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

“*We are both a product of our community and a proponent for its betterment.*”

Honor. Alicea Elloras ’99
Family Court Judge, Kings County Family Court, New York, NY

Michael Mogill
Professor of Law
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. You’ll receive both in-class and practical instruction in supervised internships in employment law settings such as the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, 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 and The Lawyer As… Researcher/Writer.

RELATED COURSEWORK
- Arbitration: Domestic and International
- Constitutional Law II
- Corporate Compliance
- Employee Benefits Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Gender and Sexuality Law
- Insurance Law
- Labor Law
- Law of Individuals with Disabilities
- Negotiation/Mediation
- Sports and Entertainment Law
- Strategic Legal Research
- Workers’ Compensation Law
- Internships
  - Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
  - Pennsylvania Department of Health
  - Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
  - Pennsylvania Department of State
  - Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
  - Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission
  - U.S. Department of Labor and Industry
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
  - Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry
- Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - AFL-CIO
  - National Labor Relations Board
  - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Entrepreneur, 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… Entrepreneur, 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
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Business Entities I: Unincorporated Business Entities
- Business Entities II: Corporations
- Client Counseling
- Competencies and Law Practice Management Skills
- Corporate Compliance
- Cross-Border Legal Practice Seminar
- Entrepreneurship Law: Company Creation
- Entrepreneurship Law: Operational Issues
- Insurance Law
- Lawyering and Ethics for the Business Attorney Seminar
- Negotiation/Mediation
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Regulatory and Legislative Practice Seminar
- Trial Advocacy
- Certificate in Entrepreneurship Law
- Internships
  - Ben Franklin TechCelerator Program
  - Judicial Conduct Board
  - Judicial Internships
  - Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
  - Joint Degree
    - J.D./Master of Business Administration (M.B.A)
- Semester-in-New York City Program
- Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - AFL-CIO
  - American Bar Association
  - U.S. Agency for International Development
Environmental and Energy Advocate

Environmental and energy attorneys work at the federal, state, and local levels to develop and enforce the laws and policies that regulate energy and 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 and Energy Advocate curriculum addresses the constitutional, statutory, administrative, common law, and policy underpinnings of environmental law at all levels. Your study involves classroom-based and practice-based learning, including environmental and energy law placements in internships, or through a Semester-in-Practice in Harrisburg or Washington, D.C.

**RELATED COURSEWORK**
- Administrative Law
- Agricultural Law
- Arbitration: Domestic and International
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Corporate Compliance
- Energy Law and Policy
- Environmental Law
- Law of the Sea
- Negotiation/Mediation
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Real Estate Negotiation and Drafting
- Regulatory and Legislative Practice Seminar
- State and Local Government Law
- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
  - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
  - Environmental Hearing Board
  - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - Food and Water Watch
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - U.S. Department of Justice

Family Advisor

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 law of individuals with disabilities, juvenile law, administrative law, and constitutional law. Your education includes courses in advocacy, evidence, and poverty law, along with practice-based clinics.

**RELATED COURSEWORK**
- Advanced Federal Income Taxation
- Bankruptcy
- Basic Federal Income Taxation
- Child Welfare Law and Policy Seminar
- Constitutional Law II
- Education Law
- Elder Law
- Estate Planning
- Family Law
- Gender and Sexuality Law
- Immigration Law
- Juvenile Law
- Law and Aging Seminar
- Law of Individuals with Disabilities
- Poverty Law
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates
- In-House Clinics
  - Children’s Advocacy Clinic
  - Community Law Clinic
- Internships
  - Judicial Internships
  - MidPenn Legal Services
  - Pennsylvania Department of Education
  - Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
  - Pennsylvania School Board Association
  - Women in Need
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
  - YWCA Domestic Violence Legal Center
- Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly

Lucy Johnston-Walsh

Professor of Clinical Law; Director, Children’s Advocacy Clinic; Director, Center on Children and the Law

“My legal career has been devoted to protecting the rights of children. The Children’s Advocacy Clinic teaches students to become advocates for our most vulnerable population.”
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/Writer, The Lawyer As… Conflict Resolver, The Lawyer As… Consumer Advocate, and The Lawyer As… Government Advisor.

“\nAt Dickinson Law, I learned effective communication and negotiation skills, and how to analyze issues from different perspectives. These tools have been instrumental in my practice of law and as a board member at the Carnegie Science Center.\n”

Noland Cheung ’93
Chair of the Intellectual Property Group, Cohen & Grigsby, Pittsburgh, PA

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, working as a staff attorney with city and county governments, practicing at a private law firm, 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 help you make valuable contacts in this field.

RELATED COURSEWORK
- Administrative Law
- Civil Liberties Litigation
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Constitutional Law I
- Counterterrorism
- Education Law
- Election Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- Federal Indian Law Seminar
- Homeland Security Law
- Immigration Law
- Information Privacy and Security Law
- Military Law
- National Security Law
- Protection of Individual Rights Under State Constitutions Seminar
- Regulatory and Legislative Practice Seminar
- State and Local Government Law
- State and Local Taxation
- Veterans Law
- Certificate in Government Affairs
- Internships
  - Judicial Conduct Board
  - Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy
  - Legislative Reference Bureau
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
  - Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission
- Joint Degree
  - J.D./Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
- Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - Federal Aviation Administration
  - Federal Communications Commission
  - U.S. Department of Justice

Students interested in government law should also consult courses listed under The Lawyer As… Researcher/Writer, The Lawyer As… Conflict Resolver, The Lawyer As… Consumer Advocate, and The Lawyer As… Government Advisor.

RELATED COURSEWORK
- Administrative Law
- Antitrust
- Copyrights
- Drafting Transactional, Legislative and Client Documents
- Health Care Law and Policy
- Information Privacy and Security Law
- Internet Law
- Introduction to Intellectual Property
- Negotiation/Mediation
- Patent Law
- Sports and Entertainment Law
- Trademarks
- Internships
  - Ben Franklin TechCelerator Program
  - Federal Judicial Clerkships
  - Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Representative Kate Klunk ’10
Pennsylvania House of Representatives, 169th Legislative District, Harrisburg, PA

Noland Cheung ’93
Chair of the Intellectual Property Group, Cohen & Grigsby, Pittsburgh, PA
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 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 and law clerks at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Students interested in international law should consult courses listed in The Lawyer As… Environmental and Energy Advocate and The Lawyer As… Government Advisor. You’ll also want to explore our education abroad programs for a list of our institutional partners around the world at dickinsonlaw.psu.edu/abroad.

**RELATED COURSEWORK**

- Arbitration: Domestic and International
- Comparative International Tax Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Cross-Border Legal Practice Seminar
- Energy Law and Policy
- History of International Law Seminar
- Immigration Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights
- International Investment Transactions
- International Law
- Introduction to Cuban Legal Systems
- Law of the Sea
- Law of Treaties
- Military Law
- National Security Law
- Russian Law Seminar
- International Justice Program - International Criminal Court (ICC)
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. China Economic Review and Security Commission
- U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Asset Control

Laurel Terry
Professor of Law

“Community is important to me. I think my most lasting scholarly legacy won’t be my publications, but will be the students I have influenced and the networks that I have tried to build.”
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**
- Administrative Law
- Advanced Torts
- Antitrust
- Child Welfare Law and Policy Seminar
- Elder Law
- Employee Benefits Law
- Entrepreneurship Law: Company Creation
- Entrepreneurship Law: Operational Issues
- Estate Planning
- Gender and Sexuality Law
- Health Care Law and Policy
- Health Law: Business Organizations and Finance
- Introduction to Intellectual Property
- Law and Medicine
- Law of Individuals with Disabilities
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Patent Law
- Poverty Law
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates
- In-House Clinics
  - Children’s Advocacy Clinic
  - Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic
- Internships
  - Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy
  - Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
  - Pennsylvania Department of Health
  - Pennsylvania Department of State
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Antitrust Section
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
- Joint Degree
  - J.D./Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - Food and Drug Administration

“By introducing students to new legal problems, causes, and fields of study, I aspire to help each student find his or her maximally rewarding career path.”

Matthew J.B. Lawrence
Assistant Professor of Law
Prosecutor and Defender

Prosecutors and public defenders are employed by the government to serve 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
- Advanced Appellate Advocacy
- Advanced Criminal Procedure
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Criminal Procedure
- Death Penalty Practice
- Federal Criminal Practice
- Homeland Security Law
- International Criminal Law
- Juvenile Law
- Military Law
- National Security Law
- Pennsylvania Criminal Law Practice
- Post-Conviction Process
- Trial Advocacy
- White-Collar Crime
- Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Internships
  - District Attorney’s Offices
  - International Justice Program
  - Judicial Internships
  - Office of the Federal Public Defender
  - Office of the United States Attorney
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
  - Antitrust, Health Care, and Tax Litigation Sections
  - Bureau of Consumer Protection
  - Public Defender’s Offices
  - U.S. Army War College-Office of the Post Judge Advocate
- Semester-in-The Hague Program
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
  - Office of the Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia
  - Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia
  - U.S. Attorney’s Office of the District of Columbia
- U.S. Department of Justice

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 and Energy Advocate, The Lawyer As… Consumer Advocate, and The Lawyer As… Government Advisor.

RELATED COURSEWORK
- Child Welfare Law and Policy Seminar
- Civil Liberties Litigation
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Constitutional Law II
- Death Penalty Practice
- Education Law
- Elder Law
- Election Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Federal Indian Law Seminar
- First Amendment-Free Speech
- Gender and Sexuality Law
- Immigration Law
- Information Privacy and Security Law
- International Human Rights Law Seminar
- Juvenile Law
- Law of Individuals with Disabilities
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Post-Conviction Process
- Poverty Law
- Protection of Individual Rights Under State Constitutions Seminar
- Race, Racism, and American Law Seminar
- Veterans Law
- In-House Clinics
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- MidPenn Legal Services
  - Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
  - Pennsylvania Department of Education
  - Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
  - Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate
  - YWCA Domestic Violence Legal Center
- Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - American Bar Association
  - Council on American-Islamic Relations
  - National Lawyers Guild
  - National Partnership for Women and Families

Kristen Uhler-McKeev '04
Director of Public Programs, Equal Justice Works, Washington, D.C.
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 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
- Antitrust
- Banking Regulation
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Corporate Compliance
- Cross-Border Legal Practice Seminar
- Election Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- Environmental Law
- Federal Securities Regulation
- Health Care Law and Policy
- Homeland Security Law
- National Security Law
- Regulatory and Legislative Practice Seminar
- Certificate in Government Affairs
- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Department of Banking
  - Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Antitrust Section and Charitable Trusts Section
  - Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel
  - Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
  - Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission
- Joint Degree
  - Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
  - Pennsylvania Department of Banking
  - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - Federal Communications Commission
  - Federal Trade Commission
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Researcher/Writer

Effective problem-solving and critical thinking are the keys to success in every area of legal practice. Language is the lawyer’s most powerful tool. As an attorney, the thoroughness of your research will either limit or expand the options available to your clients. 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… Researcher/Writer curriculum gives you a foundational knowledge of the legal system, the information sources needed to research a wide range of legal issues, and weekly opportunities to refine and hone your legal writing in the context of real client situations. You’ll learn how to manage uncertainty and ambiguity, and you will apply your research to real-world problems. 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.

Regardless of the career path you choose, your writing must be clear, concise, and effective.

RELATED COURSEWORK

- Advanced Appellate Advocacy
- Dickinson Law Review and other journals
- Drafting Transactional, Legislative and Client Documents
- Moot Court Board
- Real Estate Negotiation and Drafting
- Seminars
- Strategic Legal Research
- Internships
  - Federal Judicial Placements
  - Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
  - Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas
  - Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- International Justice Program
- Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
- Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program

“At Dickinson Law, I learned the importance of professional integrity, diligence, and hard work from a faculty that was fully vested in my professional development. When I graduated, I was armed with the skills necessary to succeed in the legal profession.”

Christina Bone-Annae ’10
Administrative Law Judge, New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance, New York, NY

“I seek to cultivate lawyers who are effective practitioners in the real world by teaching students how to think within an analytical framework and subsequently apply that analysis to their written work.”

Tiffany Jeffers ’08
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing
The Lawyer As…

Tax Advisor

Tax advisors work for private law firms, international accounting firms, corporations, partnerships, nonprofit 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

- Advanced Federal Income Taxation
- Bankruptcy
- Basic Federal Income Taxation
- Business Entities I: Unincorporated Business Entities
- Business Entities II: Corporations
- Comparative International Tax Law
- Entrepreneurship Law: Company Creation
- Entrepreneurship Law: Operational Issues
- Estate Planning
- Family Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Investment Transactions
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Policy Seminar
- Taxation of Business Entities
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates
- Internships
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Tax Litigation Section
  - Semester-in-Washington, D.C. Program
  - Internal Revenue Service
  - U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division
  - Semester-in-Harrisburg Program
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Tax Litigation Section

“I am fascinated with how taxation can be a tool of development or oppression. Many students are surprised to learn the breadth of the implications that federal tax law has in America.”

William Barker
Professor of Law

Christopher Sullivan ‘10
Associate, Business and Corporate Practice Group, MacElree Harvey, Ltd., West Chester, PA.
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/Writer, The Lawyer As… Prosecutor and Defender, and The Lawyer As… Conflict Resolver.

### RELATED COURSEWORK
- Advanced Appellate Advocacy
- Advanced Criminal Procedure
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Arbitration: Domestic and International
- Client Counseling
- Conflict of Laws
- Criminal Procedure
- Electronic Evidence Seminar
- Federal Courts
- Federal Criminal Practice
- Insurance Law
- International Criminal Law
- Most Court Board
- National Trial Most Court Team
- Negotiation/Mediation
- Pennsylvania Criminal Law Practice
- Pennsylvania Practice
- Post-Conviction Process
- Remedies
- Trial Advocacy
- Trial Advocacy Board
- White-Collar Crime
- Certificate in Litigation and Dispute Resolution

### In-House Clinics
- Children’s Advocacy Clinic
- Community Law Clinic

### Internships
- American Civil Liberties Union
- Community Justice Project
- District Attorney’s Offices
- Federal Judicial Internship
- Gaming Control Board
- Independent Boards and Commissions
- MidPenn Legal Services
- Office of the Federal Public Defender
- Office of the United States Attorney
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
- Pennsylvania Department of State
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, including:
  - Bureau of Consumer Protection
  - Health Care and Tax Litigation Sections
- Public Defender’s Offices
- Public Utility Commission
- State Civil Service Commission

### International Justice Program
- International Criminal Court (ICC)
The Lawyer As…

Wealth Management Advisor

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

• Accounting for Lawyers
• Advanced Federal Income Taxation
• Banking Regulation
• Bankruptcy
• Basic Federal Income Taxation
• Business Entities I: Unincorporated Business Entities
• Business Entities II: Corporations
• Elder Law
• Entrepreneurship Law: Company Creation
• Entrepreneurship Law: Operational Issues
• Estate Planning
• Family Law
• Insurance Law
• International Investment Transactions
• Negotiation/Mediation
• Real Estate Negotiation and Drafting
• Secured Transactions
• State and Local Government Law
• State and Local Taxation
• Taxation of Business Entities
• Wills, Trusts, and Estates
• Internships
  - Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Charitable Trusts and Organizations Section
  - Semester-in-New York City Program

“I believe that a good legal education is a transformative process. When students finish their education, they should be intrinsically different people.”

Dermot Groome
Professor of Law

Angela Velez ’11
Director and Associate General Counsel, Mutual Funds Legal Dept., Legg Mason Global Asset Management, Stamford, CT
Certificates and Concentrations

Our upper-level curriculum offers students the opportunity to earn a certificate by taking a prescribed combination of core and elective courses.

**CERTIFICATE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP LAW**

To earn a Certificate in Entrepreneurship Law, students must complete a minimum of 15 credits by taking the required and elective courses below, as approved by the Certificate Advisor.

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**CERTIFICATE IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**


To earn a Certificate in Government Affairs, students must complete a minimum of 15 credits by taking the required core and elective courses, as approved by the Director of Experiential Learning.

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Joint Degree and Interdisciplinary Programs

Your choice of courses is not limited to 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. Alternatively, you may enroll in a joint degree program, graduating with both your J.D. from Dickinson Law and a master’s degree from a coordinate department of Penn State.

Current joint degrees offered include:
- J.D./Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- J.D./Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)
- J.D./Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)

As a Dickinson Law student, you’ll be able to collaborate with professionals from other disciplines, including physicians and students from Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, and faculty and students from Penn State College of Medicine and Penn State Harrisburg.

LL.M. Program

Dickinson Law offers one of the oldest and most prestigious master of laws programs for foreign-trained lawyers and 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 curriculum, students may focus on courses in a particular field or area of practice, pursue interdisciplinary research opportunities, or enrich their legal studies by participating in one of our experiential learning programs.

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

To learn more about our LL.M. program, contact Amy C. Gaudion, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and International Education, at acg14@psu.edu or Sarah Guillén, LL.M. Program Coordinator, at sjm69@psu.edu.

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“My teaching interests have evolved as I have gained an ever-deepening appreciation for how traditional law students interact with newer specialized fields.”

Katherine Pearson
Professor of Law
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