HOMELAND AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

The Master of Laws in Homeland and National Security LL.M. Program reviews the many new laws enacted since 9/11 and meets the needs of those attorneys seeking to better understand the context and application of those laws.

#1 KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME: Graduates will achieve an understanding of the fundamentals of Homeland Security law including:

Fundamental Knowledge includes:
- Air maritime, and transportation security;
- Counter-terrorism;
- Immigration security;
- Border security;
- Public health and bioterrorism; and
- Intelligence and individual rights.

Application / Assessment:
Understanding the fundamentals means students can:
- Apply statutory and constitutional legal principles to implementation of national and global security strategies.
- Analyze potential legal issues of response and recovery efforts in homeland security at the local, state, federal, and tribal levels, including dual federalism, state vs federal lead, use of the military in domestic environments, and others.
- Evaluate the laws that affect critical resources and key infrastructures including the Critical Infrastructure Information Act and SAFETY Act.
- Evaluating and applying the interrelationship between US law and US foreign policy with International Humanitarian Law

#2 SKILLS OUTCOME: Graduates will demonstrate their by:

Application / Assessment:
- Analyzing the legal efficacy of terrorism laws of the United States, the several states and other nations both comparatively and against a matrix of political and societal needs and individual rights.
- Strategizing the legal impact of planning efforts to prepare and respond to disaster and terrorist and other threats to security.
- Analyzing response and recovery efforts in homeland security at the local, state, federal, and tribal levels.
- Analyzing national and global intelligence mechanisms, security procedures, and organizations and the interplay among them and between them and public institutions.
#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.

Application / Assessment: In any Homeland Security scenario, students will demonstrate their ability to:

- Assess the relationship between security and privacy concerns versus personal and societal freedom, and apply to new and evolving circumstances.
- Effectively assess the risks associated with potential strategies and communicate those possibilities to stakeholders;
- Act with civility when representing clients or stakeholders before any governing bodies; and
- Identify, explain, and resolve any ethical dilemmas.