



TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE
COURSE EVALUATION – SUMMARY

Spring 2023

Course Number: LAW JD 696

Professor: Zachary D. Kaufman, J.D., Ph.D.

All students in this course anonymously provided evaluations of it. Below are ratings and illustrative quotations from these evaluations.

Instructor Evaluation: This rating combined prompts about the instructor’s clarity of presentation, ability to manage discussion in class, responses to questions in and outside of class, availability outside of class, ability to stimulate interest in the subject matter, and ability to facilitate development of analytical or other lawyering skills. The students’ average rating of the overall quality of this instructor—on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning “Excellent”—was a perfect 5.00.

Course Evaluation: The students’ average rating of the overall quality of this course—on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning “Excellent”—was also a perfect 5.00.

Illustrative quotations: The following are overall quotations about the class or instructor, more detailed quotations about the course or instructor, and quotations about the instructor’s future.

Overall quotations about the course or instructor:

- “Professor Kaufman is probably the best professor I have had at BU so far.”
- “Professor Kaufman was, outside of my clinic supervisors, my best professor.”
- Professor Kaufman is “a phenomenal professor!”
- “Professor Kaufman was a great teacher! I really enjoyed the class and his passion for the subject.”
- “This class was so interesting, well taught, and provoked deep discussion about complex and devastating topics. Professor Kaufman led it amazingly.”
- “Professor Kaufman was a very enjoyable professor from whom I’ve learned immensely. He was available to answer questions both related and not related to class.”
- “Great Professor: encouraging, understanding, and intelligent. Difficult subject matter; handled it well.”
- “Professor Kaufman is one of the most caring professors I’ve ever had in my school career. He deeply cares about each of us, our opinions, our questions, our goals, and our mental wellbeing.”
- “I really enjoyed this class . . . Professor Kaufman is incredibly knowledgeable on the topic and his passion clearly shows in the class.”
- “I highly enjoyed Professor Kaufman’s class.”
- “a very engaging and meaningful course experience”
- “I could sing his praises for paragraphs. I cannot recommend him enough. . . . The amount of passion, knowledge, experience, and care he brings to teaching and mentoring is astounding and I feel lucky to have been able to be in this course this semester.”

- “Dr. Kaufman is clearly very well-versed in this subject and was a very valuable addition to the BU Law faculty during his time here. . . . I have really enjoyed learning from him.”

More detailed quotations about the course or instructor:

- “Kaufman’s incredible and lifelong commitment to racial justice, his sincere interest in the perspectives of students, and his incredibly warm demeanor created a class experience to remember.”
- “Professor Kaufman clearly cares deeply about his students and the subject material, investing substantial time both in and outside of class to engage students individually and collectively and stimulate interest in the subject matter. He is compassionate, clear, and obviously an expert in the field. I learned a lot about international law, policy, and atrocity law.”
- Professor Kaufman “makes his classroom a welcoming place where everyone is able to share their views and does an excellent job promoting class discussion. I felt supported throughout the semester with how available he was to answer questions via email and office hours. He would always make time to meet with students and was very flexible. You can tell he truly cares about his students and the work that does both in and outside of the classroom.”
- “I learned so much in this course about transitional justice, international human rights law, atrocity crimes, and ways to promote justice in my career.”
- “I will be leaving this class with a strong writing sample and expanded knowledge of a highly complicated and crucial field.”