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J.D. Certificate Programs

IIT Chicago-Kent offers a range of certificate programs for J.D. students with focused career agendas. Taught by leading scholars and practitioners, each certificate program provides a specialized course of study and training to help students achieve their professional goals.

Business Law

This program gives students the opportunity to explore a broad range of business-related topics to prepare for careers as business lawyers. Students acquire a solid understanding of the basic principles of business and commercial law and gain familiarity with the increasingly complex regulatory environment that business lawyers commonly encounter in practice.

Criminal Litigation

For the aspiring prosecutor or criminal defense attorney, this program combines robust academic offerings in criminal law theory with intensive practice-oriented training. Students gain experience through our demanding trial advocacy program, our in-house criminal defense clinic, and a variety of externships with defense attorneys and state and federal prosecutors.

Environmental and Energy Law

Attracting students from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds, this program takes an interdisciplinary approach to the scientific, economic and ethical aspects of environmental and energy law. Our curriculum prepares students to become environmental and energy professionals as well as law practitioners.

Intellectual Property Law

In this age of technological advances, a company's IP portfolio is its most valuable asset. Students learn how to protect these critical assets through our broad-based curriculum culminating with a practically oriented capstone experience. Students interested in patent law typically have backgrounds in science, computer science or engineering, while those interested in copyright and trademark law come from a variety of backgrounds.

International and Comparative Law

In a world of continuous change, this program addresses the law's global dimensions, from intellectual property and commercial transactions to human rights concerns, criminal prosecutions and environmental matters. Students have a variety of opportunities to link course work to externships, foreign law study, and projects in nations across the globe.

Labor and Employment Law

The increasing complexity of labor and employment law demands attorneys who can readily adapt to the changing landscape of the American workplace. This program combines classroom theory, doctrine and skills training with numerous opportunities for interaction with leading academics and practitioners.

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

For the aspiring litigator or mediator, this innovative program combines comprehensive training in trial skills, negotiation and mediation with a rigorous clinical curriculum. Through our in-house law firm, students work directly with clients on civil rights/employment discrimination, criminal defense, immigration, family, health and disability, or tax law cases, and they conduct real-world mediations in a variety of areas after becoming certified mediators.

Praxis Program

In response to the legal community's call for practice-ready graduates, Chicago-Kent developed the Praxis Program for students who want to fully embrace a hands-on course of study. The program capitalizes on the law school's robust skills offerings to guide participants through an individualized curriculum that provides exposure to the core competencies required of successful attorneys.

Public Interest Law

Human rights, civil rights and civil liberties, social justice, access to justice, and anti-discrimination are just a few of the many areas addressed by public interest law. Carve your own academic niche in this surprisingly competitive field. Our program includes a rigorous volunteer service requirement and specialized academic and career planning.

Learn more about each of IIT Chicago-Kent's J.D. certificate programs, including information about requirements, course offerings and faculty, at www.kentlaw.iit.edu/jd-certificate-programs.

The J.D. curriculum also supports a number of other focused areas of study through which students can create an informal concentration.

Additional Focused Areas of Study

- Entertainment and Technology Law
- Family Law
- Financial Services Law
- Health Law, Policy and Bioethics
- Law, Government and Regulation
- Personal Injury Law
- Real Estate and Land Use
- Tax and Estate Planning

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