Family law attorneys assist clients in a variety of issues relating to personal and familial relationships. The practice involves litigation, transactional work, and alternative dispute resolution. Family law attorneys prepare and negotiate matrimonial agreements, represent spouses in divorces, represent parents in child custody and child support matters, and help facilitate adoptions and surrogacy arrangements. Family lawyers may also engage in estate planning or issues related to aging. Basic proficiency in tax law is also recommended.

**Recommended Courses:**

5208 *Family Law: The Law of Persons and the Family* 3 credits
5202 *Matrimonial Regimes* 2 credits
5312 Accounting for Lawyers 2 credits
5501 Income Tax I 3 credits
5701 *Louisiana Civil Procedure I* 3 credits
5702 *Louisiana Civil Procedure II* 3 credits

**Related Courses**

5703 *Successions, Donations & Trusts* 3 credits
5309 Common Law Property 3 credits
5311 Common Law Trusts, Estates, & Fid. Oblig. 3 credits
5463 Elder Law 2 credits
5804 Elder Law Seminar 2 credits

**Related Skills Courses and Clinics**

6002 Family Mediation Clinic 2 credits
5828 Divorce & Child Custody Mediation 2 credits
5620 Civil Mediation Clinic 3 credits
5822 Legal Negotiations 2 credits

**Externships**

There are a variety of externship opportunities available that offer experiences related to family law.

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* Courses marked with an asterisk are targeted to a Family Law practice in Louisiana. If you do not plan on practicing in Louisiana, these courses may be less useful to you. However, if you do plan on practicing in or near Louisiana both the civil law and the common law courses are recommended. Matrimonial regimes is recommended if you plan to practice in any community property jurisdiction (Arizona, California, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin).

1 Not open to students with more than 9 credits of post-secondary accounting courses.

2 Divorce & Child Custody Mediation can be taken as a skills course without also enrolling in the Family Mediation Clinic. It is required in connection with the Family Mediation Clinic.