

**Certificate Name:** Social Justice Advocacy Law

**Director's Name:** Professor Melissa Coll

Florida Coastal School of Law offers students the opportunity to earn a J.D. degree with an accompanying certificate in social justice advocacy law. The certificate program builds on the School's Programmatic Learning Outcomes and provides students with intensive instruction in social justice.

To receive a certificate in social justice advocacy law, 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 social justice advocacy law (to be approved by the Program Director),
6. Successful completion of six CLE hours relating to social justice advocacy law (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 social justice law.
3. The Program Director approves the student's application and offers the student admission to the Social Justice Advocacy Law Certificate program.
4. Students may apply for admission to the Social Justice Advocacy Law 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 **9 credits** from the following:

Course	Credits
Administrative Law	3
Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
Commercial Real Estate Transactions	3
Environmental Law	3

Environmental Law and Toxic Torts	3
Immigration Law	2-3
Immigration Considerations for the Criminal Defense Attorney	1
International Law	3
International Human Rights	2-3
International Criminal Law	2-3
Ocean and Coastal Law	3
Residential Real Estate Transactions	3
Trial Practice	2-3
Other courses or intersession offerings related to social justice advocacy and approved by the Program Director	1-3 credits per class

### **Experiential Requirement**

Students seeking a Social Justice Advocacy Law Certificate must complete three credits of an externship for an approved organization that provides social justice advocacy law services. The externship must be approved both by the Program Direction and the Externship Director. During this externship, the student must participate to the satisfaction of the Externship Director.

### **Service Requirement**

Students seeking a Social Justice Advocacy Law Certificate must complete 10 hours of *pro bono* service (to be approved by the Program Director) relating to social justice advocacy law.

### **CLE Requirement**

Students seeking a Social Justice Advocacy Law Certificate must complete six credits of Continuing Legal Education (“CLE”) relating to social justice advocacy law. Each CLE must be approved by the Program Director.