

Family Law General Course Guide

Family Law covers family-related issues and domestic relations. Areas of family law include divorce, division of marital property, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, alimony, child custody and support, adoption, guardianship, juvenile delinquency, child abuse and neglect, and domestic violence. Practicing family law requires not just traditional legal skills, but also negotiation and counseling skills. In addition to required and core courses, students interested in this area should take elective courses relevant to family law. Students should also review the civil litigation elective courses.¹

Core Courses:

Alabama Civil Litigation Practice and Procedure
Domestic Relations*
Advanced Domestic Relations
Juvenile Justice

Core Experiential Courses:

Basic Skills in Trial Advocacy*
Negotiation

Recommended Courses:

Bioethics and the Law
Elder Law
Federal Income Tax I*
Mediation

Recommended Experiential/Skills Courses:

Advanced Skills in Trial Advocacy – Civil
Appellate Advocacy
Deposition Skills and Technology
Externships²
Mediator Advocacy

Related Courses:

Advanced Evidence
Estate Planning

¹ Please consult the course schedule for current course availability. Courses may be offered in alternating years.

² Available externships and internships are posted on 12Twenty. The director of Externships and the director of the Career Development Office may be contacted for additional information.

* Indicates that this course is a prerequisite to other courses. Accordingly, it is strongly recommended that students take it in the 2L year.