

Law 887

Land Use

3 credits

Lecture

Letter graded

Non-repeat

This course explores the dynamic and often contentious relationship between private property rights and public regulation in American land use law. The course covers critical topics including zoning administration, constitutional limitations on land use controls (with special focus on due process and takings), environmental regulations, exclusionary zoning challenges, historic preservation, and growth management. Students will dive into the practical world of land use disputes, learning how local governments regulate property through zoning, how developers and property owners navigate these regulations, and how courts referee these conflicts.

Law 680

AI & Legal Philosophy Seminar

2 credits

Seminar

Letter graded

Non-repeat

The legal academy is just starting to teach lawyers how to use AI. That's a question of where AI is now. But the largest untapped reservoir in legal scholarship today is on where AI is going — and where it's going is a radically new form of governance, both public and private. All major legal questions culminate in the debate over how that government should look; interpretive questions, natural law questions, structural questions, everything plays at this new frontier. This class is designed to place students at the cutting edge of that debate and personally acquaint them with its major players — so they can help write the Federalist Papers of the next American founding.

Law 889

University Research & Patent Licensing [previously called Technology Transfer]

2 credits

Lecture

Letter graded

Non-repeat

Prerequisite: Patent Law

This course focuses on a practical and legal foundation in technology and innovation transfer, focusing on the role of intellectual property, commercialization strategies, and the regulatory framework governing federally funded research. Students will explore key statutes, including the Bayh-Dole Act, analyze real-world licensing agreements, and engage in contract drafting and negotiation exercises. The course will also examine the role of universities, federal laboratories, and private-sector entities in research commercialization, with a focus on ethical and policy considerations.

Law 556

Product Liability

2 credits

Lecture

Letter graded

Non-repeat

This course provides an introduction to the law governing liability for injuries caused by defective products. Topics include theories of recovery (negligence, strict liability, and breach of warranty), design and manufacturing defects, failure to warn, causation, and defenses. The course also considers policy debates over the scope of product liability, the role of federal regulation and preemption, and contemporary challenges posed by emerging technologies and pharmaceuticals. Through case analysis and discussion, students will gain a foundational understanding of how product liability law shapes corporate behavior, consumer protection, and access to remedies.

Law 519

Federal Criminal Investigations

1-3 credits

Lecture

Letter graded

Non-repeat

This course examines the work of prosecutors and defense attorneys applying the constitutional, statutory, ethical and other rules that govern the federal criminal process, from investigation to the decision to charge and through deposition by trial or plea and sentence. We will discuss the relevant rules, as well as contextualize this body of law, describing the real-world process of prosecuting and defending those accused of crime, proving facts, and the skills involved in applying the law to the facts.

Law 555

In-House Counsel for Public Companies

2 credits

Lecture

Letter graded

Non-repeat

This course explores the unique role of in-house counsel in guiding public companies through an increasingly complex regulatory, governance, and litigation landscape. The course covers the legal, regulatory, and strategic challenges across areas such as securities law, corporate governance, financial disclosures, proxy and annual meeting matters, shareholder engagement, and compliance. Through case studies, practical scenarios, and real-world examples, students will gain insight into how in-house counsel navigate the intersection of law and business, balancing legal risk with corporate goals in high-stakes corporate environments.

Law 757

NSI CTC Cybersecurity and AI Clinic

3 credits

Internship

Letter graded

Non-repeat

Pre-requisite: Foundations of Cybersecurity & AI Practice

Description: The NSI CTC Cybersecurity and AI Clinic is a multidisciplinary clinic that educates and trains students from both George Mason and Howard University on cybersecurity and AI in a clinical setting. This course is the follow-up to Foundations of Cybersecurity & AI Practice, which is offered in the preceding fall semester. The Clinic offers students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on cybersecurity experience while providing direct cyber support to vulnerable organizations in their local communities.

Law 517

Bank Regulation

2 credits

Lecture

Letter graded

Non-repeat

Description: This course surveys the legal and regulatory environment within which banks operate. The course examines the history and structure of the federal and state regulation of banks generally (i.e., the “dual banking system”); criteria and limitations on chartering; principal controls on the business of banking (deposit taking, lending, securities and insurance activities) including activities of holding company affiliates; capital and liquidity regulation; regulation of troubled financial institutions; liability of officers, directors, and professionals. This course also emphasizes the social and policy issues raised by the regulation of banks.

Law 526

Antitrust in Practice (W)

2 credits

Lecture

Letter graded

Non-repeat

Prerequisites: Antitrust I

Description: This course examines advanced topics in antitrust law through a practical lens from the perspective of practitioners—specifically associates. This course intends to prepare students to be a practitioner in a variety of antitrust-related settings, including an antitrust associate in private practice or an antitrust attorney for the government. Specific topics include a detailed breakdown and analysis of the full lifecycle of a transaction, from early-stage analysis and through to litigation as well as a variety of other important antitrust topics, including CIDs, representing a divestiture buyer, Clayton Act Section 8 (interlocking directorates), and antitrust criminal investigations. Economic concepts and thinking characteristic of modern antitrust law are integrated throughout the course.