

SPRING 2025
SPECIAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

BUSINESS BASICS AND ACCOUNTING FOR LAWYERS

Students can **NOT** take Business Basics if you have already taken Accounting for Lawyers.

Students may register for Accounting for Lawyers if you have already taken Business Basics.

ADVANCED CONTRACTS

Enrollment is required for J.D. students identified by the administration. Students will be manually registered by the Office of the Registrar.

ADV. TOPICS IN REAL ESTATE LAW

Permission by the Program Director, Rob Sein, is needed to enroll. Students will be manually registered by the Office of the Registrar.

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BANKRUPTCY COURSES

JD students interested in registering for Bankruptcy courses should contact Laura Schwartz at schwartl@stjohns.edu or Margie Townsend at townsem1@stjohns.edu. Student will be manually registered.

CHILD, PARENT, STATE (New Course – see website for course description)

COMPARATIVE LEGAL SYSTEMS: International Human Rights—*Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights in Paris*

The Dean's Travel Study Program—International Human Rights: *Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights in Paris* will offer students a unique opportunity to understand the international frameworks and legal foundations of economic, social, and cultural rights (ESCR), while exploring challenges related to the protection and promotion of these rights. Set against the backdrop of one of Europe's most vibrant cities, and the city where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted in 1948, the course will delve into how ESC rights are protected, challenged, and promoted in both historic and contemporary contexts. Through a combination of site visits and discussions with experts, students will deepen their understanding of international ESCR issues, including the promotion of education, science, and culture, and securing the ESC rights of refugees, among others. Students will engage with international organizations, nonprofits, and nearby cultural heritage sites, while also experiencing the city's rich artistic and historical legacy.

This course provides selected second-, third-, and fourth-year students the opportunity and experience first-hand foreign legal systems throughout the world. With a different legal system (country or region) designated annually by the Dean, this travel / study course presents students the opportunity to gain substantial and comparative law knowledge across the great variety of common law, civil law, and mixed legal systems worldwide. The course includes a pre-departure class at St. John's. Then, the travel portion includes a stay in a selected city or cities with visits to cultural, governmental, and legal institutions. The course will be graded based on participation and two short reflection papers.

Reading material will be provided.

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CRYPTO FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW (New Course – see website for course description)

DISASTER LAW SEMINAR (New Course – see website for course description)

EMERGING ISSUES IN REAL ESTATE LAW SEMINAR (INTENSIVE)

This course will focus on Housing Court and Residential Landlord-Tenant.

In the seminar, students will explore cutting-edge issues in real estate law and deepen their understanding of concepts related to the financing, development, ownership, and operation of real estate not covered in depth in any other course. Topics covered will change from year to year to reflect the most recent developments and trends in real estate, and the instructor's particular areas of expertise. Grades will be based on a final examination (75%) and class participation (25%). Pre-requisite(s) for JD students: REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS and four additional credits of advanced PROP coursework. Enrollment requires permission of the Program Director, Robert Sein, who may designate pre- and/or co-requisites based on the topic covered. seinr@stjohns.edu

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY AND PRACTICE (New Course – see website for course description)

LEGAL STORY TELLING (New Course – see website for course description)

SCHOLARLY RESEARCH AND WRITING: REAL PROPERTY LAW (New Course – see website for course description)

SELECT TOPICS IN LAW AND TECHNOLOGY: AI's IMPACT on LAW

This course will explore how the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in various contexts—from medicine and finance to the arts and policing—is straining traditional legal doctrines, including torts, contracts, intellectual property, criminal law, and more. Through a combination of lectures, case studies, and discussions, students will examine ethical theories, regulatory frameworks, and the practical challenges of integrating AI into our everyday lives.

STREET LAW SEMINAR

STREET LAW: LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY

The Street Law Program provides students with the exciting opportunity *to teach a practical law course* on subjects such as criminal law, constitutional law, torts, and family law to high school students at John Bowne High School in Flushing, New York (or another nearby school). While serving the community, students will develop practical legal knowledge, professional responsibility, and important lawyering skills.

The Details

- The Street Law Program has a seminar and a placement component. For Spring 2024, the seminar will meet on **Mondays from 11:10 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.**
- Students receive 1 pass/fail credit for teaching to the high school students and 2 letter-grade credits for their seminar work.
- Students prepare, research, and design their own lesson plans.
- Students teach one lesson and observe a classmate teach one lesson each week.
- In total, students visit the high school *twice* a week for **approximately one hour each time**. The high school classes run Monday through Friday. By way of example, last time, students taught eighth and ninth periods (1:20 – 2:04 p.m., and 2:07– 2:51 p.m., respectively). *But note that specific class times are not finalized until later*. I will solicit preferences for teaching days and times after enrollment in the program.
- Students are responsible for their own transportation to the high School, which is located at 63-25 Main Street, Flushing, NY. It is only a few miles from the law school accessible by car and public transportation.

Enrollment Process

Students interested in participating in the Street Law Program should **email a short statement** describing their interest and qualifications to Professor Montana at grandep@stjohns.edu. No prior teaching experience is required. No minimum GPA is required. Students will be accepted on a rolling basis.