

Western Michigan University - Cooley Law School

Graduate Program (LL.M.) Program Outcomes

CORPORATE LAW AND FINANCE

The Corporate Law and Finance LL.M program is designed to prepare graduates to represent corporations or other business entities. Graduates of the Corporate Law and Finance Program will achieve the following program outcomes:

#1 - KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME: Program graduates will acquire substantive knowledge of the formation, capitalization, regulation and operation of business entities.

#2 - SKILLS OUTCOME: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to apply corporate law and compliance in practice settings.

#3 - ETHICS OUTCOME: Professional responsibility and compliance will be an aspect of every course in the Corporate and Finance Law Program. LL.M. graduates embrace the legal, moral, ethical, and professional responsibilities of lawyers, embodying the responsibilities of an honorable member of the profession.

HOMELAND AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

The Master of Laws in Homeland and National Security Program reviews the many laws enacted since 9/11 and meets the needs of those attorneys seeking to better understand the context and application of those laws. Graduates of the Homeland and National Security Law LL.M. Program will achieve the following program outcomes:

#1 KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME: Graduates will achieve an understanding of the fundamentals of Homeland Security law, including federal/state relationships in critical response, military operations, and organizations.

#2 SKILLS OUTCOME: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to create, analyze, and determine the legal efficacy of newly created laws dealing with homeland and national security law issues.

#3 ETHICS OUTCOME: LL.M. graduates embrace the legal, moral, ethical, and professional responsibilities of lawyers, embodying the responsibilities of an honorable member of the profession.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

The graduate program in Intellectual Property Law is designed to provide its students with a thorough and substantive background in a variety of areas of intellectual property law including patent law, trademark law, and copyright law. The program provides skills-based instruction in the practice of law in these areas including patent drafting and practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, litigating intellectual property disputes and drafting agreements relating to intellectual property. Graduates of the Intellectual Property Law LL.M. Program will achieve the following program outcomes:

#1 KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME: Graduates will achieve an understanding of the fundamentals of intellectual property law.

#2 - SKILLS OUTCOME: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to apply intellectual property law to a variety of situations.

#3 - ETHICS OUTCOME: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to effectively and ethically interact with, and on behalf of, the client.

TAX

The Graduate Tax Program is dedicated to preparing attorneys for the practice of tax law. This includes providing instruction on the fundamental principles of tax, offering a myriad of opportunities to apply the acquired knowledge, and developing skills that allow the students to interact effectively with the client. Graduates of the Tax Law LL.M. Program will achieve the following program outcomes:

#1 KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME: Graduates will achieve an understanding of the fundamentals of tax law.

#2 SKILLS OUTCOME: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to apply tax law to a variety of situations.

3 ETHICS OUTCOME: LL.M. graduates embrace the legal, moral, ethical, and professional responsibilities of lawyers, embodying the responsibilities of an honorable member of the profession.

GENERAL STUDIES

The General Studies Program is focused on Cooley's mission of instilling knowledge, skills, and ethics. Individuals with a passion in a particular legal subject may customize an LL.M. degree through the General Studies LL.M. Program. The student combines elective courses with required credits in scholarly research and writing, skills, and ethics. Graduates of the General Studies LL.M. Program will achieve the following program outcomes:

#1 KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME: General Studies LL.M. graduates are able to apply substantive legal knowledge and procedure using general lawyering skills (legal analysis and reasoning, case reading, legal research, legal writing, policy analysis and synthesis) in the analyses necessary to practice as competent attorneys in the legal subject areas chosen.

#2 SKILLS OUTCOME: General Studies LL.M. graduates acquire the practice skills necessary to represent clients competently and effectively in service of lawful objectives in the legal subject area(s) chosen.

#3 ETHICS OUTCOME: General Studies LL.M. graduates embrace the legal, moral, ethical, and professional responsibilities of lawyers, embodying the responsibilities of an honorable member of the profession in the legal subject areas chosen.

INSURANCE LAW

The graduate program in Insurance Law is developed to provide attorneys with practical knowledge of the structure and operation of insurance entities from a regulatory and legal perspective. Our program provides instruction on the principles of insurance in its many forms, while requiring students to simulate regulatory interactions, entity formation, risk transfer transactions, and claim advocacy and defense. Graduates of the Insurance Law LL.M. Program will achieve the following program outcomes:

#1 - KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME: Graduates will demonstrate the fundamentals of insurance law.

#2 - SKILLS OUTCOME: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to apply insurance law to a variety of situations.

#3 - ETHICS OUTCOME: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to effectively and ethically interact with, and on behalf of, the client.