CHILDREN & FAMILY LAW CONCENTRATION WORKSHEET

To receive the Children & Family Law Certificate, a student must:

- Complete at least 11 qualifying course credit hours **(see requirements below and on the back of this sheet),**
- Earn a minimum of a 2.8 G.P.A. in the courses taken to satisfy the Concentration, and,
- Submit this form to the Registrar's office once the student has enrolled in courses sufficient to satisfy the Concentration requirements

Questions should be directed to the Children & Family Law Concentration Coordinator, Professor Angela Upchurch.

Required Course	**Credit Hours**
_____ 755 Family Law	3
Core Electives (Must take at least two of the following courses)	
_____ 825 Adoption Law	2
_____ 756 Children, Families & The State	3
_____ 911 Divorce Mediation	3
_____ 851 Family Law and Tax Law	2
_____ 942 Foster Youth Advocacy Clinic	2
_____ 823 Interdisciplinary Child Welfare Law	2
_____ 795 Juvenile Law	2
_____ 826 Sexual Orientation and the Law	2
_____ 922 Trial Advocacy (Child/Family Section Only) **(See note #1on back)**	2
_____ 940 General Litigation Clinic **(See note #2 on back)**	2-4
Other Qualifying Electives	
_____ 800 Administrative Law	3
_____ 802 Legislation	3
_____ 797 Selected Issues: Biotechnology and Reproduction Law	2
_____ 806 School Law	2
_____ 951 Women and the Law	3
Qualifying Trust & Estate Courses (Only one may be used to meet concentration requirements)	
_____ 752 Estates and Trusts	4
_____ 750 Decedents' Estates	2
_____ 751 Trusts and Future Interests	2
_____ 850 Estate and Gift Taxation	3
Qualifying Skills Courses (Only one may be used to meet concentration requirements)	
_____ 911 Mediation Skills Practicum **(See note #3 on back)**	2
_____ 908 Interviewing and Counseling (or I, C & N)	2 (or 3)
_____ 902 Dispute Resolution	2
_____ 904 Negotiation	2
_____ 922 Trial Advocacy **(See note #1 on back)**	2
Other (Prior approval of the concentration coordinator required for these to qualify) **(See note #4 on back)**	
_____ 944 Externships	2-3
_____ 982 Independent Study **(See note #5 on back)**	1-3
_____ 980/981 Seminar in related subject area	2
_____ OSU Courses **(See note #6 on back)**	2-3

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Student Name (Printed Name and Signature) Grad Date Date

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Signature of Concentration Coordinator **(Note: This signature is ONLY required when a student seeks to use credits from the "Other" category for the Concentration – see note #4 on back.)**

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Note #1: Use of Trial Advocacy Towards the Concentration

From time to time, a section of trial advocacy will be offered which focuses on and utilizes course materials regarding child and/or family law. Students enrolled in such a section of Trial Advocacy may use the class as one of the two required "core electives." Otherwise, the course may only as a "qualifying skills course" towards the Concentration. Students may check with those teaching the section to determine whether the problems used in the Trial Advocacy class will have a specialized focus on child and/or family law issues.

Note #2: Use of General Litigation Clinic Towards the Concentration

Any student enrolled in General Litigation Clinic who intends to use Clinic course credits towards this Concentration must, at the beginning of the semester, notify his or her clinic supervisor so that the student can be primarily assign child and family related cases.

Note #3: Use of Mediation Courses Towards the Concentration

Students who take Divorce Mediation may not also use credits associated with the Mediation Skills Practicum towards the Concentration. Students who take Divorce Mediation may still use any one of the other skills courses towards the Concentration.

Note #4: Use of "Other" Courses Towards the Concentration

Students who wish to apply course credits for externships, independent study papers or projects, courses at OSU, or seminars at Capital University Law School to the Concentration must have the approval of Professor Upchurch. The faculty has invested in the concentration coordinators the authority to determine concentration relatedness for externships, independent study work and other courses not determined in advance to be so related. Students who fail to get an advance determination from Professor Upchurch that the coursework being pursued in a course in the "other" category on the worksheet risk the possibility of a determination, after the fact, that the coursework is not deemed sufficiently related to the Concentration to count the credits from that course towards the Concentration.

Note #5: Use of Independent Study Work Towards the Concentration

Students wishing to utilize Independent Study credits towards the Concentration must have the paper topic approved by Professor Upchurch even though the independent study work is being performed under the supervision of another professor. This is the case whether or not the independent study work is being done to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement. Students are reminded that only full-time faculty may supervise papers prepared to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement.

Note #6: Use of OSU Classes Towards the Concentration

No student may take a class at OSU for credit at Capital University Law School without the prior approval of the Associate Dean. Even with the Associate Dean's approval to take an OSU course, the course will only qualify towards the Child and Family Law Concentration with the additional prior approval of Professor Upchurch.

Students should be careful not to forego bar courses in pursuit of a concentration.