Study Communications Law in Washington, D.C.
Institute for Communications Law Studies

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Highlights

- Enhance the J.D. degree by earning a certificate of specialization in the dynamic field of communications law.
- Acquire “practice-ready” skills through Washington-based externships in government, law firms, industry associations, corporations, and public interest organizations.
- Participate in communications-related organizations and events at the law school and in Washington, D.C., the nation’s center for communications law and policy.
- Gain essential knowledge through specialized classes taught by faculty experts and distinguished practicing attorneys.

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Specialized Coursework

After mastering the basics, students follow a curriculum that enables them to tailor a program best suited to their individual interests and career aspirations through:

- advanced coursework in telecommunications, media, and information technology law.
- a variety of electives in intellectual property, the legislative process and drafting, and laws governing industry competition, economics, and business.

Recent specialized course offerings include:

- Telecommunications Law, Policy, and Core Technologies
- Cyber Law
- New Telecommunications Technologies and the Law
- International Regulation of Telecommunications
- First Amendment Problems of the Media
- Entertainment Law
- National Security Law Seminar

Programs and Distinguished Guest Speakers

Each year the institute brings leading telecommunications policy-makers and experts together for discussion and debate at an annual symposium, a distinguished speaker series, and several panel discussions.

Recent speakers have included:

- FCC Commissioner Meredith Atwell Baker
- Edward Lazarus, FCC chief of staff
- Anna Gomez, deputy assistant secretary for communications and information and deputy NTIA administrator, U.S. Dept. of Commerce
- Gigi Sohn, CEO and founder, Public Knowledge
- Tom Rosenstiel, director, Project for Excellence in Journalism
- Robert Atkinson, president, The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation
- Jane Mago, executive vice president and general counsel, National Association of Broadcasters

The CLI Career Advantage

Since the institute first began awarding certificates in communications law studies in 1985, many of its graduates have risen to positions of prominence in the communications industry, government, private law practice, and the public interest sector. Today, the institute has earned its place as one of the best known and most highly respected of its kind in the nation. CLI alumni serve as mentors and participate in an annual career panel.

Skill-Building and Networking Opportunities

- CommLaw Conspectus: Journal of Communications Law and Policy
- National Telecommunications Law Most Court Competition
- Annual Telecommunications Law Symposium
- Communications Law Students Association
- Student Division Membership in Federal Communications Bar Association

Recent Legal Externship Placements

Federal Communications Commission
U.S. Dept. of Commerce NTIA
U.S. House of Representatives
Comcast
Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press
National Association of Broadcasters
CTIA — The Wireless Association
Computer and Communications Industry Association
DirecTV
T-Mobile
National Geographic Channel

How to Apply

Students should submit an application for admission to the institute along with their application to the Columbus School of Law. Information and an application form can be found at http://www.law.edu/clinics/institutes/instituteapps.cfm.

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T-Mobile
National Geographic Channel

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