

## JD SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Instructions:

1) Complete sections A through C and submit this form to the Law School Registrar’s Office for verification of course information no later than **March 1 for May and July graduation candidates** and no later than **December 1 for December graduation candidates**. The Registrar’s Office will obtain the adviser’s signature after verifying the course information below. Public Interest certificate applicants must also complete a supplemental form.

A. Student Information

Name	Student ID Number
Address	Anticipated Graduation Date
City, State	Zip
E-mail	Home Phone
	Cell Phone

B. Area of Specialization: (Check only **ONE**. Complete a separate form for each certificate.)

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|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Law: Domestic Track | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Law: International Track | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law            | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property             | <input type="checkbox"/> International Law        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litigation                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest Law               | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Law          |
|                                                       |                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor and Employment Law |
|                                                       |                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation Law             |

C. Courses Completed/In-Progress Towards Certificate:

COURSE NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS	INSTRUCTOR	SEMESTER TAKEN	GRADE

D. Writing requirement (if applicable) fulfilled by: \_\_\_\_\_

E. Certificate GPA \_\_\_\_\_. Students who achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in the graded certificate courses will be awarded the certificate *with distinction*. GPA will be calculated by the Registrar’s Office.

F. Required Signatures:

Registrar’s Office	Date
Certificate Adviser	Date

## SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR PUBLIC INTEREST SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATE

Students interested in obtaining a certificate of specialization in Public Interest are required to complete the following three requirements:

- 1) 14 units of Public Interest courses.
- 2) 150 hours of supervised legal work at a public interest organization, civil rights law firm, or government agency. 25 hours of on or off-campus community service.

Instructions:

- 1) Complete sections I through IV
- 2) Submit this form along with the general Application for Specialization Certificate to the Law School Registrar's Office by the due date indicated on the Application form.

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I. Student Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID Number

- II. 14 Units Completed/In-Progress towards Public Interest Certificate:  
Complete Page 1 of the general Application for Specialization certificate form. If you have taken a course that ought to be considered, but is not on the list, please contact Certificate Adviser, Angela Dalfen.

- III. 150 Hours of supervised legal work at a public interest organization, civil rights law firm, or government agency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization/Office

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervising Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Legal Work

Brief Description of Duties: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- IV. 25 Hours of on or off-campus community service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization/Office

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

Brief Description of Duties: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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*Completed forms must be turned in directly to the Law School Registrar's Office. For questions or further information, contact Elana Konstant, Certificate Adviser, at 415-369-5391, ekonstant@ggu.edu, 62 First Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.*

## REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATES

In addition to the requirements listed under each specialization area, students can request in writing that the Certificate Advisor approve alternate courses or newly added courses to satisfy the certificate requirements. New courses are regularly added to the curriculum, and the list of courses under a particular specialization area may not be up to date. Approval of newly added or alternate courses is within the discretion of the advisor.

Students should plan their specialization courses in advance and should note that not all of these courses are offered every year.

### BUSINESS LAW (Professor Marc Greenberg, Certificate Adviser)

1. In addition to the already required Business Associations (4 units) (formerly Corporations), students must take 3 of the 6 following courses:
  - a. Business Planning (3 units)
  - b. Corporate Taxation (3 units)
  - c. Federal Income Tax (3 units)
  - d. Sales (2 units)
  - e. Securities Regulation (3 units)
  
2. Students must also fulfill the requirements of at least one of the following two sub-specialty tracks.
  - a. Domestic Track A student must take at least 3 courses from the following selection:
    - i.) Accounting for Lawyers (2 units)
    - ii.) Administrative Law (3 units)
    - iii.) Alternative Dispute Resolution (3 units)
    - iv.) Antitrust (3 units)
    - v.) Banking and Financial Institutions Law (3 units)
    - vi.) Bankruptcy Law (2 units)
    - vii.) Bankruptcy Taxation (2 units)
    - viii.) Business Immigration Law (2 units)
    - ix.) Business of the Practice of Law (3 units)
    - x.) Civil Field Placement Clinic (2-4 units)
    - xi.) Commercial Finance (3 units)
    - xii.) Content Licensing (2 units)
    - xiii.) Corporate Governance (3 units)
    - xiv.) Cyberlaw and Privacy (3 units)
    - xv.) E-Commerce Law (2 units)
    - xvi.) Employment Discrimination (3 units)
    - xvii.) Employment Law (3 units)
    - xviii.) Federal Income Taxation of Limited Liability Companies and S Corporations (2 units)
    - xix.) International Business Transactions (2 units)
    - xx.) Insurance Law (3 units)
    - xxi.) Internet and Software Law (3 units)
    - xxii.) Labor Law (3 units)
    - xxiii.) Mergers and Acquisitions (3 units)
    - xxiv.) Negotiating and Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business (2 units)
    - xxv.) Partnership Tax (3 units)
    - xxvi.) Principles of Valuation (1 unit)
    - xxvii.) Taxation of Intellectual Property (1 unit)
    - xxviii.) Taxation of Mergers and Acquisitions (3 units)
    - xxix.) Trademark Law of the U.S. (3 units)

b. International Track A student must take at least 3 courses from the following selection:

- i.) Air, Space, and Telecommunications Law (3 units)
- ii.) Business Immigration Law (2 units)
- iii.) Comparative Corporate Law (2 units) \*
- iv.) European Union Law (3 units)
- v.) International Business Transactions (2 units)
- vi.) International Contracts (2 units)
- vii.) International Commercial Dispute Resolution (2 units)
- viii.) International Intellectual Property Law (2 units)
- ix.) International Investment Law (3 units)
- x.) International Patent Law (3 units)
- xi.) International Taxation (3 units)
- xii.) International Trade & Environmental Protection (3 units)
- xiii.) International Trade Regulation (3 units)
- xiv.) Private International Law: Transnational Litigation (3 units)

*\* Offered only through the summer abroad program in Paris*

### **CRIMINAL LAW (Professor Bob Calhoun, Certificate Adviser)**

In addition to the already required courses of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I, and Evidence, students must complete at least thirteen (13) units in the following courses:

- 1. Criminal Procedure II (3 units)
- 2. Criminal Litigation Clinic (3 units) or, for night students only, Criminal Litigation (3 units)
  - a. Full-time students must take the Criminal Litigation Clinic or gain criminal law practical experience in the field as approved by the certificate adviser.
  - b. Part-time students may, with the certificate adviser's consent, substitute the Criminal Litigation course for clinical or practical experience
- 3. Trial Advocacy (3 units)
- 4. Two of the following courses:
  - a. Comparative Criminal Justice (2 units)
  - b. Comparative Criminal Procedure (3 units)
  - c. Domestic Violence Seminar (2 units)
  - d. Criminal Litigation (3 units) (if not taken as part of requirement 2.)
  - e. Mock Trial (3 units)
  - f. Moot Court Competition (1-2 units)
  - g. Wrongful Convictions (2 units)

## **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Professor Alan Ramo, Certificate Adviser)**

Students must:

1. Arrange a meeting with an Environmental Law Certificate Adviser early in the second year, or as soon after that as possible, to discuss the planned course of study. At that meeting, the student will be given a checklist of all requirements for completion of the certificate.
2. Complete at least one of the following courses with a grade of at least C:
  - a. Environmental Law & Policy (3 units)
  - b. Toxics Law & Policy (3 units)
3. Complete at least seven units (for "Credit" or a grade of at least C) from the following courses:
  - a. Administrative Law (3 units)
  - b. Animal & Wildlife Law (3 units)
  - c. California Environmental & Natural Resources Law (3 units)
  - d. Climate Change & International Law (2 units)
  - e. Energy & Environmental Law (3 units)
  - f. Environmental Law Moot Court Competition (1 unit)
  - g. Environmental Negotiations Competition (1 unit)
  - h. Global Climate Change & Water Law
  - i. Global Warming & the Courts
  - j. Global Warming & Renewable Energy(3 units)
  - k. International Environmental Law Seminar (3 units)
  - l. International Trade & Environmental Protection (3 units)
  - m. Land Use Regulation (3 units)
  - n. Public Natural Resources & Land Law (3 units)
  - o. Water Law (3 units)
  - p. Either of the following courses, if not also used to satisfy requirement #2 above:
    - i.) Environmental Law & Policy
    - ii.) Toxics Law & Policy
- q. Students may earn up to a maximum of 2 units for the Environmental Law Journal
4. Students must complete both of the following:
  - a. A substantial academic research paper, either in connection with one of the above-listed courses or through a faculty supervised independent study project, or publication of a note or comment with the Environmental Law Journal.
  - b. Two units of an environmental practice component or an environmental practicum equivalent. There are four (4) methods by which students can satisfy these environmental practice/environmental practicum equivalent requirements. First, students can apply to enroll in GGU's in-house Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (ELJC) (1-3 units), which requires concurrent enrollment in the Environmental Law and Justice Seminar (3 units). Second, students can enroll in the Environmental Law Clinic (Externship) (2-4 units), which requires concurrent enrollment in the Environmental Law Practice Seminar (2 units) in conjunction with an outside externship approved by the faculty teaching the Seminar. The Environmental Law Clinic (Externship) is separate and distinct from the ELJC and is offered in the spring term. Third, for evening students whose work schedule makes it infeasible to complete an externship or the ELJC, students can take the Environmental Law Practice Seminar in conjunction with a practice-focused (as opposed to research-focused) independent study project approved by the Environmental Law Certificate Adviser. Fourth, subject to the prior approval of the Environmental Law Certificate Adviser, students in the GGU Honors Lawyering Program may complete the environmental practicum equivalent requirement for the Environmental Law Certificate through a semester's placement in an environmental law office.

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (Professor William Gallagher, Certificate Adviser)**

1. Students must complete the following courses:
  - a. Intellectual Property Law Survey (3 units)
  - b. Internet and Software Law (3 units)
  
2. Students must also complete at least eight units from the following listed courses:
  - a. Antitrust (3 units)
  - b. Art & the Law (2 units)
  - c. Biotechnology Law (3 units)
  - d. Business Planning (3 units)
  - e. Content Licensing (2 units)
  - f. Copyright Law of the U.S. (3 units)
  - g. Cyberlaw & Privacy (3 units)
  - h. E-Commerce Law (2 units)
  - i. Entertainment Law (3 units)
  - j. Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright and Trademark (2 units)
  - k. International Intellectual Property Law (2 units)
  - l. International Patent Law (3 units)
  - m. Negotiating and Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business (2 units)
  - n. Patent Application Process From A to Z (3 units)
  - o. Patent Law of the U.S. (3 units)
  - p. Patent Litigation (2 units)
  - q. Sports Law (2 units)
  - r. Trademark Law of the U.S. (3 units)
  - s. Any other Intellectual Property courses subsequently added to the curriculum
  
3. Students may substitute up to two units of certificate course work by completing one of the options listed below. Without faculty adviser approval, no more than two of the total of fourteen (14) units required for the certificate may be obtained through these alternative options:
  - a. Participation as a writer and team member in either the Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition (Trademark Law), or the European Law Moot Court Competition (where the case deals with IP law); or
  - b. Completing, with a grade of C or better, a clinical placement experience in the IP field, with the additional requirement of students maintaining and forwarding a bi-weekly log to a supervising full- or part-time faculty member detailing the nature of the work being done, and copies of any written work done during the placement. In order for the clinical work to qualify for the IP certificate, the prior written approval by the faculty adviser for the IP certificate program must be obtained before the student starts the clinical work experience.
  - c. A substantial academic research paper, either in connection with one of the above-listed courses or through a full- or part-time faculty-supervised independent study project, with the topic being subject to faculty adviser approval.

**INTERNATIONAL LAW (Professor Chris Okeke, Certificate Adviser)**

1. Students must complete twelve units (12) of International Law courses if all certificate courses are taken at Golden Gate University. Otherwise, students must complete fifteen units (15) of International Law courses six of which may be transferred in from another ABA-approved institution.
2. Of the 12 or 15 units, one course must be from the following list:
  - a. Comparative Legal Systems (3 units)
  - b. International Business Transactions (2 units)
  - c. International Commercial Dispute Resolution (2 units)
  - d. International Trade Regulation (3 units)
  - e. Competition: Jessup International Law Moot Court (1-2 units)
  - f. Private International Law: Transnational Litigation (3 units)

The certificate adviser must approve the rest of the units.

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW (Professors Marci Seville and Hina Shah, Certificate Adviser)**

1. Students must complete two of the following three courses and must earn a grade of C or better in both courses:
  - a. Labor Law (3 units)
  - b. Employment Law (3 units)
  - c. Employment Discrimination (3 units)
2. Students must complete at least two additional courses from the following list of courses and must earn a “credit” or a grade of C or better in each course:
  - a. Administrative Law (3 units)
  - b. Alternative Dispute Resolution (3 units)
  - c. Business Immigration Law (2 units)
  - d. Comparative Labor Law (2 units) \*
  - e. Entertainment Law (3 units)
  - f. ERISA I (2 units) <sup>§</sup>
  - g. ERISA II (1 unit) <sup>§</sup>
  - h. Gender & the Law (formerly Women & the Law) (2 units)
  - i. Sexual Orientation & the Law (2 units)
  - j. Sports Law (2 units)
  - k. Workers’ Compensation (2 units)

Women’s Employment Rights Seminar (3 units) (Admission for non-clinic students on a space available basis.)

<sup>§</sup> Offered through the LLM in Taxation Program. JD students seeking to enroll must obtain the approval of the Program Director.

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3. Alternatively, students may elect to complete all three courses listed under requirement #1, plus one course listed under #2. Students should plan their specialization courses in advance and should note that not all of these courses are offered every year.
4. Students must complete a substantial academic research paper in the field of labor and employment law; either in connection with one of the courses listed under requirement #2 or through writing a law review article in the field or through a faculty-supervised independent study project. If the student elects to satisfy this requirement through a paper written in connection with one of the courses listed under requirement #2, that course shall not be included in the two courses specified under requirement #2.
5. Students must complete two units of labor and employment law practice through the in house Women’s Employment Rights Clinic, or through another practical experience approved by the certificate advisers.

### **LITIGATION (Professors Bernie Segal and Susan Rutberg, Certificate Advisers)**

1. Students must complete 14 units in approved litigation courses.
2. Students must complete both of the following:
  - a. Trial Advocacy (3 units) with a grade of at least a “B”
  - b. Mock Trial Basic (3 units) and receive “Credit”
3. Students must complete one of the following courses and achieve a grade of at least a “B”.
  - a. Civil Litigation: Pre-Trial Phase (3 units)
  - b. Criminal Litigation (3 units)
4. Students must complete five additional units from among the following courses. If the course is graded students must achieve a grade of at least a “B”.
  - a. Alternative Dispute Resolution (3 units)
  - b. Clinics or Externship Clinical Placements, provided the student has *State Bar Certification or the Federal practice equivalent AND the opportunity for significant litigation activity.* (only 3 clinical units may count toward the certificate)
  - c. Courtroom as Theatre (2 units)
  - d. Honors Lawyering Program Lawyering Skills (2 units) (available only to students in the HLP Program)
  - e. Advanced Mock Trial Competition (2 units) (Competitions are open to students selected or approved by faculty.)
  - f. Mock Trial Basic (second time) (3 units)
  - g. Moot Court Competition (1-2 units)
  - h. Other courses when approved by the certificate advisers.

### **PUBLIC INTEREST LAW (Public Interest Adviser Elana Konstant, Certificate Adviser)**

(Students must complete the attached *Supplemental Form for Public Interest Specialization Certificate* in addition to the *Application for Specialization Certificate*.)

Students must complete 150 hours of supervised legal work in a public interest or government organization.

Students must complete 25 hours of on-campus or community service work promoting public interest.

1. Students must complete 14 units of coursework from among the courses listed below. If you have taken a course that should be considered but is not on the list, please contact Certificate Adviser.

Administrative Law (3 units)  
Advanced Seminar in Labor/Employment Law (2 units)  
Alternative Dispute Resolution (3 units)  
Art & the Law (2 units)  
Business Immigration Law (2 units)  
California Environmental and Natural Resources Law (3 units)  
Children & the Law (3 units)  
Community Property (2 units)  
Comparative Criminal Procedure (3 units)  
Criminal Litigation (3 units)  
Criminal Litigation Clinic (2-4 units)  
Criminal Procedure II (3 units)  
Civil Field Placement Clinic (2-4 units)  
Domestic Violence Seminar (2 units)  
Education Law (2 units)  
Employment Discrimination (3 units)

Employment Law (3 units)  
Energy and Environmental Law (3 units)  
Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (3-6 units)  
Environmental Law & Justice Seminar (3 units)  
Environmental Law & Policy (3 units)  
Environmental Law Clinic (2-4 units)  
Environmental Law Moot Court Competition (1-2 units)  
Environmental Law Practice Seminar (2 units)  
Family Law (3 units)  
Federal Courts (3 units)  
Gender & the Law (2 units)  
Immigration & Refugee Policy Seminar & Clinic (1-2 units)  
Immigration Law (3 units)  
International Environmental Law Seminar (3 units)  
International Human Rights Seminar (2-3 units)  
International Law (3 units)  
International Organizations (3 units)  
International Trade & Environmental Protection (3 units)  
Labor Law (3 units)  
Landlord-Tenant Law Clinic (3 units)  
Land Use Regulation (3 units)  
Law of International Armed Conflicts (3 units)  
Law of the Sea Seminar (2 units)  
Lawyering Skills: Client Advocacy (3 units)  
Mediation Skills Training (2 units)  
Pacific Settlement of Disputes Between States (3 units)  
Public Natural Resources & Land Law (3 units)  
Sexual Orientation & the Law (3 units)  
Street Law (3 units)  
Tax Exempt Organizations (3 units)<sup>§</sup>  
Toxics Law & Policy (3 units)  
Water Law (3 units)  
Women's Employment Rights Clinic (1-3 units)  
Women's Employment Rights Seminar (3 units)  
Worker's Compensation (2 units)

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**REAL ESTATE LAW (Professor Roger Bernhardt, Certificate Adviser)**

1. Students must complete the following courses with a grade of at least C:
  - a. Real Estate Finance (3 units)
  - b. Commercial Finance (UCC Article 9) (3 units)
  - c. Federal Income Taxation (3 units)
2. Students must complete at least four additional units (for “credit” or a grade of at least C) from the following courses:
  - a. Bankruptcy Law (2 units)
  - b. Commercial Leasing (2 units)
  - c. Environmental Law & Policy (3 units)
  - d. Land Use Regulation (3 units)
  - e. Partnership Tax (3 units) <sup>§</sup> or Real Estate Tax (3 units) <sup>§</sup>
  - f. Real Estate Development (3 units)
3. Students must complete both of the following:
  - a. A faculty-supervised independent study project
  - b. Two units of real estate practice through Real Estate Clinic or the associated Real Estate Practice Seminar

**TAX LAW (Professor Kimberly Stanley, Certificate Adviser)**

1. Students must complete the following courses (9 units) with a grade of at least B-:
  - a. Federal Income Tax (JD-level course) (3 units) or Characterization of Income & Expenditures (3 units). This course is a prerequisite for all other required and elective courses for the Tax Law Certificate.
  - b. Corporate Tax (3 units)
  - c. Federal Tax Procedure (3 units)
2. Students must complete at least 5 additional units (for “credit” or a grade of at least C) from the following courses:
  - a. Advanced Estate Planning (2 units)
  - b. Charitable Giving (2 units)
  - c. Estate & Gift Taxation (3 units)
  - d. Estate Planning (3 units)
  - e. Federal Income Taxation of LLCs and S Corps (2 units)
  - f. International Taxation (3 units)
  - g. Marital Taxation (2 units)
  - h. Partnership Taxation (3 units)
  - i. Professional Responsibility for Tax Practitioners (2 units)
  - j. Real Estate Taxation (3 units)
  - k. State and Local Taxation (2 units)
  - l. Tax Exempt Organizations (2 units)
  - m. Tax Policy (3 units)
  - n. Tax Research (1 unit)

Other LLM-level tax courses may qualify as Tax Law Certificate electives, on a prior approval of the Certificate Adviser.