Public Interest Law Specialization Certificate Requirements

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For students graduating in May 2016 or later, the specialization requirements consist of the courses listed below. Where the choice among multiple courses is offered, the list may not be exhaustive; new courses are regularly added to the curriculum. Approval of courses not on the list is within the discretion of the specialization Advisor. Each approved course must be at least two units.

Students are encouraged to meet with the specialization Advisor to plan their courses and should note that not all classes are offered every term.

To earn a Specialization Certificate in Public Interest Law, a student must complete and earn a B- or better* in the following courses:

1. A course with an experiential component such as:
   • ADR for Children & Families (2)
   • Alternative Dispute Resolution (3)
   • Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (2-4)
   • Externship course in a public interest placement
   • HLP Skills Lab (2)
   • Negotiation (3)
   • Street Law (3)
   • Veterans’ Legal Advocacy Center (2-4)
   • Women’s Employment Rights Clinic (2-4), and

2. Three elective courses from the following list:
   • Administrative Law (3)
   • ADR for Children & Families (2)***
   • Alternative Dispute Resolution (3)***
   • Animal & Wildlife Law (3)
   • Business Immigration Law (2)
   • Calif. Environ. & Natural Resources Law (3)
   • Children & the Law (3)
   • Community Property (2)
   • Competition: Environ. Law Moot Court (2)
   • Competition: Environmental Negotiation (2)
   • Criminal Litigation (3)
   • Criminal Procedure II (3)
   • Domestic Violence Seminar (2)
   • Elder Law (2)
   • Employment Discrimination (3)
   • Employment Law (3)
   • Energy & Environmental Law (3)
   • Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (2-4)***
   • Environmental Law & Justice Seminar (3)
   • Environmental Law & Policy (3)
   • Environmental Law Journal editor /writer (2+)
   • Externship course in a public interest placement (2-4)***
   • Family Law (3)
   • Family Law Practice (3)
   • Gender, Children & International Law (2)
   • Global Warming & Renewable Energy (3)
   • HLP Skills Lab (2)***
   • Immigration & Refugee Policy Seminar (3)
   • Immigration Law (3)
   • International Human Rights Seminar (3)
   • Labor Law (3)
   • Law of International Armed Conflict (3)
   • Negotiation (3) ***
   • Poverty Law (2)
   • Privacy, Defamation & Other Torts (2)
   • Public Health Law (3)
   • Public International Law (3)
   • Street Law (3)***
   • Tax Exempt Organizations (3)**
   • Toxics & Brownfield Law (3)
   • Veterans’ Legal Advocacy Center (2-4)
   • Veterans’ Legal Advocacy Seminar (2)
   • Water Law (3)
   • Women’s Employment Rights Clinic (2-4)***
   • Women’s Employment Rights Seminar (3)
   • Wrongful Convictions: Causes & Rems. (3)

* All courses counted toward the specialization must be taken for a letter grade unless a course is only offered on a credit/no credit basis (e.g., Externship courses)

** Offered through the LLM in Taxation Program. JD students seeking to enroll must obtain the approval of the LLM in Taxation Program Director.

*** If not taken as part of requirement #1 above

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