

# Legal Education at Penn Law for PSOM Students August 24, 2017



# Why Medical Students, Physicians Should Know the Law

- American Medical Association (AMA)
  - *“Health care's current landscape makes it more important than ever for practicing physicians to stay up to date on legal issues that could affect them and their medical practice.”*



CENTERS for MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES



# Sampling of Medical-Legal Concerns:

- Research, NIH Funding
- HIPPA, Data Security, EHRs
- ACA, AHCA
- Fraud and Abuse, Stark Law
- Implementing and Maintaining Effective Compliance Programs
- Conflicts of Interest
- Substance Abuse Epidemic, Physician's Role in Treatment, Response

# Program Options for PSOM Students at Penn Law

- **Earn the Master in Law degree**

With six classes from Penn Law and two MS1 classes (MOD610 Respect for Persons and MOD320 Health Care Systems)

- **Earn a Certificate in Law**

With four (3+1) classes from Penn Law build a broad foundation or focus your studies in one area

- **Take a class**

As PSOM students, you may take ML or JD courses

# Option: Combined MD/ML

## CURRICULUM:

### Foundational

#### – 4 Courses:

- US Law
- Regulatory Law
- Business Law
- Health Law & Policy

### Upper Level

#### – 2 Courses with JDs:

- JD curriculum is rich with options in health law, technology,

insurance, privacy, fraud and abuse, and more

– Use 2: MOD 610 & 320

### TIMING

– Afternoon/Evening



# (Sample) MASTER IN LAW – HEALTH TRACK

## Foundational – at least four courses

## Upper-Level: at least one, up to four courses (sample)

- Introduction to US Law & Legal Methods
- Introduction to General Business Law
- Navigating the Regulatory State: Law, Science and Policy
- Introduction to Health Law and Policy

### *May Consider Additional ML Courses:*

- Introduction to Technology Law / Ethics
- An Introduction to American Constitutional Law
- Corporate Compliance
- An Introduction to Patent Law (online)
- US Legal Research (online)

- Drug Product Liability Litigation
- Regulation of Health Insurance Markets
- Pharmaceutical Regulation and Enforcement
- Public Health Law & Policy
- Mental Health Law
- Intellectual Property and Patent Law
- Privacy Law
- Disability Law, Justice
- FDA Law & Policy
- Insurance Law
- Health Law, Economics, & Policy
- Advanced Regulatory Law
- Freedom and Responsibility
- Animal Law and Ethics

# Option: Certificate in Law

-Recommended start for any coursework: Intro to US Law (required for the Certificate)

-Then take any three law courses from either or both ML and JD curriculum

Sample Combinations:

*All ML foundations:*

- US Law
- Regulatory Law
- Business Law
- Health Law & Policy

*Mix Upper level classes:*

- US Law
- Health Law & Policy
- Health Care Finance Law
- Freedom, Responsibility and Neuroscience

*Many other combinations available*



## Option: Take a Class or More

Take one or more classes from our ML curriculum.

- Recommended Start: Intro to US Law, offered Summer, Fall and Spring (Required for Certificate and ML)
- Nine ML classes currently offered covering a wide range of topics
- Registration is simple via online survey
- JD courses also open to MD students

# ML Classes Include:

- US Law & Legal Methods
- General Business Law
- Regulatory State
- Health Law & Policy
- US Constitutional Law
- Corporate Compliance
- Patent Law -online
- Technology Law
- US Legal Research - online

# Upper Level Health Law Courses:

- Health Law
- Health Care Fraud: Investigation and Prosecution
- Health Care Finance Law
- Mental Health Law
- Empirical Social Science Research & the Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Privacy Law
- Regulatory Law and Policy
- Pharmaceutical Regulation and Enforcement
- Public Health Law and Policy
- Drug Product Liability Litigation
- Freedom, Responsibility and Neuroscience
- Animal Law and Ethics
- Patent Law

# Benefits and Considerations

- Engage with Legal Questions as an Insider
- Learn the Law and Policies that are Shaping Healthcare, thus Inform the Debate, Results
- Refine Analytical Thinking, Problem Solving, Leadership, Presentation, and Negotiation Skills
- Develop Your Professional Network, Join Community of Scholars, Practitioners, Professionals
- Get Plugged Into Penn Law Groups, Calendar of Events
- Convenience: location, schedule

# Administrative:

- Application:
  - Required for ML Degree, Easy online, fee waived for PSOM
  - Certificate: merely notify Registrar of your intention
  - None required for ML courses, need to request
- Registration for Classes: easy online survey
- Tuition: 3 classes covered by PSOM, beyond that, you are billed by PSOM

# Who are our students:

- Ad-hoc course enrollments in ML classes from all corners of campus both graduate student and staff
- Certificate Students range across graduate programs
- Degree Candidates:
  - ML students include dual degrees: MD, DMD, MSN, MSE, MPA, MSW
  - ML students who are Penn staff include: Faculty, Physicians, PCI Director, CFO Penn Athletics, HR Directors, Academic Directors, professionals from PSOM, Regulatory Affairs, Audit, Compliance and Privacy
  - Recent Graduates include PhDs (Wharton, GSE), Physician, MSWs, MSNs, MBAs/Lauder, MSE

# Next steps

- Fall Semester: Choose an ML class now:
  - Classes start on September 5, still time to register,  
**Health Law & Policy starts September 11**
  - Easy registration via [online link](#) at Penn Law Registrar
- Spring Semester: Registration begins in October
- Summer Term: In February, register for Summer evening LAWM 511 - Intro to US Law class
- Apply to the ML program!
  - With MOD 320 and 610, you are already 5 CUs into the 8 CU program.

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