The academic study of the law that structures business relations and transactions has seen radical changes in recent years. Legal scholars and policy analysts have begun interacting closely with business schools and economics departments, even as globalization reshapes the way people think about the interaction of business and law. It is an exciting time in the field, particularly at the New York University School of Law, which is positioned in the world’s financial hub and at the helm of innovative scholarship and practice. Students at the NYU School of Law are expected to do more than learn and recite rules of business law: They are expected, indeed encouraged, to think critically about the role law plays in this arena.

Corporate and business law has always played a central part in the identity of the NYU School of Law. The NYU School of Law is unique among U.S. law schools for the breadth of opportunities it affords students to integrate theory and practice in business law.

This broad curriculum is presented by a business law faculty that includes some of the nation’s leading theorists in law and economics, corporate law, and bankruptcy law, as well as academics whose work is oriented more toward practice and the profession. Each Law School faculty member fills a niche, or multiple niches, of recognized expertise in the program.

The curriculum is supplemented by the work of the New York University Center for Law and Business, which is directed by Professor William Allen, former chancellor of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, the leading court in the United States on questions of business and corporation law. Establishing this Center in 1997 underlined NYU’s commitment to facilitating joint teaching and research opportunities for students and faculty at the Law School and at the University’s highly-regarded Leonard N. Stern School of Business. The Center coordinates a rich curriculum for students interested in the interaction of law and business, and it involves leaders in banking, business, and law in the intellectual life of the University.

Law School students also have the unique opportunity to participate in the Advanced Professional Certificate Program in Law and Business and receive graduate-level business school training in conjunction with their legal education.
Seminars and Colloquia

Colloquium on Corporate Law

In the Fall semester, the Center for Law and Business holds a Colloquium on Corporate Law, open to students and faculty of the Law School and the Stern School of Business. In Fall 2003, professors William Allen and former colleague Robert Daines, now the Pritzker Professor of Law and Business at Stanford Law School, led a Colloquium on Behavioral Finance. The first weeks of the colloquium focused on foundational scholarship relating to the assumptions underlying the efficient market hypothesis, while scholars interested in behavioral finance presented their working papers at later meetings. In 2002, the Center organized the Colloquium on Corporate Law jointly with the Columbia Law School’s Workshop on Law and Economics. The bimonthly seminar alternated locations between NYU and Columbia and drew high attendance from students and faculty in law and business at both institutions. Some of the papers presented that year included “The Myth of State Competition in Corporate Law,” by Professor Marcel Kahan of the NYU School of Law; “Does Confidential Proxy Voting Matter?,” by Professor Roberta Romano of Yale Law School, who is currently a visiting professor of law at NYU; and “The Role of Founders in Large Companies: Entrenchment or Valuable Human Capital?,” by Professor Darius Palia of the Rutgers University Department of Finance (co-written by S. Abraham Ravid).

Established in 1997, the central mission of the Center for Law and Business is to enrich the professional education of students in law and business and to bring together scholars and practitioners in law, business, and finance to advance understanding of the ways in which legal rules affect business behavior.
The courses offered at the NYU School of Law cover every aspect of business and the law, from basic courses such as Corporations, Securities Regulations and Insurance Law to sophisticated, specialized ones such as Venture Capital, Mergers and Acquisitions, and International and Regional Trade Law: The Law of the W.T.O. and N.A.F.T.A. Below, a complete list:

### Basic Courses
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Admiralty
- Antitrust Law
- Banking Law and Regulation
- Bankruptcy
- Business Crime
- Corporations
- Corporate Finance
- Contracts
- Entertainment Law
- Income Taxation
- Insurance Law
- International Economic Transactions: International Trade
- Labor Law
- Law of Nonprofit Organizations
- Modern Payment Systems
- Real Estate Transactions
- Sales Law: Domestic and International
- Secured Transactions
- Survey of Securities Regulation
- Trusts and Estates

### Advanced Courses
- Advanced Analysis of Accounting Information
- Advanced Contracts
- Antitrust Law and Economics
- Bankruptcy Reorganizations:
  - Case Administration
- Bankruptcy Tax Colloquium on Law and Business
- Corporate Bonds
- Corporate Law: Policy Analysis
- Corporate Law: U.S. and European Union
- Corporate Reorganizations
- Deals: Law and Finance of
  - Corporate Transactions
- Developing Issues: Financial Reporting
- Disclosures
- Employee Benefits Law
- Employee Involvement in
  - Corporate Restructuring
- Employee Relations and Talent
  - Negotiations in the Entertainment Industry
- Employment Law
- Entrepreneurial Finance
- Estate Planning
- Global Financial Disclosure
- Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates
- International and Regional Trade Law:
  - The Law of the WTO and NAFTA
- International Commercial Sales
- International Tax
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Multistate Taxation in the New Millennium
- Partnership Taxation
- Restructuring Firms and Industries
- Securities Regulation: Offerings, Registration, Exemptions and Disclosures
- Survey of Corporate Taxation
- Taxation of Executive Compensation
- Taxation of Mergers and Acquisitions
- Taxation of Property Transactions
- Timing Issues and the Income Tax
- Venture Capital
- Law and Finance Seminar Series

In the spring semester, the Center for Law and Business organizes weekly seminars held in the Finance Department of the Stern School of Business. This seminar assembles a prestigious group of academics to discuss their recent work on topics that overlap corporate law and corporate finance. Among the papers presented in 2004 were: “A Normative Theory of Business Bankruptcy” by Professor Alan Schwartz of Yale Law School; “The Political Economy of Fraud: A Theory and Empirical Tests” by professors Alastair Smith and Bruce Bueno de Mesquita of the NYU Department of Politics; and “Who Appoints Them, What Do They Do? Evidence on Outside Directors from Japan” by Professor Mark Ramseyer of Harvard Law School.

For the complete 2004–05 colloquium and seminar program, see www.stern.nyu.edu/clb.

- Having Your Say: Student Journals and Organizations

The Law School encourages students to become involved in activities both at school and in the community to enhance their academic experiences. Listed below are selected organizations related to the study and practice of business law and dedicated to the interests of students, the public, and the University.

New York University Journal of Law and Business
In April 2004, students at the NYU School of Law launched a new journal dedicated to corporate and business law. The publication provides a forum for dialogue among scholars, students and practitioners relating to all aspects of the legal regulation of business and of the markets within which business operate. It focuses on recent developments and innovative successes in the law and business community, and is committed to publishing authoritative writings on the interrelationship of the two professions. The first issue covers a broad array of topics, and comprised of academic articles, practitioner essays, student notes, and survey pieces.

- The Real Estate and Urban Policy Forum

Supported by the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, this student-run organization sponsors events to bring students together with leading attorneys, financiers, politicians, and real estate developers.

- Small Business Law Connection (SBLC)

SBLC is a nonprofit organization that provides basic legal services to lower-income clients who would otherwise be unable to afford legal counsel. By using students from the Law School in conjunction with attorneys from top-tier law firms, SBLC is able to offer high-quality legal advice for no fee.

- Beyond the Classroom

Law School students interested in business and law have the world within their reach. New York University is located in the world’s financial center, and its Law School faculty members are some of the most dynamic figures in the field of business law. Students may attend numerous conferences, seminars, and lectures. Some recent business law events include:

Luncheon Series
In conjunction with the Law and Business Association, a student organization at the Law School dedicated to discussing topical issues of law and business, the Center for Law and Business organizes student luncheons with prominent speakers. The luncheon series, which alternates locations between the Law School and the Stern School of Business, provides students with an opportunity to interact with distinguished corporate law and business practitioners. The program has included presentations by:

- John R. Parker Jr., Vice President and General Manager, Coca Cola Enterprises, Inc., who discussed “Hard Tale of a Soft Drink: Dealing with a Corporate Crisis—it’s the Real Thing!”

- Arthur Fleischer Jr., Esq., Senior Partner, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, Jacobson LLP, who examined “Perspectives on Current M&A Practice.”

- Sherron Watkins who talked about her experience as the Enron whistleblower.

- Ilene Knable Gotts, head of the Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz antitrust department, who addressed students on the topic “Recent Developments in Antitrust and M&A.”

- William R. Berkley, Chairman and CEO, W.R. Berkley Corporation, talked about “The Real Cost of Sarbanes-Oxley.”

Professor William Allen, former chancellor of the court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, directs the Center for Law and Business.
Other Innovative Programs

Center for the Study of Central Banks
More than 170 nations regulate their economies through central banks. The University’s Center for the Study of Central Banks was established to study their nature and operations. The Center includes perspectives drawn from economics, history, law, political science, and sociology. It collects and disseminates information related to central banks and financial systems; facilitates discussion among bank officials, scholars, and others through regular conferences and colloquia; and encourages scholarly research on central banks and financial systems.

In addition, the Center publishes the Central Bank Bulletin, an electronic newsletter with a subscription base of more than 1,000 attorneys, economists, and government officials worldwide. Students have the opportunity to become research associates at the Center.

Under the direction of Geoffrey Miller, William T. and Stuyvesant P. Comfort Professor of Law, this research institution sponsors a number of major conferences worldwide each year, such as a recent conference in Lima on legal issues affecting a central bank’s international reserves, which was co-sponsored by the Central Bank of Peru.

Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy
The Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy is a joint research center between the NYU School of Law and the NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. The Center was formed to allow students and faculty to do academic and empirical research on legal and public policy issues involving real estate, housing, and urban affairs. Moreover, it provides a forum for discussion and interchange among leading practitioners, policy-makers, scholars, faculty, and students about real estate and urban policy, and it promotes innovative teaching techniques and learning experiences in these topics. The Center is directed by Vicki Been, Elizhu Root Professor of Law. Each year, the Center sponsors major conferences; past topics include housing policy and the future of rent regulation.

Students work as research fellows for the Center. Among the research projects currently under way are studies of the causes of housing abandonment, federal enforcement of the Fair Housing Act, housing conditions of New York City immigrants, and condominium and cooperative markets. The Center also supports the Real Estate and Urban Policy Forum, a student-run organization that sponsors events to
bring students together with leading attorneys, financiers, politicians, and real estate developers.

The Law School’s business law faculty are members of the nation’s leading firms, ground-breaking authors, and leading scholars of contemporary legal, economic, and finance theory. Together, they are committed to the goals of blending practical and theoretical learning and promoting interaction with both the international business community and the Stern School of Business. (The Center for Law and Business brings faculty from the Stern School to the Law School to teach courses and give lectures.)

Specialized Degrees

Advanced Professional Certificate Program in Law and Business
The Advanced Professional Certificate Program in Law and Business is an innovative joint program of the Law School and the Stern School of Business. The certificate program, created specifically for Law School students interested in careers in corporate law, permits students to receive graduate-level business school training in conjunction with their legal education and to earn an Advanced Professional Certificate in Law and Business without requiring the extra time necessary to earn an M.B.A. degree. The certificate program supplies an accessible academic dimension to corporate law studies. It is designed to provide Law School students with the analytical tools necessary to understand the finance and economics that underlie the transactions and the business structures that business lawyers design, negotiate, and implement.

The Advanced Professional Certificate Program in Law and Business is open to J.D. students who have completed their first year of legal education and all students admitted to the LL.M. program.

LL.M. in Corporation Law
The LL.M. in Corporation Law brings lawyers from around the world to the NYU School of Law for a year-long intensive business-law program. NYU has the only major law school that offers such a program, a major attraction for students and faculty with business law interests. Students come from overseas and are high-honors graduates of the finest law institutions in the world. The academic program that they follow at the Law School is designed to provide a broad and sophisticated grounding in U.S. business law. The courses are also open to J.D. students, whose own learning experiences are enhanced by the cross-cultural perspectives these LL.M. students bring to the classroom.

LL.M. in Taxation
A good business lawyer needs a solid grounding in tax law; in fact, many business lawyers actually begin as tax lawyers and draw on this expertise in advising clients. The NYU School of Law’s renowned Graduate Tax Program is unsurpassed in training tax lawyers at the post-J.D. level. The program also enables J.D. students to choose from myriad advanced tax courses that other law schools simply cannot offer. In addition to basic courses in corporate taxation, income taxation, and partnership taxation, students can take a variety of specialized courses, including foreign taxation and tax policy.

J.D./M.B.A. Program
The Law School and NYU’s business school, the Leonard N. Stern School of Business, offer a joint program so that students may simultaneously pursue these two degrees, usually over a four-year period. This program offers students greater breadth and depth in coursework and immersion into the business school environment. Typically, a joint-degree student spends the first two years at the Law School, followed by a full year at the Business School and a fourth year divided between the two.
Faculty: Inspiring Scholars

Barry Adler
Vice Dean; Charles Seligson Professor of Law
Barry Adler joined the Law School faculty in 1996, leaving his position as the Sullivan & Cromwell Research Professor at the University of Virginia School of Law. Adler teaches Bankruptcy, Contracts, and Corporations. He has written extensively on the application of corporate finance theory to issues of corporate insolvency. He is at work on a book about bankruptcy, The Law of Last Resort, and has recently published the third edition of the casebook, Cases, Problems, and Materials on Bankruptcy, with Douglas Baird and Thomas Jackson. Adler also is exploring issues of consumer bankruptcy and will be producing and editing the reader, Foundations of Bankruptcy Law for Foundation Press. Beyond his bankruptcy scholarship, Adler has been published and continues to write in the fields of corporate law and contract law. He is also a past member of the board of directors of the American Law and Economics Association.

William T. Allen
Nusbaum Professor of Law and Business; Director, Center for Law and Business
William Allen moved to the NYU School of Law in 1997, following 12 years as chancellor of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, widely considered the leading trial court in the United States on questions of business and corporation law. Allen is also a clinical professor of business in the Finance Department of the Stern School of Business. He serves as director of the Center for Law and Business. The author of various articles on corporate law and corporate governance, Allen teaches corporation law, law and business of investment banking, and mergers and acquisitions at both the Law School and the Stern School of Business. He is the author of many academic articles in corporation law and corporate governance. With Reinier Kraakman he is the author of Commentary and Cases on Law of Business Organization. Allen is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Law Institute. He serves as counsel to the New York law firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

Jennifer Arlen
Norma Z. Paige Professor of Law
Jennifer Arlen (’86, Ph.D. ’92) has written numerous articles on corporate crime, corporate liability, medical malpractice liability, torts damages, corporate takeovers, corporate taxation, and behavioral law and economics. Her scholarship currently focuses on the use of liability rules to deter corporate wrongdoing. She has taught a variety of subjects, including corporations, torts, securities fraud, and business crime. Arlen received her B.A. magna cum laude in economics from Harvard University and her J.D. and Ph.D. in economics from NYU, where she was an articles editor of the NYU Law Review. She then clerked for Judge Phyllis Kravitch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She taught at Emory Law School and then moved to the University of Southern California Law School, where she was named the Ivadelle and Theodore Johnson Professor of Law and Business and was a founding director of the USC Center on Law, Economics and Organization. Arlen has been a visiting professor at the California Institute of Technology and Yale Law School and was an Olin Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley Law School. Arlen has served on the board of directors of the American Law and Economics Association, and has chaired the Law and Economics, Remedies, and Torts sections of the Association of American Law Schools. She is a member of the academic board of the NYU Center for Law and Business, the editor of the Experimental and Empirical Studies series on the Legal Scholarship Network, co-editor with William Allen of the NYU Law and Economics Working Paper series, and is on the editorial board of the International Review of Law and Economics.
Vicki Been
Elihu Root Professor of Law; Faculty Director, Root-Tilden-Kern Scholarship Program; Director, Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy

Vicki Been (’87) has long been a leading scholar on the intersection of land use and environmental law. She currently is examining the implications of the increasing convergence of land use and environmental law for judicial review of environmental regulations. She also is exploring how local land use “impact fees” can be used to promote cost-internalization of environmental harms. She has written extensively about the Takings Clause of the U.S. Constitution and similar expropriation requirements in the North American Free Trade Agreement and other bilateral and multilateral investment agreements. Been is a leading authority on environmental justice. She is the co-author of one of the nation’s leading land use casebooks, *Land Use Controls: Cases and Materials* (with Robert Ellickson). Been teaches Property; Land Use Regulation; State and Local Government; and seminars on topics ranging from environmental justice to the Fifth Amendment’s Takings Clause. She co-teaches a Colloquium on the Law, Economics, and Politics of Urban Affairs.

Stephen Choi
Visiting Professor of Law


Kevin Davis
Professor of Law

Kevin Davis joined the Law School faculty in 2004, leaving a tenured position at the University of Southern California, the University of the West Indies and the NYU School of Law. His research focuses on commercial law, economic crime, and law and development. He has written on topics as varied as the rights of creditors of nonprofits, fraud in contractual settings, and transnational bribery. Davis received his B.A. in Economics from McGill University, an LL.B. from the University of Toronto, and an LL.M. from Columbia University. After graduating from the University of Toronto he served as Law Clerk to Justice John Sopinka of the Supreme Court of Canada and later as an associate in the corporate department of Torys, a well-known Canadian law firm.

Samuel Estreicher
Dwight D. Opperman Professor
Director, Center for Labor and Employment Law;
Co-director, Institute of Judicial Administration

Sam Estreicher is one of the nation’s leading scholars of the law of the employment relationship. He has published several books including major casebooks in labor law and employment discrimination and employment law, edited volumes on sexual harassment, employment ADR processes, and cross-global human resources, and written over 75 articles in professional and academic journals. He is the secretary of the labor and employment law section of the American Bar Association, a former chair of the Committee on Labor and Employment Law of the Association of the Bar for the City of New York, and a reporter of the new Restatement of Employment Law, sponsored by the American Law Institute. He has delivered named lectureships at UCLA, Chicago-Kent, Case Western, Tulane and Cleveland State law schools. Estreicher also testified twice before Secretary of Labor Reich’s and Secretary of Commerce Brown’s Commission on the Future of U.S. Worker-Management Relations. He has run over 100 workshops for federal and state judges, U.S. Department of Labor lawyers, EEOC lawyers, court law clerks, employment mediators and practitioners generally. In addition, Estreicher is counsel to Jones Day in its issues and appeals and labor and employment practice groups. He received his law degree from Columbia Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Law Review*. Before joining the NYU faculty he clerked for Justice Lewis F. Powell jr. of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Harold Leventhal of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and practiced for a union-side labor firm.
Harry First
Charles L. Denison Professor of Law;
Director, Trade Regulation Program
Harry First has been a faculty member at the Law School since 1976, teaching courses in antitrust, regulated industries, business crime, and innovation policy. He has published three casebooks in his areas of specialization: Free Enterprise and Economic Organization: Antitrust (with John Flynn and Louis Schwartz); Free Enterprise and Economic Organization: Government Regulation (also with Flynn and Schwartz); and Business Crime: Cases and Materials, the first casebook published in this field. First’s recent scholarship has focused on international and comparative aspects of antitrust. He was twice named a Fulbright Research Fellow in Japan and has served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Tokyo. His most recent publications explore various approaches toward the international harmonization of antitrust law. First has served as the articles editor and a contributing editor to the American Bar Association’s Antitrust Magazine and as a panel member on a North American Free Trade Agreement bi-national review panel. During the academic years 1999–2001, First was on leave from the Law School, serving as chief of the Antitrust Bureau of the Office of the New York State Attorney General.

Eleanor M. Fox
Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation
Eleanor Fox (’61) is a prominent antitrust and comparative competition law scholar. Her recent work includes articles about the intersection of trade and competition, and the disjuncture between national law and global markets. Fox proposes principles for linking national systems and counting the costs imposed by one nation on another. She recently served as a member of the International Competition Policy Advisory Committee to the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Under President Carter, she served as a member of the National Commission for the Review of Antitrust Laws and Procedures. Fox is a member of the board of directors and the executive committee of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and vice president of the American Foreign Law Association. She has served as chair of the New York State Bar Association’s Section on Antitrust Law, chair of the Section of Antitrust and Economic Regulation of the Association of American Law Schools, vice president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, vice chair of the ABA Antitrust Section, and trustee of the New York University Law Center Foundation.

Mark Geistfeld
Crystal Eastman Professor of Law
Mark Geistfeld is a trained economist as well as a lawyer. In both his teaching and scholarship, he focuses on legal rules that govern risks threatening physical injury and property damage. Much of his early scholarship compared the tort regulation of product risks with the allocation of product risks via contracting, an issue central to the ongoing debate over tort reform. Geistfeld is known for identifying the most plausible purpose for rules that have long caused problems for the tort system. His recent scholarship stresses the ways in which economic and moral theories of tort law are complementary.

Clayton P. Gillette
Vice Dean; Max E. Greenberg Professor of Contract Law
Clayton Gillette joined the NYU School of Law faculty in 2000. His scholarship concentrates on commercial law and local government law. Gillette teaches about contracts, sales law, secured transactions, and payment systems. His current projects include research in international sales contracts. Before joining the Law School, Gillette was the Perre Bowen Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law. Gillette began his teaching career at Boston University, where he served as the Warren Scholar in Municipal Law and associate dean, and he has been a visiting professor at the University of Michigan, the University of Virginia, and NYU. Gillette earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1975 and a B.A. from Amherst College in 1972. After law school, he clerked for Judge J. Edward Lumbard of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and was associated with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York City.
Marcel Kahan
George T. Lowy Professor of Law
Marcel Kahan’s main areas of teaching and research are corporate governance, securities fraud, and bondholder rights. He has written more than 30 articles for law reviews, finance journals, and professional publications. One of his articles, “Do Bondholders Lose From Junk Bond Covenant Changes?” (with Bruce Tuckman), was awarded the Merton Miller Prize for the best paper submitted to the Journal of Business, and six others have been selected as among the best corporate and securities articles by the Corporate Practice Commentator. Kahan has been a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, Columbia Law School, and the Hebrew University. He is a member of the academic board of the Center for Law and Business and of the Executive Committee of the Section on Business Association of the American Association of Law Schools and a past member of the board of the American Law and Economics Association.

Geoffrey Miller
William T. and Stuyvesant P. Comfort Professor of Law; Director, Center for the Study of Central Banks
Geoffrey Miller has written and edited five books and more than 100 articles in such diverse fields as ancient law, civil procedure, constitutional law, corporate and securities law, financial institutions, jurisprudence, and legal history. He has taught a wide range of subjects including federal regulation of banking, financial institutions, land development, the legal profession, legal theory, property, and securities. Miller received his B.A. magna cum laude from Princeton and his J.D. from Columbia, where he was editor-in-chief of the Columbia Law Review. He then clerked for Judge Carl McGowan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and Justice Byron White of the U.S. Supreme Court. After two years as an attorney adviser at the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice, and one year with a Washington law firm, he joined the faculty of the University of Chicago Law School in 1983, moving to the NYU School of Law in 1995. Miller is director of the Law School’s Center for the Study of Central Banks.

Helen S. Scott
Professor of Law
Helen Scott came to the Law School from corporate practice at a major New York law firm. Her teaching is distinguished by her use of current events in the classroom. Her seminar, Business Transactions Planning, was the first non-litigation-based, full-scale simulation course at the Law School. Scott also developed and teaches Corporate Governance as well as Entrepreneurial Finance with Professor Roy Smith of the Stern School of Business. Scott has been nominated for NYU’s Distinguished Teacher Award and is a former co-chair of the Listing and Hearing Review Council of the NASDAQ Stock Market, which develops listing policy and hears de-listing appeals. In this capacity, she was involved with important issues of corporate governance, financial reporting, and market globalization. She has received the Legal Advocate of the Year Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration for her work on the ACE-Net (Angel Capital Network) program, a limited access electronic network for increasing the availability of equity capital to entrepreneurial businesses. Scott is currently writing on the development of international corporate governance standards.

“The certificate program provided me with the foundational skills necessary to hit the ground running in the legal corporate world. During Early Interview Week, potential employers asked about and were impressed by the certificate program. It definitely gave me greater access to the job market. The small class size coupled with the diverse backgrounds (both professional and geographic) of my peers made for a unique learning environment.”

David King (’05)
Stanley Siegel
Professor of Law

Stanley Siegel introduced the NYU School of Law’s course in corporate finance, one of the first courses centered on contemporary financial theory offered in a law school curriculum in the United States. Siegel has been involved with computers and legal education for more than three decades, beginning with the original Air Force contract for the Key-Words-in-Context legal search system (KWIC), which ultimately became LEXIS(r). He has served on the boards of the Lexis Electronic Author’s Press (LEAP) and the Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI). Outside the Law School, Siegel is one of the faculty members of the International and Comparative Law Center of the Southwestern Legal Foundation, where for nearly two decades he has introduced foreign lawyers to the U.S. law of business associations. In 1993, he joined the newly established Central European University in Budapest as a founding faculty member and holds the first of the regular distinguished visiting appointments in the Legal Studies Department. Siegel also regularly presents comments and proposals to the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and serves as the liaison on international accounting matters between the ABA and the FASB. He has been a consultant for the German Institute of Auditors, working on transformation and translation of German auditing standards to comply with international and U.S. practices. Most recently, he has written articles and book chapters on comparative company law, accounting standards-setting in the United States and the European Union, and the effects of contemporary financial theory and computer applications on financial reporting. He has lectured on these and related subjects in China, Eastern and Western Europe, Israel, and Korea.

John J. Slain
Professor of Law Emeritus

After graduating from the NYU School of Law, John Slain (’55) began his legal career as an associate in one of the citadels of corporate law, Cravath, Swaine & Moore. He later became general counsel of a Fortune 500 company, but his heart remained in the classroom. Slain is now entering his 31st year of teaching law. He began at the University of Indiana in Indianapolis, moved to Ohio State University, and came to the NYU School of Law more than two decades ago. Since then, he has been a mainstay of the corporate law faculty. Slain has been nominated for the University’s Distinguished Teacher Award.

George H. Sorter
Professor of Law Emeritus; University Professor Emeritus; Vincent C. Ross Professor of Accounting Emeritus

After only two years of high school, George Sorter entered the University of Chicago as a philosophy major under the Hutchins Plan. Then, after a stint in the Army and a year of medical school, he dropped out and took up tournament bridge, mathematics, English, and logic. Sorter eventually returned to school and earned an M.A. in economics and a Ph.D. in accounting. From this decidedly unorthodox beginning, he has built a career as a leading theorist and innovator in the world of accounting. Contrary to popular belief at the time, he held that accounting numbers are not “hard” numbers and do not reveal “true,” “intrinsic,” or “fair” value. Sorter proposed the “events theory,” which describes accounting as a form of history chronicling the important events of a unit and has formed the basis of Sorter’s research and teaching for the past 40 years. Since joining the faculty at the NYU School of Law in 1990, he has focused on the limitations and uses of accounting data for legal issues such as contracts, damages, and valuation. The American Accounting Association has honored Sorter with the Outstanding Educator Award. Cited by Fortune magazine as one of the eight most favored business school professors, Sorter has also received the NYU Distinguished Teacher Award.
Business law faculty include:

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Nusbaum Professor of Law and Business; Director, Center for Law and Business

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