Juris Doctor Certificate: Trial Advocacy and Litigation

BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW

About the Certificate

The Juris Doctor certificate in Trial Advocacy and Litigation is designed for students who want to focus their studies on the art and science of trial advocacy. At Beasley School of Law, JD students gain the skills and experience to be ready for the courtroom upon completion of their studies. While pursuing their JD degree, students in the Trial Advocacy and Litigation certificate program take a minimum of eight law courses, receiving a notation on their transcript upon successful completion.

Time Limit for Certificate Completion: 4 years

Campus Location: Main

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The certificate program can be completed on a full- or part-time basis.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: The certificate may not be taken on a non-matriculated basis.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Eligible students complete a registration form and return it to Professor Sara Jacobson in 611 Klein Hall.

Coursework Required for Admission Consideration: Applicants must be pursuing the Juris Doctor degree.

Master's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: Not required.

Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: Not required.

Certificate Requirements

Number of Credits Required to Complete the Certificate: 19-23, depending on the student's choice of eight required courses

Required Courses:

Second-Year Day / Third-Year Evening

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Integrated Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) Courses		
JUDO 0460	Trial Advocacy I (Fall)	2
JUDO 0461	Trial Advocacy II (Spring)	3
JUDO 0517	Civil Procedure II (Spring)	2-3
JUDO 0540	Evidence (Fall)	3
Total Credit Hours		**10-11**

Third-Year Day / Fourth-Year Evening

Code	Title	Credit Hours
LLM Litigation Strategy Lectures		0
All students select courses from Menu A, Menu B, and Clinical, as shown on their Certificate Registration form: [1]		9-12
Menu A [2]		
JUDO 0428	Pennsylvania Civil Procedure	
JUDO 0479	Appellate Advocacy	
or JUDO 0835	Appellate Advocacy	
JUDO 0505	Criminal Procedure II	
or JUDO 0932	Criminal Procedure II	

JUDO 0557	Interviewing, Negotiating and Counseling
JUDO 0565	Advanced Trial Advocacy (Criminal)
JUDO 0569	Advanced Trial Advocacy (Civil)
JUDO 0655	Mediation Advocacy & Practice
JUDO 0669	Advanced Trial Advocacy (Speech Making)
JUDO 0681	Public Advocacy for Social Change
JUDO 0883	Complex Civil Litigation
JUDO 0928	Intrnl Litgtn & Arbitrtn
JUDO 0999	Anatomy for Litigators
JUDO 1015	LRW III: Civil Motions Practice
JUDO 1027	Innocence and Wrongful Convictions
JUDO 1042	Legal Research and Writing III: Experts in Civil Litigation
JUDO 1053	Mindful Lawyering: Techniques for Effective Counseling, Negotiation and Advocacy
or JUDO 5054	Mindful Lawyering: Techniques for Effective Counseling, Negotiation and Advocacy
JUDO 5020	Commercial Arbitration Law and Procedure
JUDO 5034	Social Justice Lawyering Seminar
Moot Court: one year's participation	
Trial Team: one year's participation	
Menu B [2]	
JUDO 0450	Envrnmntl Lit/Superfund
JUDO 0471	Patent Prosecution
JUDO 0515	Media and Telecommunications Law
JUDO 0522	Conflict of Laws
JUDO 0537	Employment Discrimination
JUDO 0542	Federal Courts and Jurisdiction
JUDO 0560	Juvenile Justice
JUDO 0578	Political and Civil Rights
or JUDO 1006	Political and Civil Rights
or JUDO J655	Political and Civil Rights
JUDO 0614	Health Care Law: Medical Malpractice
or JUDO 0874	Health Care Law: Medical Malpractice
JUDO 0625	Employment Law
JUDO 0647	Federal Criminal Law
JUDO 0665	International Criminal Law
JUDO 0666	E-Discovery: Preservation through Presentation in the Digital Age
JUDO 0839	Supreme Ct/Current Term
JUDO 0972	Citznshp Immgrtn Refugee
JUDO 0975	Death Penalty
JUDO 1026	Access to Justice in Civil Matters
JUDO 1030	Forensic Evidence, Science, and Medicine
JUDO 1033	Families in Law and Public Policy
JUDO 1069	ICC Moot Court
JUDO 1080	Legal Research Writing III: Legal Drafting Seminar
JUDO 5029	Drug and Medical Device Law
JUDO 5043	Health Care Fraud: Investigation, Prosecution, and Compliance
JUDO 5059	Drug Law Policy and Practice: Marijuana Regulation
MLTX G503	Crim Tax Litigatn/Procdr
Clinical [3]	
JUDO 0700	Tort Litigation and Trial Practice (SEPTA)
JUDO 0704	Temple Legal Aid Office: Family Law Litigation Clinic
JUDO 0713	Small Claims Mediation
JUDO 0716	Criminal Defense Advocacy: Defender Association of Philadelphia

JUDO 0717	Federal Criminal Practice: Federal Defender	
JUDO 0720	Criminal Prosecution: Philadelphia District Attorney	
JUDO 0724	Federal Criminal Practice: United States Attorney	
JUDO 0726	Federal Judicial Clerkship	
JUDO 0730	Elderly Law Project	
JUDO 0731	Philadelphia Housing Court	
JUDO 0735	City Solicitor: Claims Litigation	
JUDO 0738	Temple Legal Aid Office: Domestic Relations Mediation	
JUDO 0741	Philadelphia District Attorney: Charging Unit	
JUDO 0751	Ethics in Practice [4]	
JUDO 0752	Pennsylvania Innocence Project	
JUDO 0753	Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project	
JUDO 0756	State Judicial Clerkship	
JUDO 0776	Temple Legal Aid Office: Advanced Family Law Litigation Clinic [5]	
JUDO 0781	Social Justice Lawyering Clinic	
JUDO 0790	Access to Justice Clinic	
JUDO 0795	Advanced Clinical Intensive: Community Lawyering Temple Legal Aid Office [5]	
Total Credit Hours		**9-12**

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Day students take two courses from Menu A, one course from Menu B, and one clinical from the approved list. Evening students take two courses from Menu A and two courses from Menu B if unable to take an approved clinical.

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Any course in Menu A may count as a Menu B course, but no Menu B course may count as a Menu A course.

3

Day students select one clinical. In addition, a second clinical may be substituted for their Menu B course.

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JUDO 0751 or a practicum may only count toward the clinical requirement with prior approval from the Director of Trial Advocacy.

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Advanced work in the Temple Legal Aid Office for either the Family Law Clinic or the Community Lawyering Office can only count toward the clinical requirement with prior approval from the Director of Trial Advocacy.

GPA Required to be Awarded the Certificate: 3.0 minimum in advocacy coursework, with a 2.5 minimum overall

Culminating Events: Beyond coursework, all students are required to fulfill two additional obligations to earn the Trial Advocacy and Litigation certificate:

1. Serve as either a Teaching Assistant for the Integrated Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP), Introduction to Trial Advocacy (ITA), or Advanced Trial Advocacy (ATA); a witness for the LLM program's weekend trials; or a witness at the Regional Championship of the National Trial Competition hosted by Temple each February.
2. Complete the LLM lecture series, which requires attendance at five lectures. In-person attendance is required. Lectures are generally held in Room 1C from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Lecture topics include:

    - Advanced Experts
    - Damages: Depositions
    - Damages: Experts
    - Depositions II
    - eDiscovery and Litigation
    - Expert Witnesses
    - Persuasion: Lawyer Likability and Civility
    - Persuasive Pleadings
    - Psychology and Persuasion
    - Science Series: Accident Reconstruction
    - Science Series: Neuroscience and the Law
    - Trial Technology

- Voir Dire and Jury Selection
- Witness Preparation
- Witnesses and Storytelling

If a class conflict prevents a student from attending in person, the lecture may be viewed on Canvas but only with advance permission from the Director of Trial Advocacy. Lecture dates are subject to change, depending on the needs of the LLM program. Changes are announced on Canvas as soon as the need for a change is determined.

Contacts

Certificate Program Web Address:

https://law.temple.edu/academics/degrees/jd/certificates/litigation/

Submission Address for Application Materials:

Complete and submit a registration form to Professor Sara Jacobson in 611 Klein Hall.

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