SECOND YEAR COURSES AND SIMULATIONS

During students’ second years, they will begin an indepth study of the practical aspects of the law which will include a focus on legal writing as it relates to Litigation and Transactional drafting. Students will also be offered MBE Strategies I to help maximize performance on the Multistate Bar Exam, which tests six subjects based upon principles of common law that apply throughout the United States. Available to all, it may also be assigned based upon performance on an exam administered at the beginning of the second year.

In addition, second year students will participate in our law firm simulation program, which is designed to further facilitate professional and personal development through a variety of hands-on exercises over the course of the spring semester.

Multistate Bar Examination Strategies I

This course provides students with an intensive substantive review of selective legal material routinely tested on the multistate portion of the bar examination: the “MBE.” The subjects include civil procedure, contracts, criminal law, property, and torts. Through the use of problems and exercises in a bar examination format, students will become familiar with techniques for answering multiple choice question from the MBE. The course will be taught in a format similar to that of a commercial bar preparation course. Enrollment is mandatory for students whose performance on a Mock MBE administered prior to the second year of law school indicates a need for additional instruction. Enrollment is voluntary for all other students.

Law Firm Simulations

Our law firm simulations provide second-year students with unique opportunities to improve their research and writing skills, enhance their analytical skills, acquire practical lawyering skills and generally increase their understanding about what lawyers do on a day-to-day basis.

Students may participate in one of two simulated exercises:

- A litigation lab in which students perform many of the tasks of a trial lawyer, including jury instructions, and preparing witness and exhibit lists, and making cross examinations.
- A transactional lab in which students perform many of the tasks of a transactional lawyer, including identifying deal points, negotiating terms, and verifying compliance with federal and state antitrust and securities laws.