

**The following amendments have been made to the 2023-2024 Baylor Law Catalog.**

- 1. Academic Enhancement Course Requirement**
- 2. Field Placement policy amendment (amended language in red).**
- 3. Professional Track Changes (amended language in red).**

**The Baylor Law faculty amended the Academic Enhancement course requirement and requirements for several professional tracks and special distinctions in October 2023. Information on the changes is provided in this amendment to the Baylor Law 2023-2024 Catalog.**

**Academic Enhancement Courses**

All students are encouraged to take the elective courses listed below to prepare for the bar exam and the practice of law. Students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.4 or lower at the end of the third quarter of law school (when all grades are completed) are required to take Law 9135, Extended Bar Preparation Skills plus a total of 14 hours of the other courses listed below. These courses are not included when calculating the cumulative grade point average in the core required courses for purposes of determining eligibility for graduation.

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
9135	Extended Bar Preparation Skills	1 (required)
9235	Administration of Estates	2
9350	Advanced Criminal Procedure	3
9342	Commercial Law: Secured Transactions	3
9383	Conflict of Laws	3
9360	Constitutional Law: Freedom of Speech	3
9370	Family Law	3
9308	Sales Transactions: Domestic & International Law	3

## Field Placements

The goal of Baylor Law School's Field Placement Program is to enhance law students' education by offering experiential learning opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills gained from academic studies to the rigors of legal practice in a real-life setting. Field placements bridge the gap between law school and the practice of law to better prepare students to immediately step into their role as proficient attorneys. Field placements also offer students the opportunity to further develop substantive legal knowledge and analytical skills, observe and improve their understanding of professional responsibility and professionalism, gauge their strengths and weaknesses, and clarify professional goals.

Students are eligible for one credit hour for each 45 hours worked. Field placements are generally approved for two credit hours, unless approved for up to three credit hours by the Senior Assistant Dean. More than three credit hours requires approval by the Academic Standards Committee. (Students should contact the Career Development Office for information about submitting a request for additional hours to the Committee.)

Students who have completed one approved field placement will not receive credit for a second one unless the second placement provides an experience that is substantially different from the experience gained in the first placement. (For example, a student who completed a field placement with a district attorney's office for two hours may apply to take a second field placement for two hours with an appellate court or an administrative agency.) If the submission of this application seeks credit for a second field placement, the student affirms that the experience is substantially different from their first field placement. Students with questions about whether a potential second field placement would be considered substantially different by comparison should visit with Dean Cruseturner or Dean Bridges.

See the [Baylor Law Field Placement Manual](#) for additional information about placement opportunities and obtaining course credit.

**TRACKS OF STUDY AND SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS**

**Revisions in Red (10.23)**

**Administrative Practice Professional Track**

Required for this track: 17 hours

Required Courses

Administrative Law: Federal (2) 9268  
Administrative Law: Texas (2) 9287  
Administrative Law Field Placement (2) 9V92  
Business and State Issues in Environmental Law (3) 9377  
Independent Study (administrative law topic) (2) 9V99

Take at least **six** hours from this group of courses:

Civil Rights Actions (2) 9256  
Employment Discrimination (3) 9362  
Employment Relations (3) 9372  
Environmental Law (3) 9366  
Federal Courts (3) 9323  
Healthcare Law (3) 9357  
Healthcare: Regulation of Healthcare Professionals (2) 9286  
Labor Law (2) 9208  
Natural Resources Protection Law (3) 9309  
Oil & Gas Law (2) 9249  
Patent Law (2) 9223  
Securities Regulation (3) 9344  
Water Law (3) 9313

For more information, see Professor Shelton.

## **Business Litigation (Litigation Professional Track)**

Required for this track: 18 hours

### **Take at least 12 hours from the following:**

Alternative Dispute Resolution (2) 9247  
Arbitration (2) 9257  
Bankruptcy (2) 9295  
Business Torts (3) 9386  
Business Organizations 2 (3) 9322  
Complex Litigation (3) 9324  
Conflict of Laws (3) 9383  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Federal Courts (3) 9323  
Insurance Law (3) 9341  
Intellectual Property (2) 9264  
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Discovery Management (3) 9353  
White Collar Crime (3) 9351

### **Additional hours may come from these courses:**

Administrative Law: Federal (2) 9268  
Administrative Law: Texas (2) 9287  
Administration of Estates (2) 9235  
**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
Business Transactions: Mergers & Acquisitions (3) 9319  
Commercial Law: Negotiable Instruments (3) 9340  
Commercial Law: Secured Transactions (3) 9342  
Consumer Protection (3) 9349  
Creditors' Remedies (3) 9384  
Employment Discrimination (3) 9362  
Employment Relations (3) 9372  
Sales Transactions: Domestic & International Law (3) 9308  
Securities Regulation (3) 9344  
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Trial Preparation (2) 9263  
Trial Advocacy: Beginning Advocacy Skills (2) 9220  
Wealth Transfers (3) 9332

For more information, see Professors Wren, Bates, Miller, or Underwood.

## **Business Planning Professional Track**

Required for track: 17-18 hours

### Required Courses:

Business Organizations 2 (3) 9322  
Securities Regulation (3) 9344  
Taxation of Business Entities (3) 9346

Additional Required Course (take one of the following):

Business Planning and Drafting (2) 9292  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Transactional Law Meet Advocacy Team (2)

Take at least six hours from the following group of courses:

**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
Business Planning Capstone (1) 9122  
Business Planning and Drafting (2) 9292 (if not taken to satisfy earlier requirement)  
Business Succession Planning (2)  
Business Transactions: Mergers & Acquisitions (3) 9319  
Business Transactions: Venture Capital (3) 9348  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Commercial Law: Secured Transactions (3) 9342  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316 (if not taken to satisfy earlier requirement)  
~~International Business Transactions (2) 9278~~  
Commercial Real Estate Transactions (3) 9338  
Taxation of Individuals & Family Businesses (3) 9345  
Transactional Law Practice Lab (1) 9118

For more information, see Professors Miller, Page, or Teague.

## Business Planning Special Distinction

Business Planning Special Distinction Required Courses:

Business Organizations 2 (3) 9322  
Business Planning & Drafting (2) 9292 or Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Business Planning Capstone (1) 9122 or Transactional Law Meet Advocacy Team  
9V10 (2)  
Securities Regulation (3) 9344  
Taxation of Business Entities (3) 9346  
Taxation of Individuals & Family Businesses (3) 9345

Take at least at least five hours from this list:

Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212  
Business Planning & Drafting (if not taken to satisfy earlier requirement)  
Business Planning Capstone (1) 9122 (if not taken to satisfy earlier requirement)  
Business Succession Planning (2)  
Business Transactions: Mergers & Acquisitions (3) 9319  
Business Transactions: Venture Capital (3) 9348  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Commercial Law: Secured Transactions (3) 9342  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316 (if not taken to satisfy earlier requirement)  
Commercial Real Estate Transactions (3) 9338  
Transactional Law Practice Lab (1) 9118  
Wealth Transfers (3) 9332

A GPA of 3.3 in all track courses \* (including additional hours as required above) will be required for a student to receive the Special Distinction designation.

\*If a student has taken more than the minimum number of hours of track courses and a grade in a course that is not required for receipt of the Special Distinction would result in the GPA being below the requirement, that grade need not be included in the GPA calculation. If a grade in a track course that is required for receipt of the Special Distinction causes the GPA to be below the requirement, grades in track courses beyond the number of hours required for the Special Distinction may be included in order to raise the GPA in the track courses.

A student who meets the above requirements for a Special Distinction shall receive that designation only if the faculty determines that the student has made meaningful contributions to the Law School program and that the student is worthy of such distinction in accordance with the traditions, expectations and mission of Baylor Law.

For more information, see Professor Miller, Page or Teague.

## **Commercial Law Professional Track**

Required for track: 17-18 hours

### **Required Courses:**

Bankruptcy (2) 9295 or Creditors' Remedies (3) 9384  
Commercial Law: Secured Transactions (3) 9342  
E-Commerce (3) 9310  
Sales Transactions: Domestic & International Law (3) 9308

### **Take at least six hours from this group of courses:**

Arbitration (2) 9257  
Bankruptcy (2) 9295 (if not taken to satisfy earlier requirement)  
**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
**Commercial Law: Negotiable Instruments (3) 9340**  
**Commercial Real Estate Leasing (3)**  
Commercial Real Estate Transactions (3) 9338  
Construction Law (2) 9214  
Consumer Protection (3) 9349  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Creditors' Remedies (3) 9384  
Franchising (2) 9276  
**International Business Transactions (2) 9278**

Contact Professor Bates if interested in this track.

## Commercial Law Special Distinction

Required for track: 21 hours

### Required courses:

Bankruptcy (2) 9295 or Creditors' Remedies (3) 9384  
Commercial Law Capstone (1) 9110  
Commercial Law: Secured Transactions (3) 9342  
Commercial Real Estate Transactions (3) 9338 or Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
E-Commerce (3) 9310  
Sales Transactions: Domestic & International Law (3) 9308

### Complete at least **six** hours from this group of courses:

Arbitration (2) 9257  
Bankruptcy (2) 9295  
Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212  
Business Torts (3) 9386  
Commercial Real Estate Leasing (2)  
**Commercial Law: Negotiable Instruments (3) 9340**  
Construction Law (2) 9214  
Consumer Protection (3) 9349  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316 (if not taken to satisfy earlier requirement)  
Creditors' Remedies (3) 9384 (if not taken to satisfy earlier requirement)  
International Business Transactions (2) 9278

A GPA of 3.3 in all track courses \* (including additional hours as required above) will be required for a student to receive the Special Distinction designation.

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Students interested in this special distinction should consult with Professor Bates.



## **Criminal Practice (Litigation Professional Track)**

Required for track: 16 hours

### **Required Courses:**

Advanced Criminal Procedure (3) 9350  
Post-Conviction Procedure: Sentencing (2) 9259  
Prosecutorial or Public Defender Field Placement (2) 9V93

### **Take at least **nine** hours from the following courses:**

Civil Rights Actions (2) 9256  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Criminal Law Boot Camp (1) 9156  
Criminal Law Capstone (1) 9158  
Healthcare Fraud & Abuse (2) 9285  
Immigration Law (3) 9373  
Juvenile Justice (2) 9254  
Poverty Law & Policy (3) 9365  
Texas Criminal Practice & Procedure (3) 9352  
White Collar Crime (3) 9351

For more information, see Professor Kincaid.

The Criminal Practice Professional Track is a litigation track that may serve as the foundation for the Special Distinction in Litigation. A student who does not complete the criminal law capstone but completes the Criminal Practice Professional Track and additional requirements for the Special Distinction in Litigation will be eligible to obtain the Special Distinction in Litigation.

## Criminal Practice Special Distinction

Required for Special Distinction: 24 hours

### **Required Courses:**

- Advanced Criminal Procedure (3) 9350
- Client Relations (2) 9227
- Criminal Law Boot Camp (1) 9156
- Criminal Law Capstone (1) 9158
- Post-Conviction Procedure: Sentencing (2) 9259
- Prosecutorial or Public Defender Field Placement (2) 9V93

### **Take at least 13 hours from the following list:**

- Advocacy Team (2) 9V10 (criminal law problem)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (2) 9247
- **Civil Rights Actions (3) 9256**
- Healthcare Fraud and Abuse (2) 9285
- Immigration Law (3) 9373
- Juvenile Justice (2) 9254
- **Poverty Law & Policy (3) 9365**
- **Texas Criminal Practice and Procedure (3) 9352**
- Trial Advocacy: Beginning Advocacy Skills (2) 9220
- While Collar Crime (3) 9351

A GPA of 3.3 in all track courses \* (including additional hours as required above) will be required for a student to receive the Special Distinction designation.

\*If a student has taken more than the minimum number of hours of track courses and a grade in a course that is not required for receipt of the Special Distinction would result in the GPA being below the requirement, that grade need not be included in the GPA calculation. If a grade in a track course that is required for receipt of the Special Distinction causes the GPA to be below the requirement, grades in track courses beyond the number of hours required for the Special Distinction may be included in order to raise the GPA in the track courses.

A student who meets the above requirements for a Special Distinction shall receive that designation only if the faculty determines that the student has made meaningful contributions to the Law School program and that the student is worthy of such distinction in accordance with the traditions, expectations and mission of Baylor Law. A student who does not complete the criminal law capstone but completes the Criminal Practice Professional Track and additional requirements for the SD in Litigation will still be able to obtain the SD in Litigation.

Students interested in this special distinction should consult with Professor Kincaid.

**Estate Planning and Administration Professional Track**

Required for Track: 16 hours

Required Courses:

Administration of Estates (2) 9235  
Estate Planning (3) 9336  
Taxation of Individuals & Family Businesses (3) 9345  
Wealth Transfers (3) 9332

Complete at least 5 hours from this group of courses:

Administration of Estates Capstone (1) 9132  
**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
**Business Succession Planning (2) 9293**  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Elder Law (2) 9248  
Nonprofit Organizations (2) 9211  
Taxation of Business Entities (3) 9346  
Wealth Transfers Capstone (1) 9142

For additional information, contact Professor Featherston.

## **Estate Planning and Administration Special Distinction**

### Required Courses:

Administration of Estates (2) 9235  
Administration of Estates Capstone (1) 9132  
Estate Planning (3) 9336  
Taxation of Individuals & Family Businesses (3) 9345  
Wealth Transfers (3) 9332  
Wealth Transfers Capstone (1) 9142

### Take at least seven hours from this group of courses:

**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
**Business Succession Planning (2) 9293**  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Elder Law (2) 9248  
Nonprofit Organization (2) 9211  
Taxation of Business Entities (3) 9346

A GPA of 3.3 in all track courses \* (including additional hours as required above) will be required for a student to receive the Special Distinction designation.

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For additional information, contact Professor Featherston.

## **Family Law Practice (Litigation Professional Track)**

Required for track: 17 hours

### **Required Courses:**

Alternative Dispute Resolution (2) 9247  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Family Law (3) 9370  
Family Law: Advanced Family Law (3) 9380  
Family Law Advocacy & Procedure (2) 9299

### **Take at least five hours from this group:**

**Children and the Law (2) 9245**  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Elder Law (2) 9248  
**Family Law Boot Camp (1) 9139**  
Immigration Law (3) 9373  
Juvenile Justice (2) 9254  
Taxation of Individuals & Family Businesses (3) 9345  
Wealth Transfers (3) 9332

For more information, see Professor Tang.

## **Fiduciary Litigation (Litigation Professional Track)**

### Required Courses:

Administration of Estates (2) 9235  
Business Organizations 2 (3) 9322  
Business Planning & Drafting (2) 9292  
Business Transactions: Mergers & Acquisitions (3) 9319  
Wealth Transfers (3) 9332

### Take at least four hours from this group of courses:

Administration of Estates Capstone (1) 9132  
Alternative Dispute Resolution (2) 9247  
**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
Business Torts (3) 9386  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Federal Courts (3) 9323  
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Discovery Management (3) 9353  
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Trial Preparation (2) 9263

For more information, see Professor Featherston, Miller, Underwood, or Wren.

## **General Civil Litigation (Litigation Professional Track)**

Required for this track: 18 hours

Take 18 hours, 12 of which must come the following courses:

Alternative Dispute Resolution (2) 9247  
Business Torts (3) 9386  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Federal Courts (3) 9323  
Insurance Law (3) 9341  
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Discovery Management (3) 9353

Additional hours may come from this list of courses:

Administration of Estates (2) 9235  
Arbitration (2) 9257  
Bankruptcy (2) 9295  
**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
Business Organizations 2 (3) 9322  
Civil Rights Actions (2) 9256  
Complex Litigation (3) 9324  
Conflict of Laws (3) 9383  
Consumer Protection (3) 9349  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Creditors' Remedies (3) 9384  
E-Commerce Law (3) 9310  
Employment Discrimination (3) 9362  
Family Law (3) 9370  
Healthcare Litigation Capstone (1)  
Products Liability (2) 9258  
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Trial Preparation (2) 9263  
Trial Advocacy: Beginning Advocacy Skills (2) 9220

For more information, see Professors Counsellor, Fraley, or Wren.

## Healthcare Law Professional Track

Required for track: 17 hours

### Required Courses:

Elder Law (2) 9248  
Healthcare Fraud & Abuse (2) 9285  
Healthcare Law (3) 9357  
Healthcare Law: Regulation of Healthcare Professionals (2) 9286  
Information Privacy Law (2) 9222

### Take at least 6 hours from this group of courses:

Administrative Law: Federal (2) 9268  
**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Healthcare Law Field Placement (2) 9270  
Healthcare Litigation Capstone (1)  
Nonprofit Organizations (2) 9211  
MBA - Health Economics (3 semester hours)  
MBA – Healthcare Administration (3 semester hours)  
MBA – Healthcare Operations (3 semester hour)

For more information see Associate Dean Cordon or Professor Souter.



## **Intellectual Property Professional Track**

### **Required Courses:**

Copyright Law (3) 9371  
Intellectual Property (2) 9264  
Intellectual Property Capstone or Clinic (1 or 2) 9106 or 9164  
Intellectual Property Litigation: Patent Advocacy (2) 9200 or  
Patent Litigation Capstone (1) 9119  
Intellectual Property: Trademark Law & Unfair Competition (2) 9221  
Patent Law (2) 9223

Take at least two courses from the following:

**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
E-Commerce Law (3) 9310  
Franchising (2) 9276  
Information Privacy Law (2) 9222

For more information, see Professors Nichols.

## Intellectual Property Special Distinction

### Required Courses:

Client Relations (2) 9227 or Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Copyright Law (3) 9371  
Intellectual Property (2) 9264  
Intellectual Property Clinic (1) 9106 or Capstone Intellectual Property Capstone (1) 9164  
Intellectual Property: Trademark Law & Unfair Competition (2) 9221  
Intellectual Property: Trademark Practice & Disputes (2) 9262  
Intellectual Property Litigation: Patent Advocacy (2) 9200 or Patent Litigation Capstone (1) 9119  
Patent Law (2) 9223  
Patent Practice & Disputes (2) 9260

Take at least 2 courses from the following:

**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
E-Commerce Law (3) 9310  
Franchising (2) 9276  
Information Privacy Law (2) 9222

A GPA of 3.3 in all track courses \* (including additional hours as required above) will be required for a student to receive the Special Distinction designation.

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For more information, see Professor Nichols.

## **Intellectual Property Litigation (Litigation Professional Track)**

Required for this track: 17-18 hours

### **Required Courses:**

Federal Courts (3) 9323  
Intellectual Property (2) 9264  
Intellectual Property Litigation: Patent Advocacy (2) 9200 or Patent Litigation Capstone (1) 9119  
Intellectual Property: Trademark Practice & Disputes (2) 9262  
Patent Law (2) 9223  
Patent Practice & Disputes (2) 9260

### **Take at least five hours from the following selection:**

Alternative Dispute Resolution (2) 9247  
**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Copyright Law (3) 9371  
E-Commerce (3) 9310  
Franchising (2) 9276  
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Discovery Management (3) 9353  
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Trial Preparation (2) 9263  
Trial Advocacy: Beginning Advocacy Skills (2) 9220

For more information, see Professors Nichols.

## **Personal Injury Litigation (Litigation Professional Track)**

Required for track: 14 hours

### Required Courses:

Alternative Dispute Resolution (2) 9247  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Federal Courts (3) 9323  
Insurance Law (3) 9341  
Products Liability (2) 9258

### Take at least two hours from following courses:

**Healthcare Litigation Capstone (1)**  
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Discovery Management (3) 9353  
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Trial Preparation (2) 9263  
Trial Advocacy: Beginning Advocacy Skills (2) 9220

For more information, see Professors Counsellor, Fraley, or Wren.

## **Public Interest Law Professional Track**

Required for track: 18 hours

Complete at least 10 hours from this group of courses:

- Civil Rights Actions (2) 9256
- Constitutional Law: Freedom of Speech (3) 9360
- Employment Discrimination (3) 9362
- Family Law: Advanced Family Law (3) 9380
- Immigration Law (3) 9373
- Juvenile Justice (2) 9254
- Poverty Law & Policy (3) 9365

Take courses from this group to complete 18-hour requirement:

- Administrative Law: Federal (2) 9268
- Administrative Law: Texas (2) 9287
- Advanced Criminal Procedure (3) 9350
- Field Placement focused on Public Interest (as available and approved by Professor Hernandez or Professor Serr) (2)
- Legal Clinic (1) (as available and approved by Professor Hernandez or Professor Serr)
- Nonprofit Organizations (2) 9211
- Separation of Church & State (2) 9279
- Supreme Court Seminar (2) 9226

Students interested in pursuing the Public Interest Law track should consult with Professor Hernandez or Serr.

## **Public Interest Law Special Distinction**

### Required Courses:

- Civil Rights Actions (2) 9256
- Constitutional Law: Freedom of Speech (3) 9360
- Family Law: Advanced Family Law (3) 9380
- Immigration Law (3) 9373
- Poverty Law & Policy (3) 9365

### Take at least 10 hours from this group of courses:

- Administrative Law: Federal (2) 9268
- Administrative Law: Texas (2) 9287
- Advanced Criminal Procedure (3) 9350
- Employment Discrimination (3) 9362
- Field Placement focused on Public Interest (as available and approved by Prof. Hernandez or Professor Serr) (2)
- Legal Clinic (1) (as available and approved by Prof. Hernandez or Serr)
- Juvenile Justice (2) 9254
- Nonprofit Organizations (2) 9211
- Separation of Church & State (2) 9279
- Supreme Court Seminar (2) 9226

Student must complete 20 total hours of pro bono public interest work, which must be pre-approved by Professor Hernandez or Serr.

A GPA of 3.3 in all track courses \* (including additional hours as required above) will be required for a student to receive the Special Distinction designation.

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A student who meets the above requirements for a Special Distinction shall receive that designation only if the faculty determines that the student has made meaningful contributions to the Law School program and that the student is worthy of such distinction in accordance with the traditions, expectations and mission of Baylor Law.

Students interested in pursuing the Public Interest Law Special Distinction should consult with Prof. Hernandez or Serr.

## **Real Estate & Natural Resources Professional Track**

Required for track: 18 hours

Take at least 18 hours from this selection of courses:

Administrative Law: Texas (2) 9287  
**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
Business & State Issues in Environmental Law (3) 9377  
**Commercial Real Estate Leasing (2)**  
Commercial Real Estate Transactions (3) 9338  
Construction Law (2) 9214  
Contract Drafting & Negotiation (3) 9316  
Environmental Law (3) 9366  
Natural Resources Protection Law (3) 9309  
Oil & Gas Law (2) 9249  
Oil & Gas Law: Advanced Oil & Gas (2) 9251  
Real Estate and Natural Resources Independent Study or Field Placement (2)  
Real Estate: Land Use Regulation (2) 9217  
Real Estate: Texas Title Issues (3) 9331  
Water Law (3) 9313

For more information, see Professors Fuselier and Shelton.

## Special Distinction in Litigation

### Requirements:

-Successful completion of any approved litigation track: Administrative Practice, Business Litigation, Criminal Law Practice, Family Law Practice, General Civil Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, or Public Interest Law.

-Competing as part of the Baylor Law Mock Trial Team, including one or more of the following: (1) competing as an attorney in either the TOC, NCTC, AAJ or NTC competitions; or (2) competing as an attorney on at least two different mock trial teams including at least one team during your 3L year.

-Completion from the list below of at least three additional hours (in addition to) of courses which have not already been counted toward the first litigation track.

Administration of Estates (2) 9235  
Administrative Law Field Placement (2) 9V92  
Administrative Law: Federal (2) 9268  
Administrative Law: Texas (2) 9287  
Advanced Criminal Procedure (3) 9350  
Advocacy Team (2) 9V10  
Alternative Dispute Resolution (2) 9247  
Arbitration (2) 9257  
Bankruptcy (2) 9295  
**Business Basics for Lawyers (2) 9212**  
Business Organizations 2 (3) 9322  
Business Torts (3) 9386  
Civil Rights Actions (3) 9256  
Client Relations (2) 9227  
Complex Litigation (3) 9324  
Conflict of Laws (3) 9383  
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