Declaration of Intention to Fulfill the Concentration in Criminal Law and Advocacy

The following declaration constitutes your enrollment in this Concentration and will be placed in your official student records.

Name: ___________________________  Student ID Number: _________

Curricular Requirements
To obtain the Concentration in Criminal Law and Advocacy, students must take at least 15 units of Core and Elective courses. A student who completes the requirements for the Concentration will receive a “Concentration in Criminal Law and Advocacy” designation on their transcript. A student with at least 6 graded units of Core and Elective courses, and a Concentration GPA of 3.33 or higher will receive a “Concentration in Criminal Law and Advocacy with Honors” designation on their transcript.

A student’s Concentration grade point average will be calculated at the time graduation in the following manner: (1) every graded course a student has taken from the Core and Elective course listing is included in the Concentration grade point average and weighted in accordance with the number of units of the course; and (2) grades earned in Constitutional Criminal Procedure and Evidence courses will also be included in the Concentration grade point average and weighted in accordance with each course’s units.

Not all courses are offered every year, and students must meet all course prerequisites and requirements. This Concentration does not change any course prerequisites.

Core Courses
To satisfy the Core course requirement, students must complete the following: (1) at least one, designated Clinic, Externship, or Practicum course, totaling a minimum of 2 units; and (2) at least three designated Skills courses, totaling a minimum of 6 units.

Elective Courses
To the extent that the required 15 units for the Concentration are not satisfied by a student taking additional Core courses beyond the required units, students must satisfy the Concentration’s required units through Elective courses.

To obtain a current list of Core and Elective course please check the Southwestern Website at https://www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/concentrations-and-customizations.