

LL.M. Executive Track Fall 2024

1-UNIT COURSE Law W276.6 Hot Topics in Intellectual Property & Privacy - Life Sciences- Rachel Zuraw and Allison Schmitt (credit/no credit)

- Instruction: One class from 7:00-8:50am , October 2nd- November 13th

The life sciences industry — comprising pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices, and more — is enormous, and growing worldwide at a rapid rate. This industry is estimated to drive over 7% of economic activity in the United States alone, and a significant share of global activity. It also presents unique challenges for the (many) attorneys supporting the industry: complex questions arise surrounding intellectual property rights, business strategy, and, increasingly, privacy and antitrust considerations.

This 1-unit course will bring in leading attorneys from the life sciences sector each week to discuss cutting-edge issues in their field. Students should expect to participate in active discussion with these experts and their peers each week. Throughout the semester, students will gain a sense of the current challenges facing the industry. A background in intellectual property law or privacy law will be helpful for this class but is not required. No required textbook.

3-UNIT COURSE Law W202 Contracts for LLMs- Abbye Atkinson (letter graded)

- Instruction: Monday, 8.19.24 - Monday, 10.7.24
- Exams: Tuesday, 10.8.24 - Monday, 10.14.24

This survey course explores the basic principles of U.S. common law that govern the formation of, limits on the ability to enter into, breach and enforcement of, and remedies relating to, contracts. Students will also study the related principles embodied in the Uniform Commercial Code, a model for the law shaping sales and other commercial transactions. Required textbook: 7th Edition of Contracts by Barnett & Oman, ISBN: 9781543826272

2-UNIT COURSE Law W248.8 Venture Capital in Practice- Adam Sterling (credit/no credit)

- Instruction: Tuesday, 9.3.24 - Friday, 9.27.24
- Exams: Saturday, 9.28.24- Friday, 10.4.24

It's been said that Silicon Valley is the greatest creation of wealth in the history of the planet. This course will focus on the legal and business aspects of what goes on here in the day-to-day life of a corporate attorney advising technology and emerging growth startup companies. The course will touch on key events in the life-cycle of a startup: considerations in starting a technology-based business; choices and details in forming an entity to hold that business; seeking early stage funding; raising venture capital; the

fundamental concepts and basic mechanics of a venture capital financing; all pointed toward a liquidity event, such as an IPO. In each case, the emphasis will be on business realities and practical solutions, such as what makes for a good business to attract venture capital; how should entrepreneurs seek investment and the pros and cons of different investment sources; and how founders and investors interact to allocate rewards of the venture between them. The course will be taught using many examples taken from real life.

Required textbooks: *Venture Deals: Be Smarter Than Your Lawyer and Venture Capitalist* and *Secrets of Sand Hill Road: Venture Capital and How to Get It*

2-UNIT COURSE Law W254.8 Sustainable Capitalism & ESG- Angeli Patel- (credit/no credit)

- Instruction: Tuesday, 10.15.24 - Friday, 11.8.24
- Exams: Saturday, 11.9.24 - Friday, 11.15.24

The prediction that companies and investors would retreat from Sustainability & ESG efforts in the face of criticism and economic downturn is proving to be incorrect. Companies are increasingly using the stakeholder approach to meet the challenges posed by the global pandemic, racial injustice, rising income inequality, and climate change. Investors, regulators, employees, and the public are increasingly asking companies to manage their environmental and social impact. Precisely how to meet this growing demand remains unclear.

The course brings fresh perspective directly from in-house attorneys of companies in various sectors that are taking on the challenge of becoming stakeholder-focused companies. The course will use a mix of theory, case study, discussion and speakers to bring to life the day-to-day of practicing sustainability & ESG law at companies. Students will learn how to think strategically about legal risks and opportunities and ultimately how to lead in both law and business.

No textbook.

1-UNIT CAPSTONE PROJECT, 4 sections Law W206.6- Jodi Collova (credit/no credit)

- Instruction: Monday, 8.19.24 - Friday, 11.22.24

Description: During this one unit online workshop, students will revise and complete the final draft of their Capstone writing project. The project will be a legal memorandum of 5000 to 6000 words in length. Students will have already submitted a draft of this paper during the summer LL.M. Legal Research and Writing course. Students will implement the feedback that they received during the summer course, as well as the fall workshop, and revise their paper to meet the grading criteria.