

If you are thinking about **Family Law** as an area of practice, you are preparing for internship or permanent placements in the following settings:

- Small or midsize law firm
- State or local government agency focusing on legal issues of the family and/or children
- Legal services office representing parents or children
- Non-profit organization focusing on legal issues of the family and/or children

You may do any of the following in practice:

- Advise clients on issues regarding the formation, maintenance, and dissolution of family relationships, including marital and parent/child relationships
- Litigate or mediate actions related to divorce, orders of protection, paternity, child custody, support, and related matters
- Draft agreements resolving issues of separation, division of assets, maintenance, and related matters
- Represent children in matters of child protection, adoption, guardianship, or juvenile justice
- Prosecute or defend clients in child neglect, child abuse, or juvenile delinquency cases

For the professional track in Family Law,

1) You should take the following foundational course as early as possible:

- Family Law

2) You should take at least 3 of the following intermediate courses:

• Accounting for Lawyers	• Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation
• Advanced Family Law	• Juvenile Justice
• Children and the Law	• Mental Disability Law
• Elder Law	• Trial Advocacy
• Federal Income Tax I	• Sexuality, Gender and the Law
• Intl and Comparative Family Law	• Wills and Trusts

3) You should take at least 2 of the following capstone or skills courses:

- Collaborative Law
- Disability Rights Clinic
- Family Court Externship
- Matrimonial Practice
- Legal Services Externship with a family law placement
- State Judicial Externship with a family court placement
- Guided Externship with a family law placement

You should consult with the following faculty regarding this professional track: Ben Asher, Rogers, Sobie

Note: Students pursuing this professional track should consider combining it with the Civil Litigation/Dispute Resolution concentration or the Criminal Practice concentration