ADDENDUM G: PETITIONS FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE REGISTRATION RULES

To adjust your Law School program for the reasons stated below, you need to petition the Rules Committee. You are advised to submit your petition form as early as possible, especially if you are petitioning to take more than the maximum number of credits or to register for a non-Law class. We will review petitions as they are received and will notify you by e-mail whether or not your petition has been approved. LLM students must obtain the signature approval of Dean Polo, Ms. Casal, or Ms. Zalk before submitting their petition form to Registration Services.

- permission to cross-register for a non-Law class or to register for a First-Year Foundation Law course: complete the Law School Petition Form.
- permission to exceed the maximum number of points allowed per term (note that 16 points is the term maximum allowed for JD students): complete the Law School Petition Form.
- permission to take fewer than the minimum number of points allowed per term (12 points for JD candidates or 11 points for LLM candidates): complete the Law School Petition Form.
- permission to ADD a course after the end of the official Law School Add/Drop period (September 13 for Fall 2016 courses). After September 13, students may be allowed to add a course to their academic program only with the permission of the instructor and upon petition to the Rules Committee, and only in exceptional circumstances and where the student can demonstrate compliance with the ABA attendance rules (see Rule 1.2.8.5). Secure the approval of the course instructor, address your letter of petition to the Rules Committee, and submit it to Registration Services by e-mail (registrar@law.columbia.edu).
- permission to DROP a course after October 15 in the Fall term must be requested by petition to the Rules Committee, and will be considered only for exceptional and compelling reasons (e.g., serious illness). See Rule 1.2.8.4. Secure the approval of the course instructor, address your letter of petition to the Rules Committee, and submit it to Registration Services by e-mail (registrar@law.columbia.edu). The rules regarding late withdrawals from a course apply to all degree candidates. No course may be dropped from a student’s schedule after the last meeting of the class for the term.