HOFSTRA LAW’S MISSION IS TO PREPARE, CHALLENGE AND INSPIRE STUDENTS TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN THE WORLD.

Application Requirements

Fellows are selected on the basis of academic ability, leadership potential and interest in pursuing a career in business law. Finalists may be invited to the Maurice A. Deane School of Law to interview with the fellowship Selection Committee, consisting of Hofstra Law faculty, administrators and alumni, and business law practitioners. The academic achievement and aptitude of each applicant are considered carefully by the Selection Committee, and an affirmative attempt is made to ensure the diversity of each entering class of fellows.

The Selection Committee cannot consider a fellowship application until the applicant has been accepted to Hofstra Law. Therefore, it is important that applicants complete their J.D. application early. A completed fellowship application must include:

• A resume
• Two letters of recommendation
• A personal statement describing the applicant’s experience and interest in studying and working in the field of business law

The application and further instructions can be found on the Admitted Student Portal.

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We need to prepare our students to be practice-ready for today’s business world, and our Business Law Honors Concentration does just that for our top students. It allows students with an interest in business law to hone in on the critical role that business lawyers play in our global world and to start to develop the skill set they will need to guide their clients successfully through the increasingly complex legal issues that arise in the corporate arena. – Miriam R. Albert, Professor of Skills and Faculty Advisor for the J.D./M.B.A. Program
Business Law Honors Fellowship

Careers in business are among the most challenging in the legal profession. To help clients succeed in a rapidly changing global economy, BUSINESS LAWYERS MUST MASTER A WIDE RANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS and combine innovation and adaptability with a strong foundational knowledge of law. The need for lawyers trained in business law has never been greater. In response to this need, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law established the Business Law Honors Fellowship to train and develop leaders in this growing field.

Each year, Hofstra Law selects up to four Business Law Honors Fellows from among students admitted to the entering J.D. class who intend to pursue a career in business law.

FELLOWS LEARN THE LEGAL SKILLS NECESSARY FOR THIS EXCITING PRACTICE AREA THROUGH ONE-ON-ONE MENTORSHIP and early admission to our Business Law Honors Concentration. Each fellow is paired with a faculty advisor, who mentors the fellow and helps with course selection, employment strategizing, writing supervision and more. Fellows and faculty advisors also work together on research and writing projects from the first day of law school. MAKE IMPORTANT ALUMNI CONNECTIONS and move into the exciting world of business law prepared to add value to practice on day one.

Fellows are also admitted to the prestigious Business Law Honors Concentration upon matriculation, one year earlier than other students can join.

Fellowship Key Facts

Hofstra Law chooses up to four Business Law Honors Fellows each year from students admitted to the entering J.D. class. Fellows are chosen based on demonstrated academic ability, leadership and interest in pursuing a career in business law.

TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Fellows are eligible for up to $20,000 each academic year, renewable annually, subject to the guidelines of the Merit Scholarship Program for Incoming Students.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order to maintain all of the benefits of the fellowship, fellows are required to fully participate in program activities and meet all academic requirements of the fellowship and the J.D. degree.

Business Law Honors Concentration

The Business Law Honors Concentration GIVES STUDENTS THE SOLID FOUNDATION needed to excel as transactional lawyers, corporate litigators or business principals in the dynamic intersection of business and law. Students take a required curriculum including Business Organizations, Federal Taxation of Individuals, Bankruptcy, and a required skills class, and are required to specialize further through Hofstra Law's wide array of elective courses. Hofstra Law is committed to offering diverse learning experiences, including drafting and skills courses, clinics, and interdisciplinary courses in which students can be in the same classroom as business students.

Students selected for the Business Law Honors Concentration receive mentorship and advice from faculty advisors on course selection and with student writing projects. In addition, each semester the concentration hosts events exclusively for concentration students, which have included:

- ALUMNI SPEAKERS
- COURSE SELECTION SESSIONS
- SPECIAL LECTURES FROM EXPERTS IN DIVERSE AREAS OF BUSINESS LAW
- VISITS TO THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

“Hofstra Law’s Business Law Honors Concentration is a great opportunity for anyone interested in business law. It motivated me to focus on transactional work and prepared me for a rewarding experience in the Community and Economic Development Clinic. By putting me in touch with the right faculty members and seasoned practitioners, my experience in the program helped me understand what kind of lawyer I want to be.”

— Jonathan Friedler ’14

Hofstra Law offers more than 35 courses in business law, including:

ACCOUNTING FOR LAWYERS
ANTITRUST
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BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

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