BEAZLEY INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH LAW AND POLICY

Established in 1984, Loyola University Chicago's Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy has evolved into a nationally recognized center that educates students, health care executives and professionals, academics, and the bar in the regulatory and corporate aspects of health law. In the classroom and via online study, through experiential learning, and with significant contributions to scholarship and policymaking, the Beazley Institute educates the health law leaders of tomorrow.

Comprehensive curriculum

The health law curriculum includes **more than 60 courses** on topics including health care business and finance, payment systems, public health, fraud and abuse, risk management and patient safety, compliance, and bioethics. **Courses focus on developing competencies in key areas of health law and policy**, allowing students to easily identify their skill sets. Loyola uses state-of-the-art technology to offer **innovative online study**, including two master's-level degrees in health law, to students worldwide.

- JD Certificate in Health Law addresses the growing trend of specialization in the legal field. This designation on a JD transcript recognizes that a student has completed a concentration of courses and experiential learning in health law.
- JD online courses in health law offer JD students the opportunity to enroll in cuttingedge, online health law courses. During the summer session, both Loyola and non-Loyola JD students can gain key health law knowledge in a flexible online environment.
- MJ in Health Law is an online-only degree program designed for health care professionals to provide a comprehensive working knowledge of the health law field and the expertise needed to navigate issues of health care law, regulation, and policy.
- **LLM in Health Law** is a **post-JD master's degree program** for attorneys seeking to develop or enhance a special expertise in health law. This 24-credit degree program can be completed on-campus or online.
- Certificate in Compliance Studies
 Students enrolled in campus and online
 health law programs may pursue a certificate
 in compliance studies as part of their
 degree program. Students who focus their
 studies in compliance may be eligible for
 industry exams and certifications through
 Loyola's unique partnerships with leading
 compliance associations.



Meaningful clinical opportunities

The Health Justice Project is a **medical-legal partnership** clinic between Loyola's School of Law and the Erie Family Health Center, which **serves thousands of vulnerable patients** annually. Students of law, social work, public health, and medicine enrolled in the clinic engage in interprofessional collaboration to identify and address the **intertwined social and legal issues** that negatively affect the health of low-income individuals.

Hands-on experience

Students can enhance their learning experience and **boost their practical skills** by completing an externship at an area hospital, agency, or association. A sampling of **externship** sites includes Northwestern Memorial Hospital, the American Medical Association, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Health law and policy symposium

The Beazley Institute's **Annual Symposium on Health Law and Policy** brings together students, academics, and health law professionals to explore **aspects of health care** at local, national, and international levels. Past topics include universal insurance coverage, Medicare and Medicaid, safety nets, innovation in delivery systems, and immigration.



Sharpening lawyering skills

The annual L. Edward Bryant Jr. National Health Law Transactional Competition exposes students to core competencies of the corporate and regulatory practice of health care law. Three-member teams of JD students from law schools across the country provide legal advice—including a legal memorandum and an oral presentation—on a potential business opportunity to a hypothetical health care client.

Editorial and publishing opportunities

- The Annals of Health Law, the Beazley Institute's online, interactive health law and policy review, is published twice yearly and includes articles of general interest in health law. Health law students edit articles for this review.
- Advance Directive, another twice-yearly online publication, includes articles that provide insight into the divergent areas of health law.
 Health law students write short articles regarding current health law topics, which are often at the crux of debate amongst legislators, practitioners, and academics.

Focusing on the underserved

The Health Law Field Study, a component of the Access to Health Care course, examines the interplay of poverty and access to care. Over spring break, students travel to a location with an underserved population and **study how lives are impacted by medical disparities.** Past trips have included New Orleans; Washington, DC; Phoenix; Detroit; Appalachia; and Puerto Rico.

Health law fellowships

The Beazley Institute offers several fellowships:

- Health Law Fellowships for Entering JD Students are for incoming students who demonstrate potential to be student leaders and, later, outstanding health lawyers. Fellows are provided a tuition scholarship during their first year of study and a spot in the specialty Health Law Legal Writing section.
- Health Law Fellowships for Upperclass JD Students benefit students
 entering their second, third, or fourth year. The Health Law Fellows work
 closely with faculty and staff as they work toward earning a Health Law
 Certificate. Fellows receive a tuition scholarship, as well as access to special
 events and programming including law firm visits and hospital tours.
- Health Law Fellowships for LLM Students are for full-time incoming LLM students for the campus-based program only. Fellows work closely with health law faculty and staff on research and academic projects. Fellowship compensation includes a tuition scholarship.

Alumni leaders

Employers recognize that Loyola's health law students and graduates have **measurably distinct expertise in health law.** Organizations that have recently hired Loyola students and graduates include: Clark Hill, McGuire Woods, Sidra Medical and Research Center (Dubai), Endo Pharmaceuticals, and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Health law seminar series

The online Health Law Seminar Series features presentations by national experts on **emerging issues and hot topics in health law and policy.** Recent topics have included health insurance regulation, enterprise risk management, and business development in a post-ACA world. Lectures from this series are open to alumni and prospective students.