Atlanta is home to five professional sports teams and a multi-billion-dollar entertainment industry. A few miles from the College of Law, you’ll find CNN, State Farm Arena, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, EUE Screen Gems Studios and Tyler Perry Studios. As this exciting area grows, more artists, athletes and entrepreneurs need legal representation.

The Entertainment, Sports & Media Law Certificate allows currently enrolled J.D. students to specialize in entertainment law. The certificate is a part of the College of Law’s Entertainment, Sports and Media Law Initiative. The goal of the program is to help law students grow into competent entertainment attorneys.

**CURRICULUM**

**REQUIRED COURSES**
Students take 12 credit hours
- LAW 7079 Arts and Entertainment Law
- LAW 7473 Sports Law
- LAW 7390 Mass Communication and Media Law
- LAW 7158 Copyrights

**ELECTIVE COURSES**
Students take a minimum of 6 credit hours of approved courses to complete the certificate.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**
Students take one qualifying skill development training/experiential course, externship, or independent study.

**WRITING REQUIREMENT**
Students must complete a substantial writing project, which may also be used to satisfy the College of Law’s writing requirement. Student may also complete an Independent Study in Entertainment, Sports, or Media (1-2 credits) area of interest to meet the writing requirement.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities, with affiliated faculty as a GRA and to pursue summer internship placements within the field as they become available.

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• Tyler Perry Studios
• Georgia Public Broadcasting
• Woodruff Arts Center
• Cox Communications
• Fox Theater

I was in Professor Ivory’s class for the Legal Life of Ludacris, and I know no one else has that specific experience. Other law schools may delve into that area, but having the connection to him, his story, and it being specific to Atlanta— that was a unique experience that I am glad I was able to get.

- Patrice Ruffin (J.D. ’21)

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