

Litigation Specialization Certificate Requirements

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The litigation specialization certificate requires that each student take a minimum of 10-Units from the courses listed below with a B- or better. Once the courses are completed in all four categories, please submit your certification form and your unofficial transcript requesting certification to the registrar. All litigation courses must be taken for a letter grade with the exception of externships. *1st STEP fulfills Trial Advocacy (Section 1) & Evidence in the Courtroom (Section 4) & Effective Brief Writing (Only 1 unit towards Section 2 or 4)

The course list may not be exhaustive; new courses are regularly added to the curriculum. Students are encouraged to email the Advisor with any questions after planning their courses, (**not all classes are offered every term**). Approval of courses not listed is within the Advisor's discretion.

1. Three or Five Units (3-5) Trial Advocacy:

- Trial Advocacy* (3)
- Advanced Trial Advocacy (2)

2. Three Units (3): Civil Litigation & Criminal Litigation Coursework:

- Civil Litigation Pre-Trial Phase (2) and Litigation Specialty Course Elective (1)
- Criminal Litigation Pre-Trial Phase (2) and Litigation Specialty Course Elective (1)
- **Three Litigation Specialty Course Electives (3):**
 - ❖ Introduction to eDiscovery (1)
 - ❖ Introduction to Written Discovery (1)
 - ❖ Introduction to Criminal Litigation (1-2)
 - ❖ Introduction to Civil Litigation (1)
 - ❖ Introduction to Depositions (1)
 - ❖ Introduction to Expert Witnesses (1)
 - ❖ Introduction to Jury Selection (1)
 - ❖ Ethical Prosecutions (1)
 - ❖ Strategic Jury Persuasion (1)
 - ❖ Effective Brief Writing & Motion Advocacy (2)*
 - ❖ Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright and Trademark (2)

3. Two or Three Units (2-3): Experiential Courses:

- **Competition:** Mock Trial (2) (*Approval Required)
- **Competition:** Advanced Mock Trial (2) (*Approval Required)
- **Competition:** IP Law Moot Court (1-2) (*Approval Required)
- **Competition:** Jessup International Law Moot Court (1-2) (*Approval Required)
- Negotiation (3)
- Advanced Trial Advocacy (2)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (3)
- Overcoming Civil Litigation Obstacles (2)
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Criminal Practice (2)
- A Clinic or Externship course with State Bar Certification or the Federal practice equivalent *and* the opportunity for significant litigation activity (2-3)

4. Two or Three Units (2-3): Litigation Elective Courses: (If not taken in section #2 or #3 above):

- **Competition:** Mock Trial (1-2) (*Approval Required)
- **Competition:** Advanced Mock Trial (1-2) (*Approval Required)
- Evidence in the Courtroom (2)*
- Advanced Trial Advocacy (2)
- Criminal Litigation Pre-Trial Phase (2)
- Civil Litigation: Pre-Trial Phase (2)
- Professional Presentation and Persuasion *or* Advanced Communication for Attorneys (2)
- Real Estate Practice – Litigation (2)
- Tax Court - Litigation (2)
- Effective Brief Writing & Motion Advocacy (2)*
- Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright and Trademark (2)
- Criminal Procedure II (3)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (3)
- Negotiation (3)
- A Clinic or Externship course, with State Bar Certification or the Federal practice equivalent *and* the opportunity for significant litigation activity (2-3)