

Course Comments- Summer@Brown - 2024

Hello,

Thank you so much, for all the knowledge you shared in class, and being able to take time out of your personal life to teach us. I especially want to thank you for the advice you gave me during our one-on-one zoom meeting because your anecdote about being able to see over the mountain was truly enlightening, and I will carry it with me. Once again, thank you, and if you could give an extended goodbye to class for me, I would greatly appreciate it.

--J.V.C.

“[T]hank you for being an amazing professor. I really learned a lot from the class, such as how to express my opinions in certain ways and how to enunciate my words while projecting my voice. I do feel much more confident in myself after your course so thank you for helping me believe in myself.”

--E.H.

“Dear Judge Curran,

I want to express my deepest gratitude for your outstanding instruction during this course. In just three weeks, I've learned so much more than I imagined was possible, and I am truly thankful for the experience.

Among the many highlights of the course, I particularly loved our class discussions. They taught me how to speak confidently, articulate my thoughts effectively, and genuinely engage with the diverse perspectives on the material we studied.

From exploring the philosophies of Socrates to dissecting trials like that of O.J. Simpson, I gained invaluable insights into the foundations of law and the qualities of exceptional attorneys. The unit on public speaking was especially impactful, and I intend to apply those skills in my future academic career.

Your role as an instructor has been nothing short of inspiring, and I cannot express enough my appreciation for your guidance throughout the course.

I look forward to sharing what I've learned with my friends, family, and classmates in the months ahead.

Thank you once again, and I wish you an incredible summer!

Best,

--C.C.

“Again, thank you so much for this experience. I will remember these three weeks for the rest of my life.”

--H.L.

“Hi Justice Curran,

As I pack my bags to leave for Spain, I'm filled with a mix of emotions. On the one hand, I am so grateful to have benefited from your knowledge and wise teaching for the last three weeks. On the other, I wish it hadn't ended so quickly.

I've never met a teacher so dedicated and thoughtful to his students, always generous, be it with the many insights accumulated through your career and experience, or with gestures such as bringing us fresh pastries in the morning. Thoughtfulness has always been my favorite virtue and you exemplify it.

Here are the class photos and please don't forget us!!

Best,

--A.K.

“[T]hank you for the past 3 weeks I have had in your class. Despite being sometimes unfamiliar with concepts concerning law, ... throughout the course progression I have started to slowly feel more and more fit in with the class and classmates. Starting from your one on one (sic) meeting with every one of your students, to everyone watching the presidential debate..., to you suggesting a class lunch, the class was able to feel a much higher level of connection. Again, thank you for the last 3 weeks and I hope you have a wonderful summer!

All the best,”

O.L.

“I am so grateful to have been a part of your course, I learned a lot!”

-I.M.

“Hello Justice Curran,

I want to thank you for my amazing experience with the course over the past three weeks. I feel that I have grown a lot and learned more than I could have ever imagined from you. I will be forever grateful for your guidance these past three weeks.”

--O.L.

“Hi Justice Curran!

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for everything. You were a wonderful teacher, and facilitated discussion exceptionally well. I enjoyed the selection of trials we covered immensely, and appreciated your efforts to incorporate our interests and ‘specialties’ into our personal projects. You gave me- all of us, really- the tools we needed to succeed and thrive.

The opportunity to study legal proceedings under a judge will last with me for a lifetime. From explaining complex legal terms like voir dire and jury nullification to the fundamental structure of a trial, I left Brown knowing much more about the American court system.

Thank you again for all your help.”

--A.N.

“I wanted to thank you one more time for the inspiring three weeks at Brown”

--A.K.

“Hi Justice Curran, this year at school, I decided to take a law class! I guess the summer course did turn out to be useful after all.”

-S.L.

“I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the exceptional experience I had in your class. Your course was both enlightening and inspiring, and I genuinely learned so much from your insights and the engaging discussions we had.”

--F.L.

“ The instructor, Judge Curran, really made the class. He is kind, thoughtful, and beyond insightful which is always vital to the environment of a classroom. I always feel enticed to learn more.”

--Student evaluation - Brown.

“The discussions were amazing and well run by Judge Curran. His questions were always thought-provoking and lead to a variety of opinions. He made everyone’s voices heard while also allowing for students to disagree in a respectful manner.”

-Student evaluation -Brown.

“Overall, the instructor was an effective teacher.”

“The instructor was available outside of class if I needed help.”

“Strongly agree. 15 out of 15. Student evaluations - Brown.

"Dear Judge Curran,

I hope you're doing well! I wanted to reach out because I recently started reading *Report of the Trial of Prof. John W. Webster*, a special edition book from the Gryphon Editions Notable Trials series. It reminded me of our discussions during the Great Trials course at Brown, and I found myself thinking back to your insights on the case.

I really enjoyed your class and still reflect on what I learned from it. Hope all is well with you!"

--F.L.

Dear Judge Curran,

I hope you're doing well! I wanted to thank you again for your incredibly kind recommendation and support throughout my college application process—it truly meant a lot to me.

I'm excited to share that I've decided to attend the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University Bloomington this fall. I'm thrilled about the opportunities ahead and wanted to let you know since you mentioned wanting to follow where I go and how my career develops.

Thank you again—it truly means a lot. I'll be sure to stay in touch and share how things progress at Kelley.

Warmest regards,

-F.L.
