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- **Drafting Discovery Requests and Motions**: Learn to plan and draft interrogatories, requests for documents, and requests for admission, as well as typical discovery motions to quash involving privilege, work product, and undue expense.
- **In-house Investigations**: Participate in simulated exercises involving interviews of a CEO or a company employee in the course of a hypothetical investigation.
- **Introduction to the Bankruptcy System**: Learn the basic framework of the bankruptcy system, including important differences among the chapters of the Bankruptcy Code, and have the opportunity to explore the basics of consumer and commercial bankruptcy.
- **Capital Markets Financing and Advanced Business Strategy**: Use a simulated transaction and engage in the various practical issues presented during the course of the transaction.
- **Doing Business in China**: Engage the many legal issues, particularly regulatory and intellectual property-based, presented by business opportunities in China.
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