

# TAX LAW AND ESTATE PLANNING PROGRAM

Loyola University Chicago's Juris Doctor (JD) program is uniquely designed to provide a structured tax law and estate planning education for students who are interested in a legal career in general corporate practice, or a more concentrated income tax or estate planning practice. Loyola's comprehensive tax law curriculum and accomplished full-time faculty, along with top tax and estate planning practitioners, provide JD students with the comprehensive skills training necessary to excel in all areas of transactional law.



## 300+

Loyola has awarded more than 300 Tax Certificates to graduating JD students in the past decade.

## 12+

Loyola offers more than a dozen courses in tax and estate planning.

### JD Tax Certificate

A Tax Certificate is offered to eligible JD students who complete the following required coursework:

- **Federal Income Tax**
- **Corporate & Partnership Tax**
- **Advanced Corporate Tax**
- **Estate & Gift Tax**
- **Tax Audits, Procedure & Ethics**

### Robust electives

In addition to the required Tax Certificate courses, Loyola offers a vast array of electives including International Tax, Estate Planning, Advanced Partnership Tax, Employee Benefits, and State and Local Taxation.

### Accelerated Master of Laws (LLM)

Loyola offers a 26-credit LLM in Taxation program. The LLM develops specialized knowledge and practice skills in tax law, and can be earned on an accelerated basis by JD students who earned a Tax Certificate.

### Accomplished alumni

Many of our graduates are top business, tax, and estate planning lawyers in Chicago and beyond. In recent years, graduates who have earned the Tax Certificate have enjoyed successful careers at prestigious law firms and accounting firms including:

**Baker & McKenzie**  
**Gould & Ratner**  
**Greenberg Traurig**  
**K & L Gates**  
**Katten Muchin Rosenman**  
**Kirkland & Ellis**  
**McDermott Will & Emery**  
**Schiff Hardin**  
**Seyfarth Shaw**  
**Deloitte**  
**Ernst & Young**  
**KPMG**  
**Price Waterhouse Coopers**  
**Grant Thornton**

# OUTSTANDING FULL-TIME FACULTY

Loyola's tax law courses are extremely popular with students due in part to the high energy and enthusiasm that members of our distinguished tax law faculty bring to the classroom. All of our full-time faculty members are accomplished legal scholars who have practiced with prominent law firms and are highly respected by both the academic community and the practicing bar.

**Jeffrey L. Kwall, the Kathleen and Bernard Beazley Professor of Law and director of the Tax LLM Program**, is the author of a leading casebook, *The Federal Income Taxation of Corporations, Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies and Their Owners*, and has published numerous tax articles. He has practiced law with Schwartz & Freeman and Michael Best & Friedrich, concentrating in income tax planning.

**Anne-Marie E. Rhodes** was elected an academic fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. She is the author of two casebooks, including *Fundamentals of the Federal Estate, Gift, and Generation-Skipping Taxes*. She has practiced with Schiff, Hardin and Waite in Chicago and Washington, D.C., and is currently of counsel with the Chicago office of Reed Smith, concentrating in estate planning.

**Samuel D. Brunson** clerked for the Honorable George W. Miller on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and practiced tax law with Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in New York. He focuses his research on the taxation of investments and investors. He recently co-launched a tax blog to generate conversation about tax law, policy, and their intersection with various other topics.

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Professor Jeffrey Kwall is the author of a leading casebook on federal income taxation.

## Federal Tax Clinic

The tax clinic allows students, under close faculty supervision, to represent low-income taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Tax Court. The clinic was the first of its kind in the Chicago area and remains one of the few to offer students practical experience in tax law by working with clients involved in actual disputes. The Federal Tax Clinic is directed by Mike Novy and Richard Witkowski, both former Internal Revenue Service supervisors.

## Respected part-time faculty practitioners

Top practitioners in the Chicago legal community, including Loyola University Chicago law graduates, share their expertise and provide cutting-edge skills training.

## Externships

Recognizing the value of practical, on-site experience, Loyola offers an extensive program of externships. The program seeks to provide students with practical experience under the supervision of practicing attorneys and judges.

## Networking

With an alumni network of more than 11,500 law graduates, Loyola offers numerous opportunities to meet and network with Loyola law alumni working in a variety of practice areas, including tax law and estate planning. An annual reception is held each spring for tax law alumni and current students.



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