

Certificate in Litigation (with J.D. Degree)

Marquette Law School students will receive a Certificate in Litigation upon graduation with the J.D. and completion of the following requirements.

Students who have completed at least 29 credits and are interested in earning the certificate must meet with program director Professor Daniel Blinka or another designated faculty advisor to discuss the student's goals and the program's requirements. Students must submit the Certificate approval form (insert website for form here) during the student's final semester before graduation to ensure that the program's requirements have been met. May and August graduates must submit the Certificate Approval form no later than March 31st; December graduates must submit the Certificate Approval form no later than October 31st.

Requirements

The following courses fulfill the curriculum requirements for the certificate. Additional courses may be added to these categories of required classes upon the recommendation of the Director of the Litigation Program and the approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. A student must complete a minimum of 17 credits in the courses listed below in order to earn the Litigation Certificate.

1. Required courses (5-6 credits)
 - a. Civil Pretrial Practice or Criminal Practice Workshop (students need take only one of these courses)
 - b. Trial Advocacy I (any section)
2. One intensive writing course (2-3 credits) from among the following:
 - a. Seminar: Advanced Legal Writing
 - b. Seminar: The Supreme Court
 - c. Workshop: Advanced Brief Writing
 - d. Workshop: Appellate Writing and Advocacy
3. Two additional courses (4-6 credits) on subjects closely linked to litigation, civil or criminal, from those listed below (or any of the above courses not already counted toward the preceding course requirement). Only one seminar may count toward this requirement:
 - a. Administrative Law
 - b. Advanced Civil Procedure
 - c. Constitutional Criminal Procedure
 - d. Criminal Process
 - e. Electronic Discovery

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- f. Federal Courts
 - g. Federal Criminal Procedure
 - h. Insurance
 - i. Remedies
 - j. Sentencing
 - k. Workshop: Arbitration
 - l. Workshop: Deposition Practice
 - m. Workshop: Expert and Forensic Science Evidence in Criminal Cases
 - n. Workshop: Guardian Ad Litem
 - o. Workshop: Intellectual Property Litigation
 - p. Workshop: Trial Advocacy 2
4. Students must also experience the litigation process in order to better understand the law in action. This requirement is fulfilled by two experiences in the four categories listed below. A student may meet one (but not both) of the two required experiences through an approved trial competition. Completion of the Public Defender Clinic or Prosecutor Clinic fulfills the requirement.
- a. Clinics
 - 1) Prosecutor Clinic
 - 2) Public Defender Clinic
 - 3) Unemployment Compensation Clinic
 - b. Judicial Internships
 - 1) Appellate courts (state and federal).
 - 2) U.S. district courts
 - 3) U.S. magistrate judge courts
 - 4) U.S. bankruptcy courts
 - 5) Milwaukee County Circuit Courts
 - 6) Circuit Courts in other Wisconsin counties.
 - c. Supervised Fieldwork Programs
 - 1) Centro Legal
 - 2) District Attorney Offices – Statewide
 - 3) Federal Defender
 - 4) Legal Action of Wisconsin
 - 5) Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee
 - 6) Milwaukee City Attorney
 - 7) Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel
 - 8) Milwaukee County District Attorney – CHIPS/TPR Unit
 - 9) U.S. Attorney
 - 10) U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Comm. (Enforcement Division and Mediation Advocacy)
 - 11) United States Department of Veterans Affairs
 - 12) United States Trustee Program
 - 13) Waukesha County Corporation Counsel Child Support Enforcement Division
 - 14) Wisconsin Department of Justice

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- 15) Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development – Equal Rights Division
- 16) Wisconsin State Public Defender – Juvenile Division
- 17) Wisconsin State Public Defender - Statewide

d. Competitions

- 1) Moot Court-sponsored competitions (as approved by the Moot Court Board)
- 2) Trial competitions (as specifically approved by Professor Blinka)