

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: New graduate degree program in the Law School

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval to offer a new Master of Advanced Corporation Law degree, The University of Michigan Law School

The Law School proposes a new graduate degree program, "Master of Advanced Corporation Law." The proposed program has been under development by faculty and staff at the Law School for the past two and a half years and will provide an important and complementary addition to the Law School's other degree offerings. The primary objective of this program is to better meet the needs and interests of lawyers, as well as their current or prospective employers, by providing deep knowledge in corporation law during the summer months. Although a few of our peer institutions offer general master's degrees in the summer, none provide a specialized master's degree in an intensive format. The proposed Master of Advanced Corporation Law puts the Law School at the forefront of the effort to help early or mid-career lawyers transition from one practice area to another or to become more proficient in their current area of practice.

The proposed program will build on existing strengths of the Law School and leverage the global expertise of its faculty in the field of corporation law. The program will be overseen by a Law School faculty committee, a staff director, and the Assistant Dean for International Affairs. The Law School's existing administrative infrastructure in the areas of admissions, recruitment, student services, registration, and career placement will be relied upon to keep program costs to a minimum.

The proposed program was approved by the Law School Global Affairs Committee in January 2017 and by the full Law School faculty in February 2017. We respectfully request that the Regents approve the new graduate degree, Master of Advanced Corporation Law. Pending approval, the first students will enter the program in summer 2018. The program will be implemented upon approval from the President's Council of State Universities of Michigan, pending the Board of Regents approval.

RECOMMEND BY:



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