Students interested in litigation can earn an Advocacy Certificate by taking a combination of procedure, writing, and skills courses.

The Advocacy Program has three tracks: civil, criminal, and appellate.

Each track culminates in a clinical or externship experience in which students put the skills they’ve learned into practice.

**ADVOCACY CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

**CORE CURRICULUM**
- Civil Procedure (1L)
- Evidence (Recommended in 2L year for students pursuing the Advocacy Certificate)
- Legal Practice (1L)

**ADVOCACY (Choose one)**
- Advanced Appellate Advocacy (3 CR)
- Intensive Trial and Advocacy Skills (2 CR) (Date to be determined)
- Trial Advocacy (3 CR)

**ADVOCACY ELECTIVES**

Choose a track. You must take at least three courses and at least 7 credits in your track.

**CIVIL LITIGATION**
- Anatomy of a NYS Divorce Action (2 CR)*
- Children and the Law in Practice (3 CR)
- Complex Litigation (3 CR)*
- Deception Skills (1 CR)
- Drafting: Litigation (2 CR)
- Electronic Discovery (2 CR)
- Family Law in Practice (3 CR)
- Litigating Copyright and Trademark Cases (3 CR)*
- Medical Malpractice (2 CR)
- Memo and Brief Writing (2 CR)
- Negotiating, Counseling, and Interviewing (4 CR)
- Negotiation: Theory and Practice (2CR)
- New York Practice (3 CR)
- Persuasion (2 CR)
- Pre-Trial Advocacy (3 CR)
- Real Estate: Landlord and Tenant Law (2 CR)
- Special Topics in Trial Advocacy (1 CR intensive courses)

**CIVIL LITIGATION (continued)**
- Tax Litigation Seminar (2 CR)
- Visual Persuasion in the Law (2 CR)

**CRIMINAL LITIGATION**
- Advocacy of Criminal Cases (6 CR)
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (3 CR)
- Criminal Procedure: Investigation (3 CR)
- Persuasion (2 CR)
- Special Topics in Trial Advocacy (1 CR intensive courses)*
- Visual Persuasion in the Law (2 CR)

**APPELLATE ADVOCACY**
- Advanced Appellate Advocacy (3 CR)
- Judicial Externship (3 CR)
- Memo and Brief Writing (2 CR)
- Moot Court
- Persuasion (2 CR)

**EXPERIENTIAL ELECTIVES**

Choose one. Students may substitute a co-curricular program for an elective with permission of the Advocacy Program Director.

**CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIPS**
- Asylum Clinic
- Civil Rights Clinic*
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Criminal Prosecution Clinics
- Education Law Clinic
- Externships (Must involve advocacy work and be approved)
- Guardianship Field Placement and Seminar
- Housing Rights Clinic
- Immigration Law and Litigation Clinic

**CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIPS (continued)**
- Municipal Litigation Defense Field Placement and State and Local Government Seminar
- Post-Conviction Innocence Clinic
- Securities Arbitration Clinic

**CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS**
- Moot Court Association
- Trial Competition Team

More clinics and courses may be available. Check with the Office of Clinical and Experiential Learning.

*Not offered 2019–20