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**LL.M. PROGRAM REGISTRATION
BULLETIN**

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*Course descriptions and faculty biographies are available online through the
Fall 2009 Term page, linked to the main Students Portal page.*

<http://www.kentlaw.edu/portals/students.html>

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FALL 2009 REGISTRATION

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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. BEFORE YOU REGISTER

Immunization Hold

If you have an "Immunization Hold," call the Student Health Center on Main Campus (312/808-7100, or 8-7100 from a house phone) and make arrangements to submit your medical records to have the hold released.

Outstanding Balance

If you are indebted to the university, you will have a "Financial Hold" preventing you from registering. Before you can register, you must clear the Financial Hold with the Bursar's office in Room 290. If you are uncertain whether you have an outstanding balance, you can check your account status online (go to the Registrar's web site at <http://www.kentlaw.edu/depts/reg/> and click on the IIT Web for Students link; once you log in, you will have access to information about your account with the university, including account holds).

If you believe there are unusual circumstances justifying your registration despite an outstanding balance, you should send an e-mail containing a detailed explanation of the unusual circumstances to the Bursar's office (MRODRIGUEZ1@KENTLAW.EDU) and be sure to copy Hilary Waldron at hwaldron@kentlaw.edu on all correspondence. **Please be advised that such waivers are not routinely granted.** (See also the provisions on Financial Delinquency on page 3 of this Bulletin.)

2. SELECTING YOUR COURSES

Using the schedule of classes in this Bulletin, decide which courses you would like to take. This Bulletin is specifically created for LL.M. students and is different from the J.D. bulletin which includes courses **NOT**

available to all LL.M.s. This Bulletin includes important information you should carefully review. The courses listed here are available to all LL.M. students, however because of enrollment limits and other restrictions, some of your choices of courses or sections may be closed when your registration requests are processed. If you are not admitted into one or more of the courses you select, you may add additional courses or change your schedule in other ways after the initial registration period is complete, however, you will need to get the permission of Dean Lazar. We do not maintain waiting lists for any course.

Graduation Checklist

To earn the LL.M. degree a student must complete 24 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.3. The requirements for each LL.M. degree (International and Comparative Law, International Intellectual property Law, Financial Services Law) vary, and Overseas Training Program (OTP) students (A.K.A. Special Programs students) have different requirements as well. Please carefully review the memo, "LL.M. policies and procedures" August 2009 distributed in your Orientation binder.

Courses With Exams Scheduled at the Same Time

All LL.M. students who took their first law degree in a language other than English will have their exams rescheduled and therefore are permitted to register for courses even if the exams for those courses are scheduled at the same time.

All LL.M. students who took their first law degree in English will take their exams when scheduled alongside J.D. students, however you are permitted to register for courses whose exams are scheduled at the same time; one of your exams will be rescheduled in accordance with § 7.2 of the student hand book.

Registering for LL.M. Courses

LL.M. students may register for graduate Tax courses only with the permission of Professor Gerald Brown. LL.M. students not enrolled in the Financial Services program may register for Financial Services graduate courses only with the permission of Professor Henry Perritt. LL.M. students not enrolled in the Family Law program may register for Family Law courses only with the permission of the program director. The LL.M. courses are listed at the end of this bulletin.

3. HOW TO REGISTER

International LL.M. and EXC students cannot register for Fall 2009 without meeting with Dean Lazar or other designated staff or faculty. OILP staff will assist all students in registering for courses.

ADDING & DROPPING COURSES

LL.M. students may add open courses or drop courses using the online registration system but must have all revised academic programs approved by Dean Lazar.

You may only add a course during the first week of the semester. To find out what courses are open, check the online registration system. You may drop courses in the first and second weeks.

You may withdraw from any course (except a required course), at any time prior to the date of the final exam or final paper (see § 3.10(c) of the Student Handbook). There is no tuition penalty if you drop a course during the first two weeks of classes. However, you will *not* receive a tuition refund, if you drop a course after the second week of classes.

DECEMBER 2009 GRADUATES

LL.M. Students who will complete their degree requirements in the Fall 2009 semester (Bangkok, Beijing, and Shanghai Special program students) must submit an Application for Graduation form to the Registrar as soon as possible after their schedule is finalized. *Additional information for December graduates will be distributed early in the Fall Semester.*

TUITION CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

Tuition and Fees

LL.M. Tuition for the 2009-2010 academic year is \$28,000 for up to 27 credits. Additional credits will be charged at the rate of \$1,190 per credit hour. All full-time LL.M. and EXC students will be assessed a U-Pass fee of \$82 each semester.

Student Health Insurance

All LL.M. and EXC students registered for at least 12 hours in the Fall semester will automatically be billed for student health insurance. The cost for the 2009-2010 academic year will be \$850 for the full year. Students who only need coverage for one term will be billed approximately half the yearly cost. You may waive insurance coverage if you have comparable coverage by filing a waiver form online at <http://www.iit.edu/~shc/insurance.html> between May 1, 2009 and September 1, 2009. (***Please note: If you are on an F1 or J1 visa, you will not be permitted to waive the IIT health insurance.***) If you do not waive coverage by September 1, 2009, you will be billed for the insurance. For more information about the plan, including waivers, go to <http://www.iit.edu/~shc> or call the IIT Student Health Center at 312/808-7100.

Payment of Tuition and Fees

Payments can be made by cash, check, money order, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express, either by mail or in person, at the Bursar's office in Room 290. All tuition payments for the Fall 2009 semester are due by August 28, 2009. You may also pay your tuition online by going to the Student Portal page (<http://www.kentlaw.edu/portals/students.html>) and clicking on the link for Online Tuition Payment (under the heading for the Financial Aid Office).

Financial aid awards are considered credits to the student's tuition account. Students whose financial aid awards do not fully cover the cost of tuition and fees must select a payment option below. ***Financial aid scholarships and loans supercede all other forms of tuition payment. Therefore, if anticipated loans and scholarships cover a portion or all of your tuition costs, a student may not use other forms of payment – including credit cards – to participate in a payment option for the amount of tuition cost covered by the anticipated scholarship or loan***

amount.

1. IIT Semester Payment: The total balance of tuition and fees, minus financial aid (if applicable), is due on August 28, 2009.

2. Budget Plan: Students may choose to pay their total charges in two installments. The first installment of 50% of the total charges, minus financial aid (if applicable), is due on August 28, 2009. The second installment is due on October 1, 2009. A \$40 fee will be charged for participation in the Budget Plan.

3. Nine Month Payment Plan: **Full-time students only** may choose to pay their total charges, minus financial aid (if applicable), for both Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 in nine monthly installments. A fee of \$80 will be charged for participation in the Nine Month Payment Plan. Students seeking to enroll in the plan can do so in person at the Bursar's Office in Suite 290, or online at <http://www.enrollment.iit.edu>. The deadline to apply is September 4, 2009. Please note that enrollment in the Nine Month Payment Plan is possible only at the beginning of the Fall 2009 semester or, if a student has already registered for the Fall term, during the preceding Summer term.

Financial Delinquency

Any student who fails to meet the required payments will be charged a late penalty for each calendar month with a past-due student account balance. The late penalty for the first calendar month with an overdue balance is a flat \$40 fee plus 1% penalty of the balance; this charge may appear on the student account as "BUDGET PLAN FEE \$40 plus a Late Payment Penalty." The penalty in any successive calendar month with a past-due balance is a charge of 1% of a student's remaining balance owed.

Students with delinquent accounts are subject to suspension and exclusion from classes after being notified by the Bursar. These students may not be permitted to take final exams, receive course credits or transcripts, register for a subsequent semester, receive a degree, or be certified to the bar examiners.

PASS-FAIL ELECTION

In the first semester only, LL.M. students are permitted to take one (1) course of up to four (4) credits as Pass/Fail; the last day to make this election is at the end of the second week of classes (Friday September 4, 2009), and they may revoke the pass/fail election up until the last day of classes (Friday December 4, 2009). The Registrar's office will handle this as it cannot be done on-line.

LL.M. students cannot use the pass/fail option for the following courses:

ICLP students cannot use pass/fail for:

§ Introduction to the American Legal System
§ Comparative Law

IIP Students cannot use pass/fail for:

§ Introduction to the American Legal System
§ International Intellectual Property Law
§ International Patent Law
§ Graduate Seminar
§ Comparative Law (unless permitted by the instructor)

FS Students cannot use pass/fail for:

§ Introduction to the American Legal System
§ Financial Services Courses
§ Independent Research

Students electing Independent Research or IPRO courses may choose to use Pass/Fail even if they have already used it for one course – see above.

BAR EXAM INFORMATION

The LL.M. program is not meant to prepare students to take a U.S. state bar examination and become admitted to law practice in the United States.

Currently, LL.M. graduates are not eligible to sit for the bar examination in Illinois, unless they have practiced law for at least 5 years in their home country and meet some other requirements.

However, New York, California and some other jurisdictions allow LL.M. graduates to appear for the bar examination. Students should contact the ABA at www.abanet.org and the respective State Board of Law Examiners for current provisions related to foreign attorneys.

If you do decide to take the New York or other state bar examination after completing the LL.M. degree, please be aware that most of the bar examination content has NOT been taught to you during your LL.M. course. The bar examination contains many questions related to first year JD courses, which you are not eligible to take as an LL.M. student.

Some LL.M. students take the bar examination each year, and a few pass. It has been our experience that those students who have enrolled in a bar preparation course (such as BarBri) are more likely to succeed on the bar examination. However, a bar preparation course does not guarantee a student will pass the bar examination or necessarily cover all relevant material for the bar examination. For more information go to:

http://www.ncbex.org/fileadmin/mediafiles/downloads/Comp_Guide/CompGuide.pdf

FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

Biographies of full-time faculty members can be found at <http://www.kentlaw.edu/faculty>. For Biographies of adjunct faculty members, go to: <http://www.kentlaw.edu/faculty/adjuncts.html>.

J.D. COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course descriptions can be found at <http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/courses.html>

2009-2010 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER 2009

Intensive Trial Advocacy	August 15-22, 2009
Orientation begins	Monday, August 17
Saturday Trial Ad. begins	Saturday, August 22

First day of classes	Monday, August 24
Labor Day (no classes)	Monday, September 7
Rosh Hashanah (no classes)	Saturday, September 19
Yom Kippur (no classes)	Monday, September 28
Thanksgiving vacation (no classes)	Thursday, November 26 - Sunday, November 29
Monday classes meet (Labor Day make-up)	Monday, November 30
Monday classes meet (Yom Kippur make-up)	Tuesday, December 1
Make-up Day	Wednesday, December 2
Thursday classes meet (Thanksgiving make-up)	Thursday, December 3
Last day of classes:	Friday, December 4
Friday classes meet (Thanksgiving make-up)	
Saturday Trial Advocacy sections meet (Rosh Hashanah make-up)	Saturday, December 5 - 9
Read period	December 5 - 9
Final exams	December 10 - 21

INTERSESSION

Intensive Trial Advocacy Jan. 9 - 16, 2010

SPRING SEMESTER 2010

Saturday Trial Ad. begins January 16, 2010

Dr. King's Birthday Monday, January 18 (no classes)

First day of classes **Tuesday, January 19**

Spring Break March 13, 12:00 noon - March 21

***Last day of classes:**

Monday classes meet (King Birthday make-up) **Friday, April 30**

Read period May 1 - 4

Final exams May 5- 14

Commencement Sunday, May 16

SUMMER SESSION 2009

First day of classes **Monday, May 24, 2010**

Memorial Day Monday, May 31 (no classes)

Monday classes meet (Memorial Day make-up) Friday, June 4

Independence Day Observed Monday, July 5 (no classes)

Monday classes meet

Independence Day make-up (no classes)	Friday, July 9
<i>Last day of classes</i>	<i>Thursday, July 15</i>
Read period	July 16-18
Final exams	July 19-21

Summer Intellectual Property Course

Professor Mickie Piatt will offer a special intensive overview of Intellectual Property law during the 2 weeks before Fall 2009 classes start. The cost of this 3 credit IP course is included in the flat tuition rate for Fall term courses. By taking this 3 credit course in August, students can reduce the number of credits/courses they need to take during the fall term, which can help to ensure that their work load in Fall term is more manageable. Incoming LL.M. students are only eligible to take this class if they were NOT required to take Legal English as a condition of their enrollment in the LL.M. program. To enroll in this course, you must contact Hilary Waldron at hwaldron@kentlaw.edu, however there are limited spaces available and we do not guarantee that all students requesting a spot will be accommodated.

Course description:

Law 283 Intellectual Property in the High Tech Era.

This is a survey class in intellectual property law in the context of the current high tech era. It covers all four intellectual property regimes — copyright, trademark, patent, and trade secret. Questions related to the use of intellectual property with the current technologies will be explored, including, for example, issues of the availability of generic drugs to developing countries and the relationship to the patented pharmaceuticals, the use of peer-to-peer file transfers across the internet, re-broadcast of copyrighted works through internet streaming as well as new digital satellite technologies, and the relationships among the regimes to protect a variety of products.

Note: This course will meet during the evening (starting at 5:30 pm each day) in the weeks of August 8 and August 15, with the last class on Friday August 21. Please note that the course will start with a full day of class on Saturday August 8, and will include a full day of class on Saturday August 15. Three credit hours.