PUBLIC INTEREST LAW (LAW)
(LPI)

LPI 912 - Fundamentals of Law Practice
Credits: 3
Through criminal and civil simulations, students will 1. experience
the excitement and challenges of working with individual clients; 2.
practice lawyering skills, including managing projects, interviewing,
counseling, negotiating, developing facts, and applying statutes and
cases; and 3. observe, reflect, and learn from their classmates’ and their
own performances. Students will regularly practice new skills and receive
feedback from classmates, TA, and teacher. The final course grade will
be based on overall professional engagement - 50%, and several written
pleadings and papers - 50%. Professional engagement encompasses a
number of factors, including class preparation assignments, performance
in short and long simulations, feedback to classmates, reflection and self-
assessment, ability to learn from feedback, and engagement in classroom
discussion. Eligibility: Open to 1Ls only. Course format: skills training.
Grading: professional engagement 50%; other - see syllabus, 50%. This
course cannot be taken for an S/U grade.

LPI 914 - Dispute Resolution
Credits: 3
The vast majority of cases are resolved prior to trial. This course focuses
on effective representation of a client’s interests using resolution
techniques before trial. Students will learn to negotiate directly, including
how to deal with the many tactics employed by negotiating parties.
They will also gain an understanding of when to consider mediation,
arbitration, and collaborative law and how to effectively represent clients
in these processes. We will critically examine negotiation, mediation,
arbitration and collaborative law, including the legal, ethical and policy
issues associated with each process. Classes include lecture, discussion
and extensive participatory exercises. Reflective writing is an integral
component of the course. Eligibility: Open to 2Ls and 3Ls. Course format:
simulation. Grading: other (see syllabus), 100%. This course may be taken
for an S/U grade.

LPI 928 - Lobbying and the Legislative Process
Credits: 2
This course is designed as a seminar to introduce students to the
legislative process and the role of lawyers in legislative advocacy and
policymaking. The course will offer students a fundamental overview of
the processes and steps for the enactment of legislation, the manner in
which legislative texts and legislative history are important to lawyers
and the courts, and the connection between lawyers, legislation and the
creation of public policy. In addition, students will be directly exposed
to lawmaking in action by attending legislative hearings at the NH State
House, meeting with state legislators, and interacting with lobbyists
who advocate before the state legislature. Through practical exercises,
students will develop skills in conducting policy analysis as background
for lawmaking, drafting written testimony, and making oral presentations
to legislative committees. This class is particularly appropriate for
students who want to enhance their exposure to lawyering for social
justice. Eligibility: Open to all except 1Ls and students who are current
or former members of the NH General Court. Course format: seminar.
Grading: class prep. and participation, 30%; research paper, 30%; other
(see syllabus), 40%. This course may be taken for an S/U grade.