CIVIL ADVOCACY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Students who earn the certificate for this concentration develop an understanding of a variety of advocacy methods, dispute resolution tools, and remedies, in an array of civil law contexts. Skill development focuses on litigation, negotiation, mediation, and arbitration.

The civil advocacy and dispute resolution concentration lets you explore all the varied ways that lawyers help clients solve problems and resolve conflicts. You will hone your skills as a creative negotiator, as a wise adviser and as an effective courtroom litigator. You’ll learn the theory and the practice of the different alternative methods to resolve disputes, make deals and reach settlements outside of court, such as mediation and arbitration. Most important, you can help us achieve our vision: to reimagine the law as a healing profession.

Our dispute resolution program was ranked 14th in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Our Center on Dispute Resolution — with its Quinnipiac/Yale Workshop Speaker Series, training sessions and student-run Society for Dispute Resolution — are all valuable resources that are at your disposal. The center’s programs offer you the opportunity to learn and train with practicing professionals in the field. The highly decorated student competition teams provide you the stage to hone your advocacy skills through regional and national mock trial, moot court, negotiation, mediation and client counseling competitions.

After two semesters, you’ll have the opportunity to practice what you are learning in the classroom in one of our legal clinics and in our diverse externship program. As a certified legal intern, you can counsel actual clients, negotiate, mediate cases and argue in courts.

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Civil Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Concentration

Prerequisites
To be eligible for the Civil Advocacy and Dispute Resolution concentration, you must take LAWS 311 as one of your core electives. Credits for this course do not count toward the 21-credit concentration requirement, but the grade in this prerequisite does count toward the concentration GPA requirement.

Requirements
1. Coursework
To receive the certificate for this concentration, you must earn 21 civil advocacy and dispute resolution specialty credits, divided as follows (not all courses are offered every year):

Required Coursework
In addition to LAWS 311 (credits for which do not count toward the 21-credit requirement), you must take the following courses. Credits for these courses will count toward your 21-credit concentration requirement.

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Other related courses:
- LAWS 305 Federal Income Tax
- LAWS 327 Labor Law
- LAWS 370 Family Law
- LAWS 371 Divorce and the Divorcing Family
- LAWS 373 Products Liability
- LAWS 384 Juvenile Law
- LAWS 393 Business Planning
- LAWS 431 Criminal Procedure - Adj.
- LAWS 434 Employment Law
- LAWS 435 Advanced Family Law I - S
- LAWS 525 Moot Court I
- LAWS 526 Moot Court II
- LAWS 528 Moot Court III
- LAWS 564 Poverty Law
- LAWS 604 Medical Malpractice
Substantial-paper courses or independent study
where the paper is devoted to an advocacy and/
or dispute resolution topic approved by the
concentration director.

Additional clinic or externship courses in addition
to those required above, as approved by the
concentration director.

Other courses or journal work as approved by the
concentration director in consultation with the
course instructor.

Competitions: The concentration director may
deem participation in a noncredit competition
in mock trial, negotiation or representing clients
in mediation to satisfy the requirement of 1 or 2
credits of coursework in this category.

2. Clinical Requirement
At least 3 credits must be earned in a clinic and/or externship placement
approved by the concentration director in consultation with the director of
the relevant clinic or externship. Credits for IRC (LAWS 599) do not count
toward this clinical requirement.

3. Writing Requirement
A substantial paper or a series of shorter writings that together comprise
a substantial amount of written work on a topic or topics related to
advocacy and/or dispute resolution. (If you write a substantial paper,
you may use that paper to satisfy the law school advanced writing
requirement, provided that you meet the guidelines for the advanced
writing requirement as set forth in the Academic Regulations (http://
catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/academic-regulations/#text), section
I.E.) The concentration director must approve the topic or topics for the
written work used to satisfy this requirement. A paper written for a journal
may qualify, if the concentration director approves the topic.

4. Honors
Students who achieve a GPA of 3.20 or better in the coursework used for
the concentration will receive the certificate for the concentration with
honors. A student may designate the grade in any course or paper as
not counting toward the concentration GPA, so long as the course is not
required for the concentration and the student meets the concentration
requirements with another course or paper.

5. Waivers
Students who are interested in this concentration but fall short of specific
credits or coursework may apply for a waiver of requirements, to be
granted at the discretion of the concentration director and the associate
dean of academic affairs.