

LL.M. Executive Track Fall 2025

W202, Contracts for LL.Ms- Abbye Atkinson (letter graded), 3 UNITS

- Instruction: Monday, August 18th - Monday, October 6th
- Exams: Tuesday, October 7th - Monday, October 14th

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.

Office Hours: 5pm on Mondays

Required textbook: 7th Edition of Contracts by Barnett & Oman, ISBN: 9781543826272

W206.6, Capstone Writing Workshop- Jodi Collova (credit/no credit), 1 UNIT

- Instruction: Monday, August 18th - Friday, November 21st

Sections 1-3: Students will revise and complete their Capstone writing project, a legal memorandum of 5000 to 6000 words in length. They 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 and revise their paper to meet the grading criteria.

Sections 1-3: Live Session August 19, 7:00-8:00am

Sections 4: Students will revise and complete their Capstone writing project, a research paper of 5000 to 6000 words in length. They will have already submitted a draft of this paper during the summer Advanced Writing Project course with Professor Farber. Students will implement the feedback that they received and revise their paper to meet the grading criteria.

Section 4: Live Session August 19, 8:00-9:00am

W254.8 Sustainable Capitalism & ESG- Angeli Patel- (credit/no credit), 2 UNITS

- Instruction: Tuesday, October 14th - Friday, November 7th
- Exams: Saturday, November 8th - Friday, November 14th

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.

Live Sessions: October 15th at 8am, October 22nd at 5pm, October 27th at 8am, November 5th at 5pm

W276.7 Hot Topics in GenAI- Irene Liu (credit/no credit), 1 UNIT

- Instruction: Tuesday, September 16th and end it on Tuesday, October 28th from 8:00-9:50am.

This course explores the rapidly evolving legal and policy landscape surrounding generative artificial intelligence, with a focus on equipping students to navigate the practical and theoretical challenges posed by this transformative technology. Topics will include intellectual property implications (e.g., copyright and ownership of AI-generated content), privacy and security concerns, the emerging regulatory framework in the U.S. and abroad, and governance strategies for responsible AI implementation. We will also examine commercial contracts involving AI tools, the use of GenAI in legal and corporate practice, and broader societal impacts—including labor displacement, environmental costs, and the role of open-source AI development.

The course will feature interactive discussions and guest lectures from in-house counsel, and academic, government, and industry experts. Students will gain a multidimensional understanding of the legal risks, policy debates, and opportunities surrounding GenAI—preparing them to advise clients, shape policy, or lead governance initiatives in this fast-moving space.

W248.8, Venture Capital in Practice- Adam Sterling (credit/no credit), 2 UNITS

- Instruction: Tuesday, September 2nd - September 26th
- Exams: Saturday, September 27th - October 3rd

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.

Live Sessions: September 9th at 8 AM and September 18th at 5 PM

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*