

Certificate Name: **Civil Practice Advocacy**

Director's Name: **Professor Alan Williams**

Florida Coastal School of Law offers students the opportunity to earn a J.D. degree with an accompanying certificate in Civil Practice Advocacy. The certificate program builds on the School's Program Learning Outcomes and provides students with intensive instruction in real life ADR, pre-trial litigation, trial advocacy, and appellate skills.

To receive a certificate in civil practice advocacy, students must meet each of the following requirements:

1. Submission of application to the Program Director,
2. Acceptance into the certificate program,
3. Completion of required curriculum,
4. Successful completion of three hours of relevant experiential learning credits (to be approved by the Program Director),
5. Successful completion of ten hours of *pro bono* service relating to civil practice advocacy (to be approved by the Program Director),
6. Successful completion of six CLE hours relating to civil practice advocacy (to be approved by the Program Director), and
7. Must have a cumulative LGPA of at least a 2.75 at graduation.

Acceptance Criteria

1. Students are admitted to the program through application only.
2. Applicants must demonstrate, as reflected in their admission application, a passion for civil practice advocacy.
3. The Program Director approves the student's application and offers the student admission to the Civil Practice Advocacy Certificate program.
4. Students may apply for admission to the Civil Practice Advocacy Certificate Program commencing with their third full semester of law school (or after having earned 24 credits) and no later than completion of their fourth full semester of law school (or before having earned 67 credits).

Required Courses

Students must take Pretrial Litigation Drafting and that required course will not count towards their nine credits.

Students must take 9 credits from the following:

- ADR (2 credits)
- Appellate Advocacy (3 credits)
- Conflict of Laws (3 credits)
- Florida Practice and Procedure (3 credits)
- Interviewing and Counseling (1-2 credits)
- Remedies (3 credits)
- Taking and Defending Effective Depositions (1 credit)
- Trial Practice (or Trial Practice for Mock Trial) (2-3 credits)
- Other seminars or intersession offerings related to civil practice and approved by the Program Director (1-3 credits)

Experiential Requirement

Students seeking a Civil Practice Advocacy Certificate must complete three credits of an externship for an approved organization that provides civil practice advocacy services. The externship must be approved both by the Program Director and the Externship Director. During this externship, the student must participate to the satisfaction of the Externship Director.

Service Requirement

Students seeking a Civil Practice Advocacy Certificate must complete ten hours of *pro bono* service (to be approved by the Program Director) relating to civil practice advocacy.

CLE Requirement

Students seeking a Civil Practice Advocacy Certificate must complete six credits of Continuing Legal Education ("CLE") relating to civil practice advocacy. Each CLE must be approved by the Program Director.