

FINANCIAL SERVICES WORKSHOP

Spring 2023

1 credit

Law 740 (001): Wednesday 6:05 – 8:05 pm

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Office Hours: by appointment

Class description & Learning Outcomes

This workshop will bring to the classroom leading practitioners to discuss current and open issues in business law and financial services. Over the course of the seven workshops, students will hear about Delaware corporate law, banking regulation, digital assets, securities regulation, etc. Students are expected to actively engage with the speakers and to read any distributed material. This course intends to offer students the opportunity to understand the practice of business and financial law.

Mandatory Pre-course Assignment

Please fill out the “Bio Sheet” by Monday, January 16th, 2023. The form is a way for me to learn a bit more about you before we meet in person.

Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/K88AhxBRprMzc2tR8>.

Course Assignments

Your first responsibility is to actively participate in the workshop, to prepare and ask questions to each speaker. Your second responsibility is to write a short reaction essay (around 200 words) following the workshop. In the essay you can provide some comments on the content of the workshop, share some follow up thoughts on the issues discussed in the workshop, etc. Comments are due within 48 hours from the workshop (Friday, 8:05 PM) and must be posted on the Discussion Board of this class on Blackboard. To upload or write your comment, access the Blackboard page of the course, then click on “Discussion Board”, and then click on “Create Thread” to upload or write your essay in the appropriate class forum.

Course Requirements & Attendance

You are expected to attend classes and actively participate in class discussion.

[Academic regulation](#) requires you to attend at least 80% of classes in order to be eligible for credit in the course, put it differently you cannot miss more than 1 class session. **I will take attendance during each class.**

Please do not attend class if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms. Given current circumstances, we want to keep our community as healthy as possible and limit the spread of any illnesses.

Office hours

During the semester, I will hold office hours by appointment. I'm always happy to discuss the class, law school more generally, legal practice, career opportunities, etc. I'd love to get to know you!

Feedback

If you have feedback or comments about the course, please do share them with me. Feel free to email me, or if you prefer want to send anonymous comments, you can use this [link](#). This is routed via Google and I have no way of identifying your identity. Naturally, I will not be able to respond directly.

Students resources

All students must comply with the Law School's [Honor Code](#) and [Academic Regulations](#). This is the challenging time for everyone, if there is anything I can do, please free to reach out to me. University Life (<https://ularlington.gmu.edu/>) provides support for students:

- Counseling and Psychological Services: <https://caps.gmu.edu/>
- Disability Services: <https://ds.gmu.edu/>
- Patriot Pantry: <https://ssac.gmu.edu/patriot-pantry/>
- Student Health Services: <https://shs.gmu.edu/>
- Student Support and Advocacy Center: <https://ssac.gmu.edu/>

Schedule:

- 1/18: No class
- 1/25: [Mark Wetjen](#)
- 2/1: TBA
- 2/8: [Jelena McWilliams](#)
- 2/15: [Paul Atkins](#)
- 2/22: [Francis Pileggi](#)
- 3/1: TBA
- 3/8: TBA
- 3/15: [Sheila Bair](#)