

# Columbia Law School

## U.S. Business Law Academy

July 5—July 24, 2026

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Columbia Law School invites applications to its [U.S. Business Law Academy](#). The program, designed for students but open to practitioners and others as well, offers an engaging educational and cultural experience with select topics in U.S. legal institutions and business law taught by preeminent scholars from Columbia and other world-renowned institutions.

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Upon successful completion of the program, participants in the non-credit course receive an official Certificate of Participation. The program fee is \$8,500 with on-campus housing, and \$6,500 without housing. Discounts are available for early applications and partner institutions.

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## COURSES & FACULTY

### INTRODUCTION TO U.S. CONTRACT LAW

**Jody Kraus**

Alfred McCormack Professor of Law  
Columbia Law School

### INTRODUCTION TO NEGOTIATION

**Shawn Watts**

Clinical Assoc. Prof., U. Kansas School of Law  
Justice, Supreme Court of the Nottawaseppi  
Huron Band of the Potawatomi Nation

### U.S. CORPORATE LAW IN AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

**John Armour**

Dean and Professor of Law and Finance  
Oxford University

### DEALS: THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF TRANSACTIONS

**David M. Schizer**

Dean Emeritus, Harvey R. Miller Professor of Law  
Columbia Law School



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(As of August 2025 – subject to revision)

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
WEEK 1	<b>July 5</b> 9:00 a.m. (and after) Check-in to on-campus accommodations	<b>July 6</b> 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast & Orientation 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro: U.S. Contract Law <i>Jody Kraus</i> 12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro: U.S. Contract Law <i>Jody Kraus</i>	<b>July 7</b> 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro: U.S. Contract Law <i>Jody Kraus</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. U.S. Legal Education & Columbia Law School Graduate Programs 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro: U.S. Contract Law <i>Jody Kraus</i>	<b>July 8</b> 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro to Negotiation <i>Shawn Watts</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: TBA 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro to Negotiation <i>Shawn Watts</i>	<b>July 9</b> 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro to Negotiation <i>Shawn Watts</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break with individual ISSO visa assistance 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro to Negotiation <i>Shawn Watts</i>	<b>July 10</b> Evening: Official Welcome Event (TBD)	<b>July 11</b>	
	WEEK 2	<b>July 12</b>	<b>July 13</b> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective <i>John Armour</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective <i>John Armour</i>	<b>July 14</b> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective <i>John Armour</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: TBA 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective <i>John Armour</i>	<b>July 15</b> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective <i>John Armour</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: TBA 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective <i>John Armour</i>	<b>July 16</b> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective <i>John Armour</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective <i>John Armour</i>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>July 18</b>
		WEEK 3	<b>July 19</b>	<b>July 20</b> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions <i>David Schizer</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions <i>David Schizer</i>	<b>July 21</b> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions <i>David Schizer</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: TBA 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions <i>David Schizer</i>	<b>July 22</b> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions <i>David Schizer</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: TBA 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions <i>David Schizer</i>	<b>July 23</b> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions <i>David Schizer</i> 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions <i>David Schizer</i>	<b>July 24</b> 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Closing Reception

Lunchtime speakers To Be Determined

Location of all events and classes: To Be Determined