Dear FIU Law students,

I write to share the combined Spring 2023 class schedule (JD & LLM), the corresponding exam schedule, and the relevant information that you need to prepare for the registration period that begins on Monday, November 7.

I kindly ask that you read this e-mail carefully and let me know if you have any questions.

I. Course registration days:

Registration appointments will be viewable on Panthersoft on Wednesday, November 2.

The first registration window opens, by appointment, on Monday, November 7 and closes on Friday, November 15, at 11:59PM.

Registration will re-open on Monday, January 2 and closes on Friday, January 13 at 11:59PM., which coincides with the end of the first week of classes.

II. How to read the combined class schedule:

1. The course offerings, class meeting times, faculty and classroom assignments are on pages 1 through 6 of the attached file. The schedule is available online, in the FIU Law Registrar’s page.

2. The schedule is final. We have made every effort to eliminate or minimize any potential conflicts between important classes and to maximize your enrollment opportunities and cannot make any additional changes.

3. All courses are listed by their official designation in the law school catalog, which contains the description and numeric code used by Panthersoft.

4. The name of the courses is followed by the instructor’s last name in parenthesis, the meeting time in brackets and the room number.

5. The delivery modes are designated by color, as indicated on the first page of the schedule.

6. Additional information such as graduation requirements, pre and co-requisites, certificates (Environmental and Natural Resources Law, Intellectual Property), Seminars and Special Topic courses, are listed in pages 7 to 10.

III. Curricular highlights:
To enhance your law school experience with a cutting-edge curriculum that provides knowledge and skills on current and novel topics, we have added the following courses:

Since some of these courses are being taught by new faculty, my name might still appear as the faculty of record on Panthersoft, but that will be corrected when they get officially added to our system. In the next few days, we will share more information about the new faculty teaching the above listed courses and some of the relevant content.

IV. General registration procedure:

- **Self-registration through Panthersoft:**
  1. Log into PantherSoft via the portal at [https://my.fiu.edu/](https://my.fiu.edu/)
  2. Home Page —> Manage Classes —> Follow all the required steps.

- **Special approval courses:** You will be able to register in most courses via PantherSoft, except for clinics, externships, and courses that require special approval. Students interested in enrolling in the legal clinics or externships must complete an application and submit it to Zoraya Ledesma ([ledesmaz@fiu.edu](mailto:ledesmaz@fiu.edu)), the Clinic’s Senior Administrative Assistant. Once their application is approved, the Registrar will complete the process.

- **Automatic registration:** 1L students will be automatically registered in their respective mandatory courses, and LL.M. students will be automatically registered in the LL.M. mandatory courses.

- **Registration priority:** The registration priority period opens on Monday, January 7 for Spring graduating students, and is governed by the following rules:
  1. Graduating students (i.e., those who are in their last semester) have general registration priority.
  2. Full time students have priority over part time students regarding day courses, and conversely, part time students will have priority over full time students regarding evening courses.

- **Enrollment caps and waitlists:** As a general rule, enrollment is limited by the seating capacity of the classroom assigned to each course. Nevertheless, the Registrar may impose certain enrollment caps based on the structure of a course, pedagogical or programmatic reasons. The courses typically subject to this limitation are, (i) seminars (15 students), (ii) LSV III (10 students per section), (iii) Trial Advocacy (6 students per section), and (iv) Advanced Trial Advocacy (6 students per section). Additionally, enrollment in some courses might be subject to instructor’s consent (e.g., Advanced Trial Advocacy). When demand exceeds available seats, seats will be allocated by a wait list maintained by the Registrar among those with equal priority.

- **Clinics and externships:** Students who want to enroll in one of the legal clinics or externships must complete an application (available from the clinical and externship programs) and submit it to Zoraya Ledesma, clinic administrator. Students will be enrolled in a clinic by the Registrar’s Office once their application is approved.
• **Independent study:** Students interested in pursuing Independent Study credit shall communicate with the Registrar regarding specific requirements, which include: (i) securing a faculty advisor, (ii) preparing a proposal, and (iii) obtaining authorization from the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

V. **Students under academic supervision and LL.M. students:**

• **J.D. students on academic supervision:** J.D. students who are on academic supervision must contact Dean Schulze at lschulze@fiu.edu or Professor Ruiz at rauruiz@fiu.edu for an advising appointment and submit their proposed class schedule via e-mail, in order to be allowed to register.

• **LL.M. students:** All LL.M. students must contact LL.M. Program Director Gilberto Guerrero Rocca at giguerre@fiu.edu for an advising appointment and submit their proposed class schedule via e-mail, to be allowed to register.

VI. **General advising for J.D. students:**

As we have done in previous terms and to make the advising process more efficient, below is a list of faculty/school administrators who are available to meet and discuss your options with you.

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Best of luck with everything and have a good rest of the week.

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