

# Apply Now for Spring Courses to Launch or Enhance Your Family Law Practice



*Applications are being accepted now for Spring 2018 classes in the nation's first Post-J.D. Certificate in Family Law. The Spring curriculum offers a hands-on immersion in family law problem-solving and advocacy and a real-world look at the business of practicing family law.*

The University of Baltimore School of Law is accepting applications for spring enrollment in its [Post-J.D. Certificate in Family Law](#). Attorneys interested in strengthening their family law practice or adding family law to their practice area will benefit from these courses. Taught by experienced attorneys with successful practices in family law, these courses will offer knowledge and skills attorneys can put to use in their practice immediately.



**The Craft of Problem-Solving and Advocacy in Family Law (3 credits)** is a practice-based immersion in the representation of children and families through mediation, arbitration and negotiation. Practitioners and judges will provide feedback to student written and oral presentations. Joan Little, Esq., is chief attorney for the child advocacy unit at the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, supervising attorneys who represent children in Juvenile Court and in cases before the Maryland Court of Special Appeals and the Court of Appeals. She is a regular contributor to the Daily Record and is often quoted as an expert in the press on child welfare. She brings to this class a deep understanding and insights into the legislative and judicial landscape affecting children and families and effective practices for achieving outcomes that serve the needs of families and children.



**Understanding the Business of Practicing Family Law (3 credits)** deepens your understanding of key issues in the business of family law practice: how to attract clients and manage client relationships, how to staff a practice and manage its finances, and how to maintain appropriate boundaries when working with clients who are often emotionally vulnerable. Leslie Billman, Esq., is a founding member of the firm Trainor, Billman, Bennet & Milko, LLP, where she practices exclusively family law. She has trained lawyers and judges in family issues throughout her career. She has served as the Family Law Section Council chair of the Maryland State Bar Association and is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

The 16-credit Post-J.D. Certificate in Family Law is the first of its kind in the nation. Developed by a distinguished group of practitioners in collaboration with University of Baltimore School of Law faculty, the program is designed and scheduled to meet the needs of working attorneys.

The [application deadline](#) for spring is January 1, 2018, with applications reviewed on a rolling basis until courses are filled. To learn more or apply online, visit the program website or contact Professor Barbara Babb, Director of the Post-J.D. Certificate in Family Law, at 410.837.5661 or [bbabb@ubalt.edu](mailto:bbabb@ubalt.edu).

