

RURAL PRACTICE

Course Planning Guide

FOUNDATION COURSES

Core skills for general practice attorneys

LAWB 6321 - Professional Responsibility

LAW 6319 - Evidence

LAW 6331 - Family Law

LAW 6264 - Estate Planning

LAW 6244 - Real Estate Transactions

AGRICULTURAL & PROPERTY LAW

Rural-specific legal issues

LAW 6391 - Agricultural Law

LAWB 6244 - Oil and Gas Law

LAW 6290 - Oil and Gas Law II

LAWB 6216 - Real Property II

LAW 6278 - Real Estate Finance

BUSINESS & TRANSACTIONS

Supporting small business and commercial clients

LAW 6403 - Business Associations

LAW 6360 - Secured Transactions

LAW 6255 - Bankruptcy Law

LAW 6323 - Federal Income Taxation

LITIGATION SKILLS

Courtroom and advocacy training

LAW 6157 - National Trial Competition

LAWB 6338 - Advanced Litigation Skills

LAW 6125 - Legal Interviewing

LAW 6130 - Negotiation Basics

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Running an efficient rural law practice

LAW 6286 - Law Office Management

LAW 6115 - Technology & the Legal Profession

COMMUNITY-FOCUSED COURSES

Serving rural populations

LAWB 6229 - Elder Law

LAW 6399 - Disability Law

LAW 6285 - State & Local Government

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Rural and community-based practice opportunities

LAW 6116 - Delta Experience I

LAW 6404 - Mediation Clinic

LAW 6405/6600 - Family Law Clinic

LAW 6402/6601 - Delta Divorce Clinic

LAWB 6339 - Externship

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED COURSES

Expanding practice capabilities

LAW 6328 - Employment Law

LAW 6362 - Environmental Law

LAW 6337 - Remedies

ACADEMIC PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Generalist Training: Rural practitioners often handle diverse matters. Build a broad knowledge base across multiple practice areas rather than deep specialization.

Agricultural Focus: Understanding agricultural law, property issues, and natural resources law is critical for rural practice. Prioritize these specialized courses.

Community Connection: Rural practice success depends on community relationships. Participate in clinical experiences and externships in rural settings.

Self-Sufficiency: Rural attorneys often practice independently or in small firms. Develop strong practice management and technology skills early.