

# Corporate and Transactional Law General Course Guide

Corporate lawyers advise businesses such as partnerships, publicly and privately held companies, and business start-ups, concerning their legal rights and obligations in transactional, regulatory, and litigation-related matters. General corporate practice involves handling a wide range of legal and business issues, including contract negotiation and dealmaking, mergers and acquisitions, labor and employment issues, real estate and intellectual property issues, and liability and insurance issues.

In addition to required courses (*e.g.*, Contracts, Property, Business Organizations, and Secured Transactions), students interested in becoming corporate lawyers should take relevant elective courses. Depending on their area of interest, students should also review the courses listed under the Tax Law track.<sup>1</sup>

## **Core Courses:**

Administrative Law  
Bankruptcy  
Federal Income Tax<sup>2</sup>  
Employment Law or Labor Law  
Mergers and Acquisitions

## **Recommended Courses:**

Banking Law  
Business Planning  
Corporate Finance  
Corporate Tax  
Cybersecurity  
Federal Income Tax  
Financing Real Property Transactions  
International Business Transactions  
Partnership Tax  
Real Estate Transactions  
Sales

## **Recommended Experiential/Skills Courses:**

Business Drafting  
Contract Drafting  
Externships<sup>3</sup>  
Negotiation

## **Related Courses:**

Antitrust  
Business Bankruptcy  
Cannabis and the Law  
Employment Discrimination  
Environmental Law  
Information Technology and the Law  
Nonprofit Organizations: Law and Governance  
Payment Systems  
Real Property Security  
Sports Law  
Tax Policy and Public Finance

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<sup>1</sup>Please consult the course schedule for current course availability. Courses may be offered in alternating years. Additionally, students interested in corporate or transactional law may also obtain a Master of Studies of Law (M.S.L.) or Master of Laws (LL.M.) together with their J.D. specializing in financial services regulatory compliance or health law and compliance.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Income Tax is prerequisite for other tax courses.

<sup>3</sup> Available externships and internships are posted on 12Twenty. The director of Externships and the director of the Career Development Office may be contacted for additional information.