

SPECIAL DISTINCTION IN LITIGATION

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A Baylor Law School Special Distinction in Litigation—which is recognized at graduation and becomes part of a student's permanent transcript—may be awarded to graduates who successfully complete any one of the litigation professional tracks, who are selected as a team member for a national-level mock trial team, who complete at least five additional hours beyond the litigation professional track (for which mock trial team hours count), and who maintain a GPA of at least 3.3 in the 22 to 24 hours of courses designated by the student to be counted toward the Special Distinction. In light of Baylor Law School's national ranking and reputation for outstanding advocacy, a Baylor Law School Special Distinction in Litigation is designed to identify a top tier of future trial advocates.

Requirements for Special Distinction in Litigation

- Successful completion of any approved litigation track: Administrative Practice, Business Litigation, Criminal Law Practice, Family Law Practice, General Civil Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Public Interest Law.
- Competing as part of the Baylor Law Mock Trial Team, including one or more of the following: (1) competing as an attorney in either the TOC, NCTC, AAJ or NTC competitions; or (2) competing as an attorney on at least two different mock trial teams including at least one team during your 3L year.
- Completion of at least 3 additional hours (in addition to capstone) from a long list of potential courses which have not already been counted toward the first litigation track.
- A GPA of 3.3 in all track courses¹ (including additional hours as required above) will be required for a student to receive the Special Distinction designation.

¹ If a student has taken more than the minimum number of hours of track courses and a grade in a course that is not required for receipt of the Special Distinction would result in the GPA being below the requirement, that grade need not be included in the GPA calculation. If a grade in a track course that is required for receipt of the Special Distinction causes the GPA to be below the requirement, grades in track courses beyond the number of hours required for the Special Distinction may be included in order to raise the GPA in the track courses.

Litigation Additional Electives

Complete at least 3 additional hours (in addition to capstone) of courses which have not already been counted toward the first litigation track from this group.

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 9235	Administration of Estates	2
LAW 9268	Administrative Law: Federal	2
LAW 9287	Administrative Law: Texas	2
LAW 9350	Advanced Criminal Procedure	3

LAW 9V10	Advocacy Team	2
LAW 9247	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2
LAW 9257	Arbitration	2
LAW 9295	Bankruptcy	2
LAW 9322	Business Organizations 2	3
LAW 9319	Business Transactions: Mergers & Acquisitions	3
LAW 9386	Business Torts	3
LAW 9256	Civil Rights Actions	2
LAW 9227	Client Relations	2
LAW 9324	Complex Litigation	3
LAW 9383	Conflict of Laws	3
LAW 9349	Consumer Protection	3
LAW 9316	Contract Drafting & Negotiation	3
LAW 9384	Creditors' Remedies	3
LAW 9362	Employment Discrimination	3
LAW 9372	Employment Relations	3
LAW 9366	Environmental Law	3
LAW 9370	Family Law	3
LAW 9299	Family Law Advocacy & Procedure	2
LAW 9323	Federal Courts	3
LAW 9V93	Field Placement (Prosecutorial)	2
LAW 9V93	Field Placement (State Agency or Judicial (administrative law))	2
LAW 9285	Healthcare Fraud & Abuse	2
LAW 9357	Healthcare Law	3
LAW 9373	Immigration Law	3
LAW 9341	Insurance Law	3
LAW 9200	Intellectual Property Litigation: Patent Advocacy	2
LAW 9254	Juvenile Justice	2
LAW 9208	Labor Law Seminar	2
LAW 9309	Natural Resources Protection Law	3
LAW 9249	Oil & Gas Law	2
LAW 9119	Patent Litigation Capstone	1
LAW 9260	Patent Practice & Disputes	2
LAW 9255	Post Conviction Procedure: Criminal Appeals	2
LAW 9259	Post Conviction Procedure: Sentencing	2
LAW 9258	Products Liability	2
LAW 9344	Securities Regulation	3
LAW 9352	Texas Criminal Practice & Procedure	3
LAW 9353	Trial Advocacy: Advanced Discovery Management	3
LAW 9263	Trial Advocacy: Advanced Trial Preparation	2
LAW 9220	Trial Advocacy: Beginning Advocacy Skills	2
LAW 9313	Water Law	3
LAW 9332	Wealth Transfers	3
LAW 9351	White Collar Crime	3