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July 6—July 23, 2027

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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.

The Academy offers an accessible introduction to the Socratic Method, one of the foundations of U.S. legal education, as well as presentations about U.S. legal education and Columbia Law School.

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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 $7,000, and optional housing is available for $2,500. Discounts are available for early applicants and affiliates of partner schools, as well as former students and those referred by them.

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COURSES & FACULTY

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

INTRO TO COMMON LAW REASONING

Jody Kraus
Alfred McCormack Professor of Law
Columbia Law School

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 September 2026 – subject to revision)

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WEEK 1	July 4 9:00 a.m. (and after) Check-in to on-campus accommodations	July 5 University Holiday Independence Day Observed	July 6 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast & Orientation 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro to Negotiation *Shawn Watts* 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Time: TBA 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro to Negotiation *Shawn Watts*	July 7 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro to Negotiation *Shawn Watts* 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: TBA 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro to Negotiation *Shawn Watts*	July 8 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro: Common Law Reasoning - *Jody Kraus* 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunchtime Talk: TBA 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro: U.S. Contract Law *Jody Kraus*	July 9 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Intro: Common Law Reasoning - *Jody Kraus* 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro: U.S. Contract Law *Jody Kraus* 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Official Welcome Event New York Harbor Cruise	July 10
WEEK 2	July 11	July 12 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective *John Armour* 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 *John Armour*	July 13 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective *John Armour* 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 *John Armour*	July 14 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective *John Armour* 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 *John Armour*	July 15 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon U.S. Corporate Law in an Intl. Perspective *John Armour* 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 *John Armour*	July 16	July 17
WEEK 3	July 18	July 19 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions *David Schizer* 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions *David Schizer*	July 20 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions *David Schizer* 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 *David Schizer*	July 21 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions *David Schizer* 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 *David Schizer*	July 22 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions *David Schizer* 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deals – The Law and Economics of Transactions *David Schizer*	July 23 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Closing Reception	July 24 Before 11:00 a.m. Check-out of on-campus accommodations

Lunchtime speakers To Be Determined
Location of all events and classes: To Be Determined

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