

First-Year Week One Simulations

Week One 2023 will take place from Monday, January 9 through Thursday, January 12, 2023. Week One courses are optional, 1-credit courses, graded pass/fail, and count toward the 6 credits of experiential coursework required of students matriculating as first-year students in Fall 2016 or later.

Courses Currently Offered for Week One 2023

[Advocacy, Client Counseling and Negotiation Skills in Practice Settings](#)

Professor [Sheldon Krantz](#) (CRN: 33691)

Jan. 9-12, 2023 from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Through role plays set in the context of interaction with clients, fact-finding, negotiation, litigation, and transactional work, this Week One simulation course will teach first-year students how ethics issues arise in practice and how lawyers may run afoul of rules that govern professional responsibility. During the course's four days, students will be involved in one or more of the following matters:

- A court sanctions hearing relating to allegations of abuses in civil discovery;
- A disciplinary hearing considering conflict of interest claims against in-house counsel because of her alleged representation of both a university and its president during a criminal investigation;
- A simulation of interaction with clients and negotiations relating to the sale of a helicopter;
- A simulation of an internal law firm investigation of alleged associate and partner abuses in billing.

In each of these situations, students, working in teams and in various roles will be assigned responsibility for meeting with clients, fact-finding—reviewing documents and interviewing prospective witnesses, researching pertinent ethics rules, engaging in negotiations, and making arguments either in a court or disciplinary hearing setting. Through these role-playing assignments, students will learn how to analyze rules of professional conduct, engage in fact-finding, and serve as advocates in various settings. Upper-class teaching fellows will serve as clients, potential witnesses, and decision-makers in the disciplinary setting.

Brand Protection Strategy in a “Privacy First” Era: Mitigating IP Risks Simulation

Professor [Leslie Nettleford](#) (CRN: 43804)

Jan. 9-12, 2023 from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This course is designed to allow you to develop real-world skills to protect intellectual property (IP) and provide hands-on experiences in a challenging, complex and rapidly changing field. You should expect intensive group work and a highly-participatory environment. You will learn about how companies use and monetize their IP, regulatory tools and online complaint processes to protect their IP, and the opportunity to not only engage in creative research and investigation in a privacy-first era, but also to develop essential lawyering skills, including legal analysis, collaborative teamwork, client counseling, and problem-solving.

Upon completion of this course you will be able to anticipate company IP risks and make recommendations for proactive steps prior to product or project launches. You will know how to draft cease and desist letters, prepare draft licensing agreements, and file online complaints. You will learn how to work individually and collaborate as a team to prioritize efforts and propose strategies that provide the most meaningful solutions based on a company's needs.

Communication Design & Law: Re-Designing Legal Information

Professors [Jacklynn Pham](#) and [Daniel Yi](#) (CRN: 35339)

Jan. 9-12, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

This is a Week One, project-based simulation course.

Communication is at the heart of law. As lawyers, we capture and share our work through briefs, memos, reports, legislation, contracts, presentations, articles, and email.

The core idea driving this course is that lawyers can have a bigger impact if they create written work that more people can understand.

This class will help you do that through the lens of communication design. Legal writing is often opaque, dense, and intimidating. Communication design is the theory and craft of transforming this into something that is approachable, actionable, and empowering.

Over four fast-paced, intense days, you will:

- Learn about the principles of communication design
- Practice evaluating design and giving feedback
- Redesign a complex document into something understandable using the document design and plain language.

We include several small-but-meaningful in-class challenges to illustrate key concepts.

The class culminates with an overarching communication design project. Some examples of this final project may include re-designing:

- The Supreme Court opinion
- A legal contract
- The sign-up process for a government benefit.

By the end of the course, you will share your work with the class for shared feedback.

Corporate Compliance in the Financial Sector: Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing

Professor [Jonathan Jay Rusch](#) (CRN: 37673)

Jan. 9-12, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This course will introduce students to the law and practice of corporate compliance, with particular reference to the financial sector and a critical compliance area for that sector: anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CFT). Through mini-lectures, simulation exercises (e.g., drafting of corporate compliance policies, in-house client counseling on compliance issues, briefings of senior executives on key compliance issues, identification of compliance failures, and reporting of potential wrongdoing to law enforcement and regulators), and oral and written feedback, students gain exposure to the key skill sets that lawyers performing corporate-compliance roles routinely use. This course can also serve as an introduction to materials covered in upper level elective courses such as Federal White Collar Crime or International White Collar Crime. The course does not require students to have any prior exposure to corporate-compliance issues from their first-semester courses.

For class each day, students will have certain assigned readings before class (which may include scenario-based fact patterns and mock documents for the next day's exercises), and handle questioning in mini-problems involving witness questioning in both civil and criminal practice. The scenario for the course, as it expands during Week One, is expected to include situations such as (1) drafting and markup of a corporate AML/CFT policy to ensure appropriate inclusion of legal and other requirements pertinent to the topic; (2) client interviews involving corporate executives and employees with questions about interpretation and implementation of the AML/CFT policy; (3) public speaking to corporate executives, in the form of concise briefings on key AML/CFT-related issues and developments; (3) identification of potential AML/CFT compliance failures through questioning of corporate executives and employees; (4) reporting of potential wrongdoing to law enforcement and regulators through Suspicious Activity Reports; and (5) recommendations of possible disciplinary action against selected corporate executives and employees who appear to have engaged in various forms of misconduct. Students can expect to participate in each of the scenario-based exercises each day of class and to enhance their and their classmates' learning through a highly participatory and supportive environment.

Internal Investigation Simulation: Evaluating Corporate Corruption

Professor [Michael John Cedrone](#) (CRN: 10602)

Jan. 9-12, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In this Week One simulation, you will act as outside counsel conducting an internal investigation into Santé, an issuer on a U.S. exchange. Santé has uncovered evidence of bribe-like payments made as part of its operations in Africa. It is concerned that these payments may trigger liability under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), a U.S. statute with a wide extraterritorial reach. Fearing criminal penalties and negative press, the French company has engaged outside counsel—you—to evaluate the potential risks associated with these payments and to consider ways to mitigate those risks. In your role as outside counsel, you will interview key witnesses to gather facts, then assess the risks to your corporate client under the FCPA. You will present your findings and recommendations to Santé's general counsel, played by Georgetown Law alumni.

The focus of this course is skills exposure and acquisition in a challenging and complex international context. You should expect intensive group work and a highly-participatory environment. You will not only learn about statutory interpretation and the role of the FCPA in corporate transactions, but you will have the opportunity to engage in essential lawyering skills, including fact development, legal analysis, witness interviewing, client counseling, team-building, project management, and problem-solving.

Public Speaking For Lawyers

Professor [Kristen K. Tiscione](#) (CRN: 43733)

Jan. 9-12, 2023 from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

When lawyers speak professionally, they are often engaging in some form of public speaking. This is true inside the courtroom but equally true in non-litigation settings—whether negotiating the terms of a business transaction, mediating an informal dispute, appearing before legislatures, city councils or municipal boards; pitching ideas to colleagues, clients, or potential clients; speaking to lay groups about various matters of legal controversy, or conducting media interviews for any variety of reasons.

This course examines best practices for public speaking from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Through a series of small group exercises and an 8-10 minute persuasive speech on a law-related topic to be given by each student at the end of the week, students will learn how to develop a skill-set essential for building confidence and success to speak in public in any form of law practice. This course is not for students who have participated in debate or other public speaking activities or competitions. Students will take part in providing feedback to classmates.

Questioning Witnesses In and Out of Court

Professors [Michael F. Williams](#), [Jonathan D. Brightbill](#), and [Jonathan Jay Rusch](#)

Jan. 9-12, 2023; *there are two sections of this course:*

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with Michael Williams and Jonathan Brightbill (CRN: 31627)

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. with Jonathan Rusch (CRN: 31393)

This Week One course will introduce students to a critical dimension of lawyering: the law, practice, and ethics of questioning witnesses effectively in non-adversarial and adversarial situations. Through lectures, simulation exercises (i.e., mock depositions, grand jury proceedings, and trials), and oral and written feedback, students gain exposure to the forensic techniques needed to effectively question witnesses in both informal and formal settings, a skill set whose value in the practice of law is not limited to litigation. This course is an excellent introduction to the type of materials covered in upperlevel elective courses such as Trial Practice and Civil Litigation Practice.

The course does not require students to have taken Evidence, but will introduce students to selected key evidentiary issues that they need to understand in order to construct lines of questions and individual questions to elicit responsive answers (or to object successfully to opposing counsel's questions). For class each evening, students will have limited assigned readings before class (which may include fact patterns and mock documents for the next day's exercises), and handle questioning in mini-problems involving witness questioning in both civil and criminal practice. The scenarios are expected to include situations such as: (1) informal interviews of corporate employees and other individuals by outside counsel conducting internal investigations of alleged wrongdoing, such as consumer fraud, economic sanctions violations, foreign bribery, organized crime, and SEC disclosure violations; (2) informal and formal interviews of government employees, government-contractor officers and employees, and other individuals by counsel for a Congressional committee investigating alleged fraud against the government; (3) formal non-adversarial questioning of witnesses in civil and criminal depositions, and in federal grand jury proceedings; and (4) formal adversarial questioning of witnesses in civil and criminal trials. Students can expect to be conducting witness questioning each evening of class and to enhance their and their classmates' learning through a highly participatory and supportive environment.

Learning Objectives for Professor Rusch:

The general objective of the examination exercises in this course is skills exposure, practice, and improvement to ensure that students become familiar with the forensic techniques needed to question witnesses effectively in a variety of contents. Whether or not students eventually take upper-level courses such as Trial Practice or Trial Advocacy, which address a broader array of litigation skills in a full-semester course, this course will provide them with a valuable lawyering skill set whose value in the practice of law is not limited to litigation. That skill set is best developed in a concentrated course like this by keeping in-class mini-lectures brief, overseeing multiple exercises by students, and providing prompt in-class feedback after each exercise is completed.

Learning Objectives for Professors Williams and Brightbill:

Students will develop a stronger understanding through experiential learning of the role of questions in litigation, with specific focus on witness interviews, depositions, direct examinations, and cross examinations.

Restorative Justice: Theory and Practice in Criminal, Education, and Community Settings

Professor [Tarek F. Maassarani](#) (CRN 35388)

Jan. 9-12, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Restorative Justice (RJ) is a distinct form of conflict resolution – rooted in indigenous traditions – that aims to redirect society's retributive response to harm. For example, crime, in the context of RJ, is not considered an offense against the state but rather a harm against another person with impacts that reverberate through the community. Harm represents an imbalance in the community, not just the missteps of individuals. RJ elevates the role of those involved in and affected by harm in seeking acknowledgment and understanding; restoring relationships, emotional, and material losses; and addressing root causes of the harm through dialogue and problem solving. Across the country RJ has emerged in public systems (i.e., juvenile and criminal justice, education, child welfare) and in community-based settings. This has increasingly placed lawyers (and judges) in the role of decision makers regarding the use of restorative justice at different stages of the juvenile and criminal justice process (i.e., pre-trial diversion, deferred adjudication, sentencing, and re-entry); co-architects of restorative justice programs; policymakers implementing and integrating restorative responses into legislation; and practitioners of RJ in a variety of settings.

We will be learning about the theory and practice of Restorative Justice – and as it relates to the theory and practice of punitive justice – through a variety of local case studies. Last year these included sexual harm at institutions of higher education such as Georgetown, police reform, community-based paroling, and domestic violence services in the District. This year's topic areas are still to be determined, but may include some or all of the above. These are some of the most complex, politically charged, and emotionally sensitive issues for RJ to address. We will also discuss the broader history and legal debates around RJ in the US as it manifests in criminal justice systems, educational systems, and community contexts. As such, we will consider the challenges and possibilities for restorative justice on campus, the DC area, and beyond, ending our final class with a simulated restorative process to gain an experience for what readings and academic discussions cannot offer.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Identify key restorative principles and practices.
- Articulate the problem in each of the case studies; assess traditional responses to these problems and the legal environment within which they take place; and identify the potential of Restorative Justice.
- Describe the application of RJ in criminal justice, educational, and community settings, identifying and assessing legal challenges and possibilities.
- Experience restorative processes for community building and responsive to harm.
- Practice introspection through course exercises.
- Introduce and/or enhance fundamental skills and professional ethics that restorative practitioners need to practice.

Social Intelligence in the Practice of Law: Dealing Effectively with Clients, Colleagues, and Opposing Counsel

Professors [Jane Juliano](#) and [Corey John Linehan](#) (CRN 31392)

Jan. 9-12, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This Week One simulation will introduce students to the essential concepts and competencies of social intelligence implicated in all forms of a law practice, including law firms, government agencies, corporations, non-profits and a solo practice. Students will learn about emotional intelligence and research that illustrates how basic brain function and other factors, such as strong emotion, influence how a person makes decisions. Using a combination of lecture, discussion, videos, skills exercises and simulations of common legal practice scenarios, this course will emphasize concrete, practical tools to increase students' effectiveness in managing themselves and their interactions with others. The course will equip students with an improved ability to effectively communicate with others and make them feel heard; present information in the most persuasive light; recognize and address their own internal biases; act with assertiveness when necessary; learn how to effectively give and receive criticism; and deal with highly emotional or extremely difficult individuals. This course also will present positive strategies for dealing with common interpersonal relationships in the legal workplace: lawyer-client, lawyer-opposing counsel, and lawyer-co-counsel. Students completing this course will have developed a solid grasp on how to address the wide variety of interpersonal dynamics that commonly arise in the legal arena.

Learning Objectives:

The main objectives of this course are to increase students' awareness of the substantial role of social intelligence in the practice of law, and to provide students with concrete skills to effectively handle day-to-day interactions. Students will learn research-based skills and strategies from the fields of neuroscience, the study of emotions and emotional intelligence, negotiations and communication. As they learn theory, students will have the opportunity to practice techniques for harnessing these dynamics in professional interactions commonly involved in the actual practice of law. The simulations will emphasize positive strategies for dealing with common interpersonal interactions in a legal practice: lawyer-client, lawyer-opposing counsel and lawyer-colleague. At the end of the course students will have an improved ability to effectively communicate and negotiate, present information in a persuasive light; recognize and address internal biases; and deal with highly emotional or extremely difficult individuals -- skills that talented legal minds need to become great counselors at law.

World Health Assembly Simulation: Negotiation Regarding Climate Change Impacts on Health

Professors [Kathryn C. Gottschalk](#) and [Sara Pollock Hoverter](#) (CRN 41760)

Jan. 9-12, 2023 from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This Week One simulation will introduce students to the science and impacts of climate change, including effects on health such as heat stress, vector-borne disease, and food security. It will provide students an opportunity to develop positions, advocate, conduct a simulated negotiation, and receive feedback to improve skills. The negotiations will take place as part of the World Health Organization's World Health Assembly. Students will represent countries and important civil society institutions in negotiating and crafting an international agreement pertaining to climate change and global health. They will have the opportunity to conduct research for their assigned country or organization, interview experts, develop strategy, negotiate, receive and incorporate feedback, and draft resolutions, treaties, or other legislative language. Our approach will allow students to go through not merely an academic negotiation exercise but to develop language that might be useful in the real-world context of the World Health Assembly.