FAMILY LAW

Many lawyers specialize in family law representing clients in divorce, child custody and support, spousal support, adoption, and domestic violence matters. General practitioners will often require knowledge of these and other family issues arising in client representation. For students interested in family law, this pathway recommends introductory courses, followed by more advanced courses on specialized subjects.

Foundational Courses

Children and the Law
Family Law

Recommended Courses, Clinics

Advocacy, Family Violence, and Public Policy
Client Interviewing and Counseling
Conflict and Conflict Management
Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age
Elder Law
Estate Planning
Estates and Trusts
Mediation
Negotiation
Pretrial Litigation

Family Violence Clinic: Individual and Social Justice
Mediation Clinic

*Students considering this pathway may be interested in a dual degree program in which they receive a J.D. degree from the Law School and the Master of Human Development and Family Science from the College of Human Environmental Sciences, normally within four academic years.

Contact List: Faculty Who Teach or Have Expertise in the Field

Abrams, Beck, Clark, Conklin, English, Gely, Henson, Ladehoff, Levin, Schmitz

*Not all of the above courses may be offered every academic year. Please refer to the registrar’s website to see how frequently courses of interest have been offered in recent years.