

**CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW  
ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
LAW OFFICES  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** 2009 LADR Certificate Program Entrants

**FROM:** Gary Laser

**DATE:** February 16, 2009

**SUBJECT:** LADR Curriculum Requirements

The LADR curriculum is designed to give students a comprehensive and balanced professional education to prepare them adequately for the practice of law, with a concentration in litigation and alternative methods of resolving conflict. It offers an innovative curriculum that stresses the connection between legal doctrine, skills and values, and the art of lawyering; it is one designed to educate the students to become reflective practitioners with a lawyering identity developed during law school that incorporates high standards of competence, ethics, and social responsibility.

All students admitted into the LADR Program who receive a J.D. Degree will also receive a LADR Certificate, if they successfully complete the following five (5) lawyering process and two (2) doctrinal course requirements.

**A. Lawyering Process Courses**

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| 1. | Pretrial Litigation for LADR .....           | 3 credits         |
| 2. | Trial Ad .....                               | 3 credits         |
| 3. | Law Offices In-House Litigation Clinic ..... | 3 credits         |
| 4. | Law Offices In-House Litigation Clinic ..... | 3 or 4 credits or |
|    | Judicial Externship .....                    | 4 credits         |
| 5. | Mediation and ADR Clinic for LADR .....      | 3 credits         |

**B. Doctrinal Courses**

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| 1. | Evidence .....  | 3 or 4 credits    |
| 2. | One Course from the following list: Federal Courts, Criminal Procedure:<br>The Adjudicative Process, Criminal Procedure: The Investigative Process,<br>Civil Procedure 2, Complex Litigation, Appellate Courts and Procedure,<br>or a similar course approved by the LADR Faculty Committee.<br>..... | 2, 3 or 4 credits |

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As set forth in the above list of LADR Curriculum requirements (see courses A3 and A4 above), LADR students may fulfill their two litigation clinic requirements by taking either one or two Law Offices in-house litigation clinics or one Law Offices in-house litigation clinic and Judicial Externship. If students take only one Law Offices in-house litigation clinic, they may enroll in any one of the following clinics: Employment Discrimination/Civil Rights with some General Practice, Criminal Defense Litigation, Health Law Litigation, Immigration Law, Family Law Clinic, or the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. If students take a second Law Offices in-house litigation clinic, they may enroll in any of the above-mentioned in-house litigation clinics including the same in-house litigation clinic they enrolled in to satisfy their first in-house litigation clinic requirement.

LADR students are encouraged to enroll in the in-house litigation clinic of their choice for three (3) credits. The Judicial Externship is a four (4) credit course. Since LADR students complete two in-house clinic courses or one in-house clinic course and Judicial Externship, the usual number of credits they will earn to fulfill their two in-house litigation clinic requirements will be six (6) or seven (7).

For students enrolled in Pretrial Litigation in the fall 2008 semester, the advanced research component of LW 4 will be covered in Legal Writing 4 Equivalency Class, a non-credit class, which the student must complete in the same semester the student enrolls in the Pretrial Litigation class. Successful completion of Pretrial Litigation and the Legal Writing 4 Equivalency Class will exempt students from LW 4. All students enrolled in Pretrial Litigation must take LW 3 no later than the following spring semester, which for day division students is usually their fourth semester of Law School.

LADR students may not enroll in Mediation and ADR Practice Clinic until their third year of law school and only after they have completed their litigation clinical education and other skills courses requirements.

LADR students should note that the Evidence Course is a prerequisite for Trial Advocacy I.

LADR students are **not** permitted to take any of the negotiation, mediation, or ADR courses which are not designated as LADR courses.

Evening division students generally begin the LADR curriculum in their fifth semester of law school. However, evening students who are accepted into LADR in their second semester may take Trial Advocacy I in their fourth semester.

See the attached two page chart setting forth a model J.D. and LADR Curriculum for students admitted to the LADR Program in 2008 and thereafter.

**A MODEL J.D. and LADR CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS  
ADMITTED TO THE LADR PROGRAM IN 2008**

Traditional Doctrinal and Legal Method Courses

Criminal Law .....	3
Torts .....	5
Civil Procedure .....	5
Contracts .....	5
Property .....	4
Constitutional Law .....	4
Evidence <sup>1</sup> .....	3
One additional litigation course from the following list: Federal Courts, Criminal Procedure: The Adjudicative Process, Criminal Procedure: The Investigative Process, Civil Procedure 2, Complex Litigation, Appellate Courts and Procedure, or a similar course approved by the LADR Faculty Committee. <sup>2</sup> .....	3
<b>Total credit hours .....</b>	<b>32</b>

Legal Research and Writing

Legal Writing 1 .....	3
Legal Writing 2 .....	2
Legal Writing 4 .....	
(Included in Pretrial Litigation and Legal Writing 4 Equivalency Class)	
Legal Writing 3 .....	1
Seminar .....	2
<b>Total credit hours .....</b>	<b>8</b>

Theoretical and Ethical Foundations of the Law

Legislative Process .....	3
Professional Responsibility .....	2
<b>Total credit hours .....</b>	<b>5</b>

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<sup>1</sup>LADR students may satisfy their Evidence requirement by taking the four-credit basic Evidence course instead of the three-credit course listed above.

<sup>2</sup>The additional litigation course is a second doctrinal course requirement of the LADR Certificate Program. LADR students may satisfy their second additional litigation requirement by taking any one of the listed courses. Although most of the listed courses are offered for three (3) hours of credit, some may provide either two or four hours of credit.

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<u>Clinical Education and Other Skills Courses</u>	
Law Offices In-House Litigation Clinic .....	3
Law Offices In-House Clinic or Judicial Externship <sup>3</sup> .....	3
Pretrial Litigation for LADR .....	3
Legal Writing 4 Equivalency Class .....	0
Mediation and ADR Practice for LADR .....	3
Trial Advocacy I .....	3
<b>Total credit hours .....</b>	<b>15</b>
<u>Electives</u> <sup>4</sup> .....	27
<b><u>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED</u> .....</b>	<b><u>87</u></b>

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<sup>3</sup>The second litigation clinic requirement may be satisfied by Judicial Externship which is a four-hour course requirement. It also may be satisfied by any one of the three credit in-house litigation clinics available to satisfy the first litigation clinic requirement.

<sup>4</sup>The number of elective credits may be slightly more or less than 27, depending on the number of credits students take to fulfill their LADR course requirements.