LEGAL WRITING (LTGL)

LTGL 0106. LEGAL WRITING/RESRCH. (0-3 Credits)
Training in analysis of legal problems, the legal process, legal writing, and legal research. This is a small-group required course that meets weekly for approximately twelve weeks in the fall semester and eight weeks in the spring. The fall semester focuses on objective writing (law office memorandum) and common law research, while the spring semester concentrates on advocacy writing (briefs) and oral argument skills. Although the number and length of the writing assignments are uniform for all writing sections, the content of the problems varies from professor to professor. Legal research sessions, which meet in a different time slot for six weeks in the fall semester, are conducted by lawyer-librarians on the law library staff. Students learn the process of legal research using basic primary and secondary sources in both print and electronic formats. The course also introduces students to the lawyering skills of interviewing and negotiating.

Attribute: JD.

LTGL 0124. LL.M. DRAFTING FOR TRANSACTIONAL PRACTICE. (2 Credits)
In this skills course, students will learn the foundation skills of negotiation, client management and contract drafting. Students will work through the process of translating deal terms into contract concepts through a series of lectures and in-class drafting sessions. Additionally, students will engage in mock negotiations and client communications. Guest lecturers with substantive area expertise will work with students during drafting sessions on identifying strategies geared toward avoiding litigation. Students will complete a series of drafting and writing assignments and will be responsible for a final group project. Prereqs: None required, but suggested to take contracts for LL.M. as prereq or concurrently. Class meeting dates: 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/23, 3/2, 3/23, 4/6.

Attributes: LAWB, LAWI.

LTGL 0129. DISCOVERY DRAFTING. (3 Credits)
This seminar covers the preparation of civil discovery papers and related documents in a trial court. Students analyze the discovery issues raised by real cases and hypothetical fact patterns, learn how the discovery process fits within the larger pre-trial preparation process, evaluate, critique, and comment on sample discovery-related documents, and prepare various discovery-related documents, such as initial disclosures, interrogatories, requests for production, requests for admissions and deposition outlines. Students will consider special problems related to electronic discovery, expert discovery, and privilege disputes, and will be required to draft court papers common in situations involving those topics, including letters to opposing counsel, privilege logs, and motions to compel. Students will also gain some experience in specific practice skills based on the discovery and court papers drafted.

Attributes: JD, LAW, LDS.

LTGL 0153. SECURITIES REGULATION DRAFTING. (3 Credits)
Attributes: BFS, LAW.
Prerequisites: BUGL 0201 (may be taken concurrently) and SCGL 0417 (may be taken concurrently).

LTGL 0156. ENTERTAINMENT LAW DRAFTING. (3 Credits)
Attributes: IPIS, LAW.

LTGL 0193. ADVANCED LEGAL WRITING SEMINAR. (3 Credits)
Attributes: JD, LAW.

LTGL 0225. LEGAL WRITING AND RESEARCH FOR LLMS. (2 Credits)
http://www.fordham.edu/info/23814/llm_legal_writing_program.
Attribute: LLM.

LTGL 0226. LEGAL WRITING & RESEARCH for LL.M.s (ESL). (3 Credits)
Designed for foreign-trained LL.M. students, this course provides an introduction to basic principles of American legal writing and research. Students review American research techniques and prepare documents such as memorandum, contracts, and client letters. This section will be taught using ESL techniques and will include a focus on developing legal English skills. LL.M. Notes: The course (either with or without the ESL component) is mandatory for LL.M. candidates; enrollment is determined by the Graduate Program. Required for foreign-trained students.
Attribute: LLM.

LTGL 0230. CRIMINAL LITIGATION DRAFTING. (3 Credits)
http://www.fordham.edu/info/22148/advanced_legal_writing_program/7316/criminal_litigation_drafting.
Attributes: LDS, PIS.

LTGL 0260. LLM DRAFTING IN IP/IT. (2 Credits)
This course will build on analytical and writing skills and will provide you with opportunities to sharpen your legal analysis through drafting various types of documents commonly used in IP/IT representation, which may include a cease and desist letter, work made for hire agreement, license agreement, on-line agreements such as privacy policy and terms of use, and legal memorandum. We will examine legal arguments, specific provisions and will study the conventions and expectations unique to each of the documents you write. Additionally, we will conduct legal research for the legal memorandum which will also influence the agreements you draft. For various assignments you will negotiate with classmates who represent opposing interests and draft agreements reflecting your negotiations.
Attributes: LAW, LLM.

LTGL 0301. COMMERCIAL DRAFTING. (3 Credits)
Attributes: BFS, LAW.

LTGL 0302. ADVANCED LEGAL WRITING STRATEGIES AND SKILLS. (3 Credits)
The class will focus on enhancing each student’s legal writing strategies and skills by engaging in a critical analysis of the trial and appellate judging processes, with a special focus on the influences impacting judicial decision-making. Students will work from an actual case currently pending in a state or federal appellate court, analyzing a trial record, assessing lower-court decisions, and developing strategies for writing (a) a legal memorandum, and (b) a statement of facts and argument.
Attributes: JD, LAW, LDS, PIS.

LTGL 0310. CIVIL LITIGATION DRAFT. (3 Credits)
http://www.fordham.edu/info/22148/advanced_legal_writing_program/7314/civil_litigation_drafting.
Attributes: LDS, PIS.

LTGL 0316. FAMILY LAW DRAFTING. (2,3 Credits)
http://www.fordham.edu/info/22148/advanced_legal_writing_program/7319/family_law_drafting.
Attributes: JD, LAW.
LTGL 0329. UPPER-CLASS LEGAL WRITING WORKSHOP. (2 Credits)
This 2-credit seminar will build on the first-year legal writing course in developing and enhancing basic legal writing skills. The primary focus will be on writing in a clear, organized, precise, and accessible fashion. Class sessions will review basic principles of good writing, covering in particular issues of structure, style, and grammar (and also analysis to the extent that good legal reasoning is essential to good legal writing). The course will consist of a series of short writing assignments in a variety of substantive areas. Students will learn to write objective, non-litigation documents that new lawyers typically produce in practice, including memoranda, letters, client advisories, judicial opinions, and simple contracts. The course will also explore the writing process (prewriting, writing and rewriting) and teach students effective techniques of self-editing. There is no final examination. Enrollment is limited to 12 students.

LTGL 0331. LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING. (3 Credits)
http://www.fordham.edu/info/22148/advanced_legal_writing_program/7322/legislative_drafting.
Attributes: JD, LAW, PIS.

LTGL 0345. TRUSTS & ESTATES DRAFTING. (3 Credits)
http://www.fordham.edu/info/22148/advanced_legal_writing_program/7328/trusts_and_estates_drafting.
Attributes: JD, LAW.

LTGL 0351. EMPLOYMENT & LABOR DRAFTING. (3 Credits)
http://www.fordham.edu/info/22148/advanced_legal_writing_program/7321/labor_and_employment_law_drafting.
Attributes: JD, LAW, PIS.

LTGL 0505. MEDIA LAW DRAFTING. (3 Credits)
http://www.fordham.edu/info/22148/advanced_legal_writing_program/7323/media_law_drafting.
Attributes: IPIS, JD, LAW.

LTGL 0506. PUBLIC MEDIA DRAFTING. (3 Credits)

LTGL 0615. BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS DRAFTING. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: BUGL 0201.

LTGL 0622. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DRAFTING. (2,3 Credits)
http://www.fordham.edu/info/22148/advanced_legal_writing_program/7320/intellectual_property_drafting.
Attribute: IPIS.

LTGL 0690. REAL ESTATE DRAFTING. (2-3 Credits)
http://www.fordham.edu/info/22148/advanced_legal_writing_program/7325/real_estate_drafting.
Attributes: JD, LAW.

LTGL 0900. WRITING REQUIREMENT. (0 Credits)

LTGL 0901. LLM WRITING REQUIREMENT. (0 Credits)

LTGL 0906. CONTRACT DRAFTING IN SPANISH FOR INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS. (2 Credits)

LTGL 0929. CONTRACT DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS. (2 Credits)
This course will focus on the basic principles of negotiation and contract drafting. Special emphasis will be placed on financial and commercial contracts. The course will be divided into three parts. First, we will cover the basic principles of effective negotiation. Second, we will cover the basic principles of clear and unambiguous contract drafting including general principles of proper English usage. Finally, we will review and understand specific types of agreements. Particular attention will be given to the US financial system by studying Credit Agreements and other types of agreements typically used in financing transactions. The course is taught through a combination of lectures and hands-on drafting and negotiation exercises.
Attributes: LAWB, LAW.

LTGL 0963. COMMERCIAL CONTRACT DRAFTING IN THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY (LLM ONLY). (3 Credits)
I. Course Objectives The course is designed to provide international LL.M. students with a basic understanding of commercial contract drafting in the U.S. financial market. The course will review fundamental common law contract principles and will provide the foundational knowledge for the students to be able to draft the principal documents involved in secured lending, structured financing, and derivatives. The course will also discuss contract drafting strategy so as to avoid litigation. The objective of the course is to give the student enough knowledge to be able to hit the ground running after obtaining their first legal position in the U.S. as a financial transactional lawyer after earning their LL.M. degree.<p>II. Course Format and Procedures The class will be a combination of lecture, class discussion, and negotiation workshop. Students are expected and encouraged to participate.<p>III. Class Format Each of the fourteen lectures will be divided as follows: 1. Contract Drafting Techniques (1 hour) 2. Financial Transaction subject matter (1.5 hours) 3. Tips for the practicing financial lawyer new to the industry (5-10 mins) 4. Ethics discussion for the newly practicing financial transactions lawyer (5-10 mins) 5. Questions from class members (10 mins) <p> Please note that Professor Nakakuki will be scheduling a one-on-one meeting with each student at the beginning of the semester to obtain from each student his or her description of what they would like to learn in this class, a description of their career goals and what parts of the class most interests them (to customize the class to the students natural interests). During the meeting, we will also be discussing the student’s educational background and what they want to accomplish while in the U.S. (so that the class can be geared towards helping each student reach their goal). A sign-up sheet for the one-on-one meetings will be distributed for you to choose your meeting time and date.
Attributes: LAWB, LLM.
LTGL 1929. LEGAL WRITING AND RESEARCH FOR MSL STUDENTS. (2 Credits)
This course will introduce MSL students to the mode of writing that lawyers typically engage in (outside of the litigation context). The goal of the course is to better prepare MSL students for their law school work as well as for aspects of their professional lives in which they may interact with attorneys, corporate officers, or others with whom they need to communicate in well-crafted legal language. The course will help students write in the analytical way common to lawyers and to draft effective legal memoranda, letters, emails and contracts. One class session will introduce and be devoted to the use of standard legal citation form.