

Health Law General Course Guide

Health law refers to the legislative, executive, and judicial rules and regulations that govern the health care industry. The health care industry includes providers such as hospitals, nursing homes, and individual practitioners, as well as health insurers and their affiliates. Working as a health law attorney could involve advising clients in complying with the laws regulating healthcare; effectuating a merger of hospitals; bringing or defending a medical malpractice suit; and/or advising agencies and political representatives on health policy and reform. Thus, health law can be divided into three general areas: (1) business practice and regulation, (2) medical torts litigation, and (3) policy/health reform and recommended, related, and skills classes are listed accordingly. Students interested in health law may also obtain a Master of Laws with a focus in health law and compliance together with their J.D.¹

Core Courses:

Health Law (survey)

Administrative Law

Health Law related externship²

Recommended Courses: Business Practice and Regulation:

Antitrust

Bioethics and the Law

Employment Law

Health Care Fraud and Abuse

Labor Law

Non-profit Corporations

At least one Tax Law class, *e.g.*, Federal Income Tax I,* Corporate Tax, Partnership Tax,

Taxation of Non-Profit Organizations

Related Courses: Business Practice and Regulation:

Business Law

Cybercrime

Environmental Law

Legislation

Related Experiential/Skills Courses:

Business Drafting

Contract Drafting

Mediation Advocacy

Negotiation

¹ Please consult the course schedule for current course availability.

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.

Recommended Courses: Medical Torts Litigation:

Alabama Civil Litigation Practice and Procedure (for students planning to practice in Alabama)

Alabama Medical Malpractice

Bioethics and the Law

Damages

Environmental Law

Federal Courts

Healthcare Fraud and Abuse

Insurance Law

Labor Law

Mass Torts

Toxic Torts

At least one Tax Law class, *e.g.*, Federal Income Tax I,* Corporate Tax, Partnership Tax,
Taxation of Non-Profit Organizations

Recommended Experiential/Skills Courses: Medical Torts Litigation:

Advanced Skills in Trial Advocacy - Civil

Basic Skills in Trial Advocacy*

Depositions and Technology

E-discovery and Digital Evidence

Mediation Advocacy

Negotiation

Recommended Courses: Policy/Health Reform:

Access to Healthcare

Bioethics and the Law

Disability Law

Elder Law

Healthcare Fraud and Abuse

Labor Law

Legislation

Non-Profit Corporations

At least one Tax Law class, *e.g.*, Federal Income Tax I,* Corporate Tax, Partnership Tax,
Taxation of Non-Profit Organizations

Recommended Experiential/Skills Courses: Policy/Health Reform:

Business Drafting

Contract Drafting

Mediation Advocacy

Negotiation

Related Courses: Policy/Health Reform:

Antitrust

Environmental Law