Drafting Requirement

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(effective for students matriculating beginning in the Summer Session 2023)

All students must complete two courses with a substantial drafting component. Normally, a student will satisfy this requirement with Law 590 Contract Negotiation and Drafting during the 1L Winter Intersession and with one upper-level course with a substantial drafting component.

Each semester, the law school will offer multiple upper-level courses designated as satisfying the requirement. Typically, Business Associations, Business Associations for Business Lawyers, Legislation, and Wills and Estates will include a substantial drafting component. Other limited enrollment courses, such as Wills and Trusts Drafting, Transactional Clinic, etc. may satisfy the requirement.

Drafting is the production of binding legal documents—contracts, statutes, regulations, engagement letters, organizational articles, bylaws, wills, trusts, etc. A substantial drafting component is one or more documents equivalent to a five-page contract.