Privacy Law Certificate  
[As submitted to the faculty May 2014]

Requirements. A Privacy Law Certificate candidate must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Coursework. A candidate must complete, with a C or better (or P, where permitted): (1) Privacy Law, (2) Comparative Privacy Law, and (3) at least 3 elective courses from the following list:

Advanced Torts
Advertising & Marketing Law
Consumer Protection
Criminal Procedure: Investigations
Employment Law
E-Discovery

Health Law 1
Intellectual Property
Internet Law
Legal Issues of the 21st Century
Rights of Publicity
Technology Licensing

Not all of these courses are regularly offered. The Certificate Supervisor may designate or approve other elective courses that have a substantial focus on privacy issues.

Privacy Law and Comparative Privacy Law must be taken on a graded basis. The electives may be taken on a P/NP basis.

2. Paper. A candidate must publish a paper on a privacy-related topic in a publication likely to be read by privacy professionals. The paper can range from a law review article to a blog post or newsletter entry. Topics and publication venues require Certificate Supervisor pre-approval.

3. International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) Certification. At graduation, a candidate must have one of the following IAPP certifications in good standing: CIPP/US (the recommended choice), CIPP/IT or CIPM.

4. Experiential Learning. The candidate must complete an externship or clinic, pre-approved by the Certificate Supervisor, that relates substantially to privacy issues. Alternatively, the candidate may satisfy this requirement through a pre-approved paid job (at least 150 working hours) during law school focused on privacy issues.

Other Details

Candidates must declare their intent to obtain the certificate in their third semester. Late declaration requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A candidate’s resume can reference certificate candidacy only after declaration. Students cannot earn both the Privacy Law Certificate and another certificate.

A candidate will earn the certificate with honors by averaging a B+ (3.67) or better in courses counted towards the certificate, with a minimum of 10 graded units.