

University of San Francisco School of Law
Fall 2014 - Spring 2015 Graduates Only

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CERTIFICATE

Application Deadlines:

December 2014 Graduates: Applications DUE: Tuesday, September 15, 2014 (Last day to drop classes).
Spring/Summer 2015 Graduates: Applications DUE: Monday, February 2, 2015 (Last day to drop classes).

I expect to graduate and am applying to receive the Public Interest Law Certificate. I have read and understand the Program requirements (found on the law school's website at: <http://www.law.usfca.edu/academics/certificates/publicinterest.html>) and further understand and acknowledge that award of the Certificate is conditional upon meeting those requirements.

Legal Name: _____ **USF ID Number:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Courses & Procedure

COURSES: To earn a Public Interest Law Certificate, a student must

- 1) Complete at least 15 units of course work selected from the list of approved Public Interest Law Certificate courses by graduation
- 2) Complete an Upper Level Writing Requirement analyzing an issue related to Public Interest Law.
- 3) Complete the Practicum & Community Service Req'ts as indicated on page 3 of this form.

All course work for the certificate must be taken for a letter grade except for any approved elective course in which credit/no credit grading is mandatory. For any course in which a letter grade is not provided, a "credit" must be achieved in order for the course to be applied to meet the certificate requirements. Students must achieve a grade of C+ or higher in each letter-graded course applied to the certificate and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.70 or higher for all courses applied to the certificate. A student achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher for all courses applied to meet the requirements of the certificate is awarded the certificate with honors.

Procedure: Indicate the letter grade and units received in completed in the courses (below) that you wish to apply to the Certificate. Indicate "in progress" by marking "IP" for courses being taken during the current semester. **(If you indicate more than the required units of coursework, the Registrar's Office will determine which units will count toward the certificate.)**

Note: the curriculum is subject to change and not all courses are offered every year.

Sem/Yr	Grade	Units	Law Reg	PIL Course	Sem/Yr	Grade	Units	Law Reg	PIL Course
				Administrative Law					Eviction Defense, Lit Skills & Ethics
				Advanced Constitutional Law					Family Law
				Advanced Criminal Law / Litigation					First Amendment & Free Speech
				Advanced Criminal Procedure					Health Law
				Contemporary Issues of Race & Law <i>Course title may vary slightly each semester</i>					Immigration Law
				Class Action Law					Information Privacy Law
				Cyberlaw					International Human Rights
				Death Penalty Law					Introduction to Race Law
				Deportation Defense & Rebellious Lawyering Skills					Juvenile Law
				Domestic Violence Litigation & Ethics					Labor Law
				Elder (Exploitation, Abuse & Related Issues) Law					Land Use Law
				Employee Benefits (ERISA)					Law & Society
				Employment Discrimination					Legal Issues of Terrorism
				Employment Law					Local & State Law
				Employment Law Seminar					Nonprofit Organizations
				Energy Law					Poverty Law
				Environmental Law					Predatory Lending Law & Practice

Sem/Yr	Grade	Units	Law Reg	PIL Courses Con't	Sem/Yr	Grade	Units	Law Reg	PIL Courses Cont'd
				Race and Law Seminar					Water (& Natural Resources) Law
				Sexuality Law					Work, Gender & the Law

The below clinics satisfy PIL Certificate Practicum Requirements ONLY, they do not count towards Elective units	
Child Advocacy Clinic, Criminal & Juvenile Justice Clinic, Employment Law Clinic or Int'l Human Rights Clinic (satisfy entire practicum requirement)	Internet & IP Justice Clinic, Investor Justice Clinic or Mediation Clinic (satisfy partial practicum requirement)

UPPER LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CERTIFICATE

To earn the certificate, a student must complete a substantial research paper analyzing an issue relevant to public interest law. The paper must demonstrate the ability to identify, describe and analyze the subject matter and should, where possible, propose a resolution.

The paper must meet the standards for an Upper Level Research and Writing Requirement project and may be used to satisfy that requirement, the requirements of a course taken for credit (see the "Certificate" and "Writing Requirement Opt" columns on the course schedule for acceptable courses), or as a stand-alone project.

Title of the Paper: _____

Semester Completed (If in progress, indicate current semester and year):
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Semester Year

To be eligible for the Certificate, you must:

- Submit this completed application to the Law Registrar's Office.
- Submit a writing requirement enrollment form by the last day to add classes for the semester the writing requirement is being completed. *The "Public Interest Law Certificate" box on the form must be checked.*

Signature of the Student: _____ Date: _____

Law Registrar Staff Only		
First Audit: _____ <small style="text-align: center;">Date & Initials</small>	Meets Bus Writ. Req: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Final Audit: _____ Total Units: _____ <small style="text-align: center;">Date & Initials</small>
Grades Verified: <input type="checkbox"/> Total Units: _____	IP as of (date): _____	GPA: _____ Honors <input type="checkbox"/>
On Track: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Date Notified: _____	Receiving Certificate: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

PRACTICUM: A minimum of 150 hours of supervised legal work in a public interest or qualifying government organization. Students may fulfill this requirement through a paid position, clinical experience, externship, or a volunteer opportunity. Please note that in-house law school clinics may count towards the practicum hours (but not towards course requirements).

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COMMUNITY SERVICE: Students must complete a minimum of 50 volunteer hours with organizations on projects that benefit the public. Community service hours may be completed with legal or non-legal organizations. Projects may include work you perform through the Law In Motion Service Program, the Law Student Pro Bono Project or work that you individually, or as part of your student group, have performed with an organization in the community. *Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.*

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Please return this form to the Law Registrar's Office (Kendrick 220) by the deadline listed on the first page of this application. Community Service/Practicum Questions? Contact the Office of Career Planning at (415) 422-6757 or Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Erin E. Dolly at (415) 422-6304.

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Verified Practicum Requirements: _____ Law School Staff Initials/Date	Verified Community Service Requirements: _____ Law School Staff Initials/Date