



## Declaration of Intention to Fulfill the Concentration in Public Interest Law

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 Public Interest Law, students must take at least 15 units of Core and Elective courses. Additionally, a student must provide at least 75 hours of pro bono public service cumulatively during law school through our Public Service Program. Students can obtain a list of suggested opportunities that qualify for public service through the Southwestern Legal Clinic, or by communicating with Professor Laura Dym Cohen, Director of Public Service Programs. A student who completes the requirements for the Concentration will receive a "Concentration in Public Interest Law" designation on their transcript. A student with at least 6 graded units of core and elective courses and graduates with a Concentration GPA of 3.33 or higher will receive a "Concentration in Public Interest Law with Honors" designation on their transcript.

A student's Concentration grade point average will be calculated at the time of 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 Law I & II and Legal Profession 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 Foundational Substantive course; (2) at least two Clinic, Externship, or Practicum courses, totaling a minimum of 6 units; and (3) at least one designated Skills course totaling a minimum of 2 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 courses, please check the Southwestern Website at <https://www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/concentrations-and-customizations>.

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