About the Transactional Law Practice Center

The mission of the Transactional Law Practice Center is to prepare students to be effective transactional lawyers able to operate in today’s dynamic business environment. The center exposes students to the best academic thinking in various fields of study and provides students with opportunities to acquire and hone transactional lawyering skills, critical-thinking skills, and problem-solving skills. Through the center, NKU Chase produces both the best business and transactional lawyers and the best organizational leaders of tomorrow.

Transactional Law Practice Certificate

Students interested in transactional law will learn not only the law but also the skills that are required to be a transactional attorney in today’s fast-paced legal field. To receive a certificate in transactional law practice, students take a comprehensive array of transactional courses, participate in legal externships, and perform transaction-related pro bono projects to hone their legal skills. These students will be an immediate asset to a firm or company upon graduation.

Practice Ready!

Advancing NKU Chase College of Law’s long tradition of excellence in skills-oriented legal education, the Transactional Law Practice Center provides students with the practical skills and knowledge necessary to enter the legal profession “practice ready.” The center brings together faculty, distinguished alumni, and business leaders to provide students with the opportunity to fully develop their professional skills and add value to a transaction from the first day they begin working.
Each semester, the Transactional Law Practice Center invites a distinguished practitioner to visit NKU Chase to share experiences and insights about the realities of transactional law practice with the college of law community. Gary D. Cohen ’78, Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary of The Finish Line, Inc., served as the center’s 2010 distinguished practitioner in residence. Mr. Cohen spent several days at NKU Chase interacting with students, faculty, and alumni in a variety of settings. He participated in lectures, regularly scheduled classes, special workshops, and small group discussions, discussing many aspects of transactional law.

Chase recently established the Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic, which will begin operations in the fall of 2010. The clinic will give students the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience providing legal assistance to local small business and nonprofit organizations that would otherwise be unable to obtain legal counsel. This is the first clinic of its type in Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati. The clinic will operate as part of the Transactional Law Practice Center.

The center’s “business boot camp” is an innovative program designed to enable law students to view transactions through the eyes of their future business clients. During the camp, students work in teams to solve typical business problems. Guest lecturers from the fields of accounting, finance, human resources, insurance, and banking help teams analyze various aspects of the problems. On the final day of the camp, teams present their proposed solutions to a panel of top Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky business leaders.
When I was a partner at my law firm, one thing that our newly hired attorneys lacked was skills. By offering skills-oriented programs, workshops and courses through the center, we will bridge that gap. Students who complete our transactional practice law certificate program will leave NKU Chase with not only the knowledge but also the skills to be an immediate asset to any firm or company.

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