

Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration Requirements

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Enroll online: [Academic Concentration - Notice of Enrollment Form link](#).

Continued enrollment in the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration is contingent upon the student:

- Completing the five (5) required core courses;
- Completing an externship with a litigation placement or a Clinical Program; and
- Completing at least three (3) additional elective courses so that it is possible to complete the required twenty-three (23) credits in approved Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration courses by the time the student graduates;
- Periodically reviewing the student's progress in attaining the requisite grade point averages with one of the Concentration Faculty Director and/or the Assistant Dean for Academic Services.
- Obtaining the Concentration Faculty Director's approval of the student's plan for completing the Concentration's writing requirement.

Upon completion of the required courses, elective courses, the writing requirement and total credit hours required by the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration, students must complete and file the *Notice of Concentration Completion* form online.

All Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration students must complete five (5) required courses; an externship or clinical program; and at least three (3) Concentration elective courses, as follows.

In planning their schedules concentrators should be mindful that the required Evidence course covers foundational material and should be taken first. The required Clinical course will put the student's acquired litigation skills into practice and optimally should be taken last. For those students writing a Thesis, the Thesis Seminar must be taken by the second semester prior to graduation. This allows for any necessary adjustments and improvements to the Thesis in the final semester prior to graduation.

The approved Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration courses are described below. In order to successfully complete the Trial and appellate Advocacy Concentration, students must take a minimum of twenty three (23) credits in the following approved Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration courses, including the five (5) required courses and the required clinical or externship program.

Please note that not all courses are offered each semester and plan accordingly.

A. Core Courses

All Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration students must complete the following five (5) required courses.

1. One (1) Evidence course from the following list:
 - Evidence: 4 credits.

2. One (1) Pretrial course from the following list:
 - Pretrial Civil Litigation: 3 credits.
 - State Criminal Practice: 2 credits.
 - Federal Criminal Practice Seminar: 2 credits.

3. An Appellate course from the following list:
 - Appellate Practice and Advocacy: 3 credits.

4. An Alternative Dispute Resolution course from the following List:
 - Mediation: 3 credits.
 - Negotiation: 2 credits.
 - Arbitration of Domestic and International Disputes (not offered 2019-2020): 3 credits.

5. A Trial Advocacy course from the following list:
 - Trial Advocacy: 2 credits.
 - Trial Advocacy – Family: 3 credits.
 - Trial Advocacy – Intensive: 3 credits.

B. Externships* and Clinical Courses**

All Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration students must complete an externship or clinical program. At least 1 course from the following list:

- Accelerator-to-Practice Program: 5 credits.
- Family Advocacy Clinic: 5 credits.
- Health Law Clinic: 5 credits.
- Immigration Clinic: 5 credits.
- Human Rights & Indigenous Peoples' Rights Clinic: 5 credits.
- Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship Clinic: 5 credits.
- Internship in a Litigation-Related Internship: credits vary between 2 and 5.
- Juvenile Defender Clinic: 5 credits.
- Suffolk Defenders: 5 credits.
- Suffolk Prosecutors: 5 credits.

*Participation in the Legal Externship Program requires prior approval by the Concentration Faculty Director. Externships must be arranged through the Legal Externship Office in advance of the semester(s) during which a student will participate. For information on the process of

securing a legal externship, go to Legal Externships. You are also encouraged to make an appointment with Professor Bernadette Feeley in the Legal Externship Office, Room 165B, Sargent Hall, to discuss legal externships further.

**Participation in any of the Clinical Programs requires application and acceptance in advance of the semester(s) during which a student will participate. Each Clinical Program has its own prerequisite courses and rules as to how students are selected for participation. If you are considering a Clinical Program, please be sure to consult the individual program's web site at Clinical Programs. You are also encouraged to make an appointment with the Clinical Programs Office, Room 190, Sargent Hall, to discuss the Clinical Programs further.

C. Litigation and Advocacy-Related Elective Courses

All Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration students must complete at least three (3) Concentration elective courses from the following list:

- Administrative Law: 3 credits.
- Advanced Civil Procedure: 3 credits.
- Advanced Legal Writing: 3 credits.
- Advanced Legal Writing - Criminal Topics: 3 credits.
- Advanced Torts: 2 credits.
- Concentration Thesis: 2 credits.
- Conflict of Laws: 3 credits.
- Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure: 3 credits.
- E-Discovery Law: 2 credits.
- Federal Courts: 3 credits.
- Forensics: 2 credits.
- Housing Discrimination Law, Theory and Practice: Brainstorming and Implementing Solutions to Discrimination: 2 credits.
- International Investment Law: 3 credits.
- Interviewing and Counseling: 2 credits.
- Massachusetts Practice *: 2 credits.
- Medical Malpractice: 2 credits.
- Patent Litigation Seminar: 2 credits.
- Patent Prosecution II: PTO Practice: 2 credits.

*Only one state practice courses may count toward fulfilling the three elective requirement.

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Fall 2019

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10-11:50am	Negotiation/Mediation (Golann)	None	Negotiation/Mediation (Golann)	None
			Juvenile Defenders' Clinic (by acceptance) (McLaurin)	
12pm-1:25pm	Advanced Legal Writing (Santos)	None	Advanced Legal Writing (Santos)	None
	Evidence (Cavallaro) (until 1:50pm)		Evidence (Cavallaro) (until 1:50pm)	
1pm-1:55pm	Advanced Torts (Eisenstat)	None	Advanced Torts (Eisenstat)	None
2:00-3:50PM	None	Interviewing & Counseling (Pizzano)	Health Clinic Seminar (by acceptance) (Boonin)	None
4:00-5:50PM	Evidence (Dyson)	Accelerator Practice Seminar (by acceptance) (Berman/Seidman)	Evidence (Dyson)	Negotiation (Golann)
			Immigration Clinic Seminar (by acceptance) (Shah)	
		Human Rights & Indigenous Peoples' Clinic Seminar (by acceptance) (Friederichs)	Suffolk Defenders / Suffolk Prosecutors Clinic Seminars (by acceptance) (Dearborn / Miller)	Family Adv Clinic Seminar (by acceptance) (Karmely)
	Admin Law (until 5:25pm) (Landers)	Mediation (Gray)	Admin Law (until 5:25pm) (Landers)	IP Clinic Seminar (by acceptance) (Darden)
	Federal Courts (until 5:25pm) (Simard)	Trial Advocacy: Intensive (until 5:25pm) (Wilton)	Federal Courts (until 5:25pm) (Simard)	Trial Advocacy: Intensive (until 5:25pm) (Wilton)
	Con Law/Crim Pro (until 5:25pm) (Reyes)		Con Law/Crim Pro (until 5:25pm) (Reyes)	
4:30-5:55pm	Advanced Legal Writing (Ramy)		Advanced Legal Writing (Ramy)	None
6-7:50pm	Pre-Trial Civil Ligation (until 7:25pm) (Kelly)	Con Law/Crim Pro (until 7:25pm) (Ricciuti)	Interviewing & Counseling (Seidman)	Con Law/Crim Pro (until 7:25pm) (Ricciuti)
		Appellate Practice (until 7:25pm) (Roseel)		Appellate Practice (until 7:25pm) (Roseel)
	Trial Advocacy (Bolden)	Medical Malpractice (until 7:25pm) (Kelly)	Pre-Trial Civil Ligation (until 7:25pm) (Kelly)	Mass Practice (Perlin)
		Negotiation (Baker)	E-Discovery (Koss)	Trial Advocacy (Giles)
	State Crim Practice (Jenkins)			
8-9:50pm	Evidence (Georges)	None	Evidence (Georges)	None

Spring 2020*

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10-11:50am	None	None	Juvenile Defenders' Clinic (by acceptance) (McLaurin) Evidence (Cavallaro)	None
11:00am-12:25pm	None	Con Law/Crim Pro (Cody)	None	Con Law/Crim Pro (Cody)
12:00pm-1:25pm	Pre-Trial Civil Litigation (Simard)	Trial Advocacy: Intensive (Wilton)	Pre-Trial Civil Litigation (Simard)	Trial Advocacy: Intensive (Wilton)
		Housing Discrimination (Berman/Langowski)(until 1:50pm)		Forensics (Santos) (until 1:50pm)
2:00-3:50pm	Mass Practice (Perlin)	Trial Advocacy (Karmely)	Health Clinic Seminar (by acceptance) (Golden)	None
4:00-5:50PM	Adv Civ Pro (Simard) (until 5:25pm)	Accelerator Practice Seminar (by acceptance) (Berman/Seidman)	Suffolk Defenders / Suffolk Prosecutors Clinic Seminars (by acceptance) (Dearborn / Miller)	Patent Prosecution II (Teska)
	Evidence (Cavallaro)			Family Adv Clinic Seminar (by acceptance) (Karmely)
			Human Rights & Indigenous Peoples' Clinic Seminar (by acceptance) (Friederichs)	Adv Civ Pro (Simard) (until 5:25pm) Evidence (Cavallaro)
4:30-5:55pm	None	Appellate Practice (Meade)	None	Appellate Practice (Meade)
6-7:25pm	Trial Advocacy (until 7:50PM) (Kelley)	Trial Advocacy (until 7:50PM) (Giles)	Trial Advocacy (Georges)	Admin Law (until 7:25pm) (Landers)
	Trial Advocacy: Intensive (Dearborn)	Admin Law (until 7:25pm) (Landers)		Patent Litigation (until 7:50PM) (Swain)
	Interviewing & Counseling (Pizzano) (until 7:50pm)		Negotiation (until 7:50PM) (Smith)	
	Con Law/Crim Pro (until 9:25pm) (Ricciutti)		Trial Advocacy (Dearborn) Con Law/Crim Pro (until 9:25pm) (Ricciutti)	
8-9:50pm	Advanced Legal Writing (Kaplan) (until 9:25pm)	Trial Advocacy (Brennan)	Advanced Legal Writing (Kaplan) (until 9:25pm)	Evidence (Braatz)
		Evidence (Braatz)	Mediation (Kellem)	

*Interession Courses, January 6-10, 2020:

- Federal Criminal Practice Seminar (Gelpi) – Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 3:20pm.
- Negotiation: day and evening sections.

Please note that due to faculty availability, the schedule is subject to change.