Emory Law’s Center for Transactional Law and Practice was established to meet the needs of students who aspire to be deal lawyers. Through the Center’s Transactional Law Program, students have the opportunity to become financially literate, acquire a strong foundation in business law doctrine, and practice contract drafting and other critical deal skills. Those who want to go further can earn the Transactional Law and Skills Certificate.

Through in-class simulations of complex deals, students in the Transactional Law Program get the chance to experience what being a deal lawyer is really like. The Center also hosts the Conference on the Teaching of Transactional Law and Skills every other year, gathering law school faculty and adjunct professors from around the world for a forum in which they discuss their shared experiences, best teaching practices, and future challenges.

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STUDENTS HAVE GRADUATED WITH THE CERTIFICATE SINCE THE PROGRAM’S FOUNDING

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STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (AS OF 2.20.20)

Led by Executive Director Sue Payne and Assistant Director Katherine Koops, the Center engages more than 40 expert practitioners to teach as adjunct professors in the Transactional Law Program along with Emory Law faculty.

“Simply put, our mission is to prepare students to become top-notch transactional attorneys.”

SUE PAYNE
WILLIAM AND JANE CARNEY PROFESSOR OF TRANSACTIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR TRANSACTIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE
“People usually have to learn transactional law on the job. But at Emory I took courses and was given instruction in the tangible skills I use on a day-to-day basis.”

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THE CURRICULUM

The integrated Transactional Law and Skills Certificate curriculum consists of courses that build upon each other, culminating in a capstone course or transactional law externship.

To earn the Certificate, students must take five foundational courses and three skills courses (Contract Drafting, Deal Skills, and either a capstone simulation course in which students play the lawyer in a transaction, or a transactional law externship). Many students not seeking the Certificate also find these courses invaluable. Each year, the Center offers approximately 18 sections of Contract Drafting, 10 sections of Deal Skills, and 10 different capstone courses.

**Foundational Courses**
- Business Associations
- Accounting in Action/Analytical Methods
- Fundamentals of Income Taxation
- Corporate Tax/Partnership Tax
- Corporate Finance/Real Estate Finance

**Skills Courses**
- Contract Drafting
- Deal Skills

**Capstone Courses**
- Commercial Lending Transactions
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions
- Complex Restructuring and Distressed Acquisitions in Chapter 11
- Corporate Practice
- The General Counsel in Negotiated Transactions
- Intellectual Property Transactions
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Representing Investment Funds
- Venture Capital

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