

Business and Corporate Law Courses

The practice of a corporate attorney is largely advisory and transactional. From the sole proprietorship to the publicly-held enterprise, the attorney counsels the client on a myriad of issues. These issues include, for example, choice of business entity, shareholder and related agreements (such as stock transfer agreements), law compliance, director and officer duties, mergers and acquisitions, and good corporate governance. In addition, the corporate attorney may opt to become a litigator, focusing on contested matters relating to alleged breaches of fiduciary duty, securities fraud, and insider trading.

Foundation Courses – Introducing the Basic Concepts

Business Enterprise
Securities Regulation
Income Taxation

Recommended Courses – Corporate Law Electives

Corporate Finance & Acquisitions
Corporate Planning
Corporate Taxation
Counseling the Small Business Owner
Due Diligence in Business Transactions
Lawyering & Ethics for the Business Attorney
Legal Accounting
Mergers & Acquisitions
Partnership Tax
Private Equity & Hedge Fund Law
Representing the Entrepreneurial Client
Role of General Counsel
Securities Litigation & Enforcement

Clinics

Small Business Clinic
Tax Clinic
Trademark Clinic
Patent Clinic

Related Courses

Antitrust Law
Banking Law: Domestic & International
Creditors' Rights
Economic Analysis of Law
Employment Law
Environmental Law
Franchising & Distribution Law
Immigration Law
Intellectual Property
International Business & Financial Transactions

International Franchising
Payment Systems
Products Liability
Real Estate Transactions
Regulations of Securities & Commodities Markets
Sale of Goods Transactions
Secured Transactions
Social Media Law

[For those interested in **corporate litigation**, see also Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution. For those interested in **corporate insolvency**, see also Bankruptcy Law.]

With prior permission, students may also take a limited number of graduate-level courses at SMU's Cox School of Business. Dedman School of Law and Cox School of Business also offer a joint JD/MBA degree in three-year and four-year program options.

Externships

Corporate Counsel Externship Program (includes classroom component)
SEC Student Externship Program
SMU Legal Affairs Office
Susan G. Komen for the Cure (legal affairs office)

Student Organizations

Corporate Law Association

Faculty

Here are some of the full-time faculty members who teach or are interested in this area:

Greg Crespi
Joe Norton
Marc Steinberg
Carla Reyes

[See also faculty listed under Antitrust, Commercial & Consumer Law, Intellectual Property and Taxation]