

Three New Learning Opportunities for Family Law Students

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William Mitchell College of Law has created three new learning opportunities for family law students.

First, Mitchell's survey family law course is offered as a hybrid or blended course. The three-credit class meets face-to-face for two hours per week and students engage in online learning activities as a replacement for one hour of face-to-face class.

Second, Mitchell offers a Family Law Residency Program. During the final semester of law school, students work in legal aid settings and other law offices for four or five days each week. Development of MacCrate skills is intentionally cultivated and tracked at the sites. The students are simultaneously enrolled in a weekly professional development seminar.

Finally, in January 2015 William Mitchell began offering the only ABA-approved hybrid J.D. program. Students meet on campus for one week each semester, during which they engage in intensive practice simulations combining the areas of law being studied that semester. During the other weeks students participate in online learning activities.

This session will provide an overview of these new opportunities with an emphasis on backward design curriculum, online teaching techniques, and skills and professional development training.