

Summer Intersessions: Course Descriptions

First Intersession (May 12 – May 23)

Insurance Law - 2 credit hours (general elective): Prof. Scott

This course will focus on substantive instruction and writing skills training in issues most relevant to an insurance law practice. The course will include study of selected subject areas in insurance law, including automobile, fire and casualty (homeowners), liability, health, and disability. Among other topics covered will be the formation and operation of the insurance contract, coverage and exclusions, insurable interests, the claims process, subrogation, and vehicles to determine coverage issues such as declaratory judgment actions.

Poverty, Health, and Law: Medical-Legal Partnerships – 2 credit hours (general elective) (Family Law Certificate Course): Prof. Cole

This class introduces students to the concept of a Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP). We will survey topics related to MLPs. It is expected that students will also gain practical knowledge about how to address the issues typically the focus of an MLP. Broad topics to be covered include: Making the connection between poverty, health and the law; Social determinants of health; Collaboration with healthcare providers and discussions how the professions can help one another; Addressing the social determinants of health through legal advocacy; MLPs for special populations (e.g., cancer patients, immigrants, HIV/AIDS patients, elderly populations, adolescents); and Improving health through MLPs. Subsets of these major topics will include an overview of public and private insurance markets, ethical issues in the MLP context, housing concerns with patients needing MLP services, inter-disciplinary training and learning opportunities between medical and legal professionals, and strategies for policy change. In addition, it is anticipated that the course will include some practical aspects. Students will have exposure to examples of patient medical records, and MLP patient/client intake forms.

Prosecution Project – 2 credits (general elective) (Criminal Law & Litigation Certificate Course): Prof. Gallagher

The Prosecution Project is a unique collaboration between law students and professional prosecutors. The Project has two aims. First, through readings and discussions with experienced prosecutors, judges, police, defense attorneys and others, students will be introduced to the professional roles of prosecutors, to their ethical responsibilities, and to the challenges faced by modern prosecutors in seeking to do justice in a rapidly changing environment. Second, through their research and analysis, students will assist the regional prosecutors in their efforts to study and address issues of importance to prosecutors and the public.

Juvenile Practice – 2 credit hours (practicum) (Family Law Certificate course): Hon. Richard Campbell (Judge, Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, Virginia)

This specialized course in Virginia Family Law procedure concentrates on actual practice in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Course of Commonwealth of Virginia and is taught by a judge who presided in such courts for nearly 16 years. The aim of the course will be to equip the JDR practitioner with the particular procedural aspects of jurisdiction, venue, parties, and appeals in cases involving Juvenile

Delinquency and adult criminal cases that fall within the purview of the JDR Court's authority. Foster Care and DSS cases involving Abuse and Neglect, Protective Orders, paternity petitions as well as custody and child/spousal support cases. The aim of the course is to develop familiarity with practice and to offer real-world practical instruction in the procedures of this court. Family Law is not a prerequisite as the substantive law involved is secondary to the practice and procedure taught. This course will not duplicate the Family Law course but rather focus on other distinct issues in the JDR Courts of Virginia. Taught by lecture, guest speakers, discussion, and practical exercises.



Circuit Court Judge Richard Campbell

Richard B. Campbell was appointed to the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond in 2022 and preceding that he served in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the City of Richmond for nearly 16 years. Judge Campbell is a graduate of Trinity Episcopal School, in Richmond, and the College of William and Mary, and received his law degree from the University of Richmond. He clerked for United States District Judge Richard Kellam and served as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Chesapeake. Judge Campbell worked at the Attorney General's Office for nearly ten years before going on the Bench, and during his tenure there, he served as Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General as well as a Special Assistant United States Attorney prosecuting Project Exile cases in the United States District Court in Richmond. Judge Campbell has served on the City of Richmond's Community Criminal Justice Board, the Governor's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, the Virginia Supreme Court's District Court Technology Committee and the Richmond Bench-Bar Committee. He is Honorary Vice-President of the Richmond Bar Association. He and his wife are the parents of three daughters.

Second Intersession (May 27 – August 1)

Medical Legal Partnership Clinic – 2 credit hours (practicum) (designated as clinic credit for the Class of 2027 and beyond): Prof. Cole

This course offers students practical experience working with real clients. Students receive guided learning on topics relevant to our Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic, including: law office management, case management software, client interviewing, HIPAA and other privacy issues, divorce, custody, and protective orders, Medicaid applications, foreclosures and eviction prevention, guardianships and conservatorships, consumer credit issues, SSI and SSDI, along with other topics relevant to the low-income patient/clients served by the MLP. Student also have the opportunity to represent low-income patient/clients while certified for supervised practice in Tennessee and/or Virginia. Under limited

practice certification, students work with ASL professors and legal aid attorneys to address the unmet legal needs of low-income patients of Ballad Health. Students may also participate in the MLP Clinic (after completing the prerequisite) as a volunteer for community service hours or as a paid Senior Intern, instead of earning academic credit. This course is graded pass/fail.

Social Security Disability – 2 credit hours (practicum) (Family Law Certificate Course): Prof. Hurley

This practicum course provides an in-depth understanding of the substantive law governing social security disability claims. Students will gain comprehensive knowledge of the legal principles and regulations that underlie disability claims. In addition to the theoretical framework, the course offers practical training on representing a claimant throughout the various stages of the process, including the initial application, review, and appeals. Students will learn effective strategies for navigating the procedural complexities and advocating for their clients' rights.

Administrative Law – 2 credit hours (general elective) (Natural Resources Certificate Course) (fulfills the Statutory/Regulatory Interpretation requirement for the Class of 2027 and beyond): Prof. James

This course examines the role of the formal and informal administrative processes in our society, and emphasizes the powers and procedures common to most administrative agencies, particularly rulemaking and adjudication. Discusses the relationships among the legislative, judicial, and executive branches that affect the development and review of agency policies as well as the administrative structure of agencies themselves. Emphasis is on federal administrative law.

Third Intersession (August 4 – August 15)

Law Office Management - 2 credit hours (practicum): Prof. Condon

This course provides grounding in lawyering skills in several areas: legal drafting, interaction with clients, and the management of a small law office. The legal drafting component emphasizes the drafting of transactional documents, e.g., various types of contracts, rather than litigation documents. The course includes practice exercises simulating work with clients and the other parties on business transactions. Topics covered in the office management component include: structure of law firms; financial issues (including compensation, billing, fees, and trust accounts); business development (marketing and advertising); law practice tools; and personnel, office, and operational issues.

Virtual Currency – 2 credit hours (general elective): Prof. Oxford

This course will explore the legal framework and issues surrounding the use and misuse of virtual currencies in transactions and investments, as well as its use as collateral for loans (UCC Articles 8 and 9) and income taxation.