Where Innovation Meets Ethics

Ethics trumps profit. This is the fundamental truth—and guiding philosophy—that's at the heart of Fordham Law’s corporate and finance law program and Corporate Law Center, as well as our entrepreneurship law program, business-oriented student groups, and ever-evolving corporate law curriculum.

We designed the Fordham Corporate Law Center in 2001 as a think tank to explore timely business and finance topics and to showcase groundbreaking scholarship. Today the center hosts a range of events and programs, bringing together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers from across the business and finance industries. "Business law is about structuring incentives and constraints to get important work done," says Professor Sean J. Griffith, director of the Corporate Law Center and the T.J. Maloney Chair in Business Law. "Getting ethics into that dynamic is a big feature of what we work on all the time."

For more than 40 years, Fordham's Competition Law Institute has been at the forefront of antitrust law both domestically and internationally.

To further enhance offerings to all students, Fordham Law has smartly integrated our business law program with other areas of Fordham University. Teaming up with Fordham’s Gabelli School of Business, we offer a dual-degree J.D./M.B.A., which allows students to earn both degrees in as little as four years. The law and business schools also collaborate on classes and panel discussions, giving students and faculty a fresh take on familiar topics.

Another monumental advantage for Fordham business law students is having intimate access to the financial and corporate capital of the world: New York City. Some students do externships with the New York Stock Exchange, or work at the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Trade Commission, or other major financial and law institutions.

The School's Entrepreneurial Law Program serves as a hub for programming, events, and thought leadership at the intersection of law and entrepreneurship. A prominent aspect of the program is the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, one of our four primary business law clinics, where students have the opportunity to offer hands-on help to consumers, investors, nonprofits, and, by extension, whole communities. These experiences give our future attorneys a chance to put into practice the kind of change they've learned about in other of our business law programs, classes, and conferences. Fordham business law clinics are the perfect place for students to witness firsthand how their school's ethical approach to business law is not just an academic lesson—it's an abiding, lifelong, professional mission.
Corporate & Finance Law Quick Facts

The Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law is the #1 most-cited banking and finance journal in other law journals.

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Within a two-year span, the Securities Litigation and Arbitration Clinic won over $140,000 in damages for two individual investors.

Business Law Course Offerings*

- Accounting for Lawyers
- Advanced Business Law
- Agency, Partnerships & LLCs
- Anti-Money Laundering
- Antitrust Law
- Arbitration Practice
- Banking Law
- Bankruptcy
- Broker Dealer
- Commercial Arbitration
- Commercial Finance/Secured Transactions
- Commercial Paper
- Corporate Counseling Fundamentals
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Strategy and Taxation
- Financial Institutions
- Financial Services Regulation
- Income Taxation
- International Arbitration
- International Banking
- International Business Transactions
- Introduction to the Deal
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Multinational Corporations
- Negotiation & Mediation
- Nonprofit Law and Organizations
- Professional Responsibility
- Real Estate Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Securities Regulation Refashioned
- Securitization
- Trusts and Wills
- White Collar Crime

*Not all courses are offered every semester.