

FALL 2009 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ELECTIVE COURSES

ACCOUNTING FOR LAWYERS - LAW 716

This course introduces the basic concepts and methods used in the preparation of the four corporate financial statements (the balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flows, and statement of stockholders' equity). In this process, the course will also develop the accounting treatment of specific items such as long-term assets, inventory, sales, receivables, and debt securities. The course will use actual corporate financial statements of Fortune 500 companies, as well as case studies of the downfall of certain Fortune 500 companies, to provide students the tools necessary to understand such statements and to perform basic financial analysis.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - LAW 631

This course introduces the growth and development of administrative law and procedure. Topics include constitutionality and delegation of power, discretion, policy, regulatory and adjudicative functions, rules orders, jurisdiction, investigative functions, procedures, due process and judicial review.

ADMIRALTY LAW - LAW 780

This course involves a study of the jurisdiction of admiralty courts and the laws affecting maritime rights and obligations. Areas included are the history of maritime law, choice of law in admiralty cases, maritime property interests, rights of seamen, carriage of goods, salvage, and collision.

ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - LAW 862

This course is an analysis of selected and evolving criminal justice issues arising under the 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Within this context, emphasis is placed on the workings of the advocacy system, prosecution and defense functions.

APPLIED LEGAL REASONING - LAW 889

This class is the bridge between the three-year law school curriculum and the two months of bar review

following graduation. The course teaches much of the law tested on the bar exam, yet focuses primarily on thinking skills and test-taking strategies. Extensive coverage is given to the most difficult part of the bar exam: the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), the 200-question multiple-choice test that is part of the bar exam of every state except Louisiana and Washington State. The course also covers essay and performance test writing techniques. The Fall Semester (1 credit) will cover Torts, Criminal Law, & Criminal Procedure. The Spring course (2 credits) will cover Evidence, Contracts, Property, & Constitutional Law. The Fall Semester course is not a formal prerequisite for the Spring Semester, but is highly recommended.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS - LAW 635

This course surveys and analyzes the various forms of business enterprises. Organizations include sole proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations. Topics include the legal relationships between the corporation and its directors, officers, stockholders, and creditors; risk reduction devices; formation, dissolution, and termination; and agency relationships and responsibilities. Consideration is given to cases, statutes, model acts, and securities laws.

COLLISION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY - LAW 785

This course presents the general principles of maritime collision law, including causation, legal presumptions, the effect of statutory violations, apportionment of fault, damage and an overview of the navigation rules. It will also examine the theory and effect of the principles of limitation, and particularly the Limitation of Liability Act of 1854.

COMPARATIVE - LAW 842

This course offers students the opportunity to examine how various legal regimes solve problems that arise in a legal as well as social and economic context. The focus will be primarily but not exclusively on European legal systems. The course will also introduce students to the institutions used in other systems to frame and resolve legal issues.

EDUCATION LAW - LA 719

This course provides a basic overview of key issues in contemporary education law and policy. Relevant local, state, and

federal laws will be considered as will education policy issues, which raise fundamental questions about how to balance the interests of the public, schools, students, and parents. The course will include a focus on the Constitutional right to public education, both under the United States and state constitutions.

EMPLOYMENT LAW - LAW 820

This course will examine government regulation of the relationship of the individual employee and his or her employer. The propriety of regulating particular areas of the employment relationship and the efficacy of alternative regulatory schemes will be recurring themes. Areas of coverage may include employment at-will, wrongful termination, employment discrimination, regulation of compensation, workplace health and safety, unemployment compensation, and pensions.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW : NATURAL RESOURCES - LAW 673

This course will focus on the regulation of natural resources and will cover common law and statutory implications to wildlife regulation, water and air pollution, sports, water law, land use controls, and mining and minerals law. Issues related to conserving recreational resources and historical artifacts and landmarks will also be explored.

FAMILY LAW - LAW 722

This course examines the underlying social and economic principles of family life, its regulation by government, and constitutional limitations on regulation. Laws covering marriage, divorce, and child custody will be examined, but the course will cover those areas of law--property, income maintenance, medical care, schooling and crime--that also have direct impact on families in this society.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX - LAW 647

This course provides a survey of the federal income tax system as it relates to individual and business activity. Topics include code, regulation, and case analysis; tax policy, economics, and public finance; and tax legislation. Specific concepts included are income, exclusions, deductions, credits, tax accounting, and tax procedure.

FEDERAL INDIAN LAW – LAW 894

Federal Indian Law will examine the allocation of sovereignty between the United States, Indian tribes and the states. It will include a review of some of the major cases, statutes, federal policies and historical practices that have governed the field. The course will take a particular look at the allocation of sovereignty in Rhode Island and will discuss issues raised by *Carcieri v. Salazar*, a recent U.S. Supreme Court case involving the Narragansett Indian Tribe and the State of Rhode Island. The course will be taught by Claire Richards, former legal counsel to Governors Lincoln Almond and Donald Carcieri

HEALTH LAW & POLICY - LAW 720

This course will provide an overview of the complex laws, regulations and underlying policies that govern health care delivery. Issues to be examined include access to medical care; Medicare and Medicaid; health insurance and payment systems; informed consent; confidentiality; and end-of-life decision making.

HOUSING LAW & POLICY - LAW 811

This course considers the law and policy of fair housing and of housing and urban development in the United States. There will be a focus on anti-discrimination laws in housing and on legal mechanisms and government programs designed to improve the access of lower-income people to housing opportunities.

IMMIGRATION LAW - LAW 772

This seminar will focus on legal responses to immigration over history, as well as present and suggested legislation, enforcement and informal policies. The federal-state division of jurisdiction will be examined, as well as suggestions for future action.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - LAW 740

The rights and obligations of those who possess and use property in the form of patents, copyrights, trademarks and other areas of ideas and invention are the subject matter of this course. International as well as federal and state controls and policies will be studied.

LABOR LAW - LAW 822

This course surveys the federal regulation of the union-management relationship in the private sector. The principle focus of the course is the National Labor Relations Act. The course will examine the establishment of the collective bargaining relationship, the negotiation of the collective agreement, unfair labor practice proceedings, economic pressure tactics, the enforcement of the collective agreement, and the duty of fair representation.

LESSONS OF LITIGATION - LAW 849

This course will focus on a particular case each week, typically evidenced by a judicial opinion or series of opinions. Each case will be selected to emphasize some phase or facet of the litigation process, and discussion will center on strategic and tactical choices.

Note: since students who take this course will be required to think like lawyers, they will be required to dress like lawyers when attending class sessions (i.e., coats and ties for men, appropriate business attire for women).

NATIONAL SECURITY - LAW 794

This course is a survey of the major legal components of national security, including counter-terrorism; the Law of Armed Conflict; war powers issues; emergency powers of government and their relationship to civil liberties; counter-intelligence, surveillance, intelligence gathering and other covert operations; the role of international and war crimes tribunals; and analysis; and issues pertaining to access to and release of national security information. Particular emphasis will be placed on legal issues relevant to the events of September 11, 2001 and their aftermath, including recent counter-terrorism legislation and the war in the Middle East.

OCEAN AND COASTAL - LAW 674

The areas in which oceans and their branches and land masses meet are the source of many relationships largely peculiar to those areas. Coastal protection, wetlands, environment and ecological issues, the position of the area in terms of industry and commerce including such international rules as those governing fisheries, whaling and other trapping and hunting, are a part of the special problems facing this zone and the areas of water and

land nearby. The course examines the various legal regimes with a consideration of policy issues that are involved in the complex relationships generated in these areas.

POVERTY, HEALTH AND LAW: THE MEDICAL-LEGAL COLLABORATIVE – LAW 731

This course explores the connections between social justice and health and the ways in which lawyers and doctors can partner to improve health outcomes for vulnerable populations. Six class sessions are held jointly with medical students from Brown University in which students work together on case simulations. Topics include: professional ethical responsibilities of doctors and lawyers to serve the poor; access to justice and health care; poverty and public benefits; substandard housing and health; family violence; and educational rights of special needs children.

PRODUCTS LIABILITY - LAW 742

This course explores the history, theory, and doctrine of strict liability for unreasonably dangerous products, a significant component of modern tort litigation. Students discuss manufacturing, design, and warning defects; the risk/utility and consumer expectation models; generic risk liability; assumption of risk, state of art, and other defenses; whether rules should be modified for specific industries such as pharmaceuticals, tobacco, and firearms; and the differing approaches of the Second and Third Restatement of Torts. Finally, this course will examine contemporary debates about products liability, including the impact of the tort reform movement.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - LAW 746

This class will take an in-depth look into the typical residential real estate transaction. Analysis will range from parsing individual clauses of a standard Purchase and Sales Agreement, to conducting a complete title examination, to understanding the broad spectrum of primary and secondary mortgage markets and products. The emphasis of the class will be on a practical approach making cognizant distinctions between legalities and practicalities.

SALES - LAW 652

This course focuses primarily on Article 2 of the *Uniform Commercial Code*. A study of the law governing the sale of goods and financing thereof is covered including the law governing the formation and interpretation of commercial contracts, perfection of security interests and available remedies upon breach of contract. Implied and express warranties, risk of loss allocation and default are discussed.

SECURED TRANSACTIONS - LAW 653

This course surveys Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and focuses on financing and creation of a security interest in personal property and fixtures.

WILLS AND TRUSTS - LAW 749

This course is intended to prepare a student to advise clients about ordering their personal and financial affairs to more effectively provide for themselves and the people about whom they care. Various dispositive mechanisms, *inter vivos* testamentary and in trust, will be covered, as well as devices to appoint health care and financial proxies. The course will also address the ethical and professional responsibilities of lawyers representing clients in this area.

SEMINARS

ADVANCED TORTS - LSM 684

The concepts of duty, breach and causation have blended in their respective developments in the law of torts. This course will explore the various uses of these concepts to set the stage for a paper that can address the student's interest in this area.

BANKING LAW – LSM 804

This course will provide an overview to the American Banking System and particularly its regulatory process. A review of the Federal Reserve System, the Bank Holding Company Act and their respective interplays with the United States Department of the Treasury and Wall Street will be presented and discussed, including TARP oversight. The role of federal and state regulators, including the FDIC, the OCC and the OTS in the monetary process, will include the impact of their work against the backdrop of the commercial law principles advanced in *Payment*

Systems and Secured Transactions. For their project, students will draft and discuss a paper on a topic presented during the semester. Guest lecturers will include representatives from the FDIC and state banking administrators as well as in-house bank counsel.

BUSINESS PLANNING - LSM 807

Business Planning involves the consideration of the business and tax issues associated with the formation, operation and restructuring of business enterprises. Utilizing a problem approach, the course will include a consideration of partnership law, corporate law and federal tax law as well as a consideration of selected issues of securities law, finances, ethics and accounting that are associated with the formation and operation of business enterprises. **Federal Income Taxation is a prerequisite.**

CIVIL RIGHTS: SUITS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT - LSM 729

This course focuses on constitutional tort damage actions brought against federal and state officials and governments based on 42 U.S.C. §1983 and the United States Constitution. Attention will be given to both the substantive constitutional rights that form the basis of the damages actions and to the procedure, defenses, and immunities that pertain to constitutional torts.

DEATH PENALTY - LSM 877

This seminar will examine legal issues surrounding the death penalty in America from a variety of perspectives. After a review of the goals of punishment and their relation to capital punishment, the course will explore: constitutional challenges to the imposition of the death penalty, focusing on claims relating to equal protection, due process and cruel and unusual punishment; race, gender and the death penalty; special offenders, including juveniles, the mentally retarded, and the insane; modes of punishment and ethical issues; the impact of international law; procedural issues in trials for capital offenses, as well as post-conviction proceedings; and perspectives from the families of victims and families of capital offenders. Materials for the seminar will include writings providing diverse views of the death penalty, as well as central Supreme Court case law in this area. Seminar requirements will include a final paper, a presentation on the paper;

and class participation. This course is offered for 2 credits and will fulfill the paper writing requirement.

INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION - LSM 862

This course treats contemporary problems raised in international private dispute resolution, including civil litigation of international cases in U.S. courts, comparative law and procedure in European practice, and, to a lesser extent, arbitration. The course will complement International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, to be offered in Spring 2010. The course includes the following topics: acquisition of judicial jurisdiction over foreign defendants; extraterritorial application of [deleted] law; service of process abroad; obtaining evidence abroad; procuring foreign counsel; proof of foreign law in U.S. courts; choice of forum issues, including both federal and state courts, here and abroad; choice of law in the international context; enforcement of foreign judgments; and foreign sovereign immunity and related issues of sovereignty.

LAW OF THE SEA - LSM 884

This course reviews the basic principles of International law, both customary and treaty-based, that apply to the territorial sea, the high seas, continental shelf, seabed, and ocean floor. The course analyzes the allocation of jurisdictional powers among individual states and the international community over the various maritime zones involved; the use and management of ocean resources, such as regional and global fisheries regimes and seabed mining; marine environmental protection and pollution control; military uses of the ocean; and freedom of navigation.

LEGAL HISTORY: ANGLO AMERICAN TRADITION – LSM 673

The American legal system is the result of centuries of development. This seminar will examine some features of our modern legal system, such as courts and trial procedure, causes of action, trial by jury and remedies, both legal and equitable, as they have developed from the English common law. It will also examine the Magna Carta and the basic concepts of rule of law, judicial independence and state decisiveness.

PATENT LAW - LSM 744

Creativity and productive ideas have proven essential to economic progress. The federal government has developed an elaborate set of laws and regulations to protect these ideas from appropriation by others. This body of law, and elements of the practice under it, will be covered in detail.

RENEWABLE ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE - LSM 786

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to understand the basic science concerning global climate change, and how that science interacts with policy; understand the policy options that are available and the legal constraints and commitments; critically read the primary scientific literature and caselaw on climate change; and understand the legislative process with regard to climate change renewable energy from a state and federal perspective, and appreciate the difficulty of policymaking in an uncertain scientific and political climate.

WATER LAW - LSM 889

Water is our most valuable resource, and as the 21st Century continues, struggles regarding its management and use will become even more prominent as the climate changes and populations grow. This course explores legal schemes for securing, allocating, and managing water rights for public and private uses, and will address both fresh surface and ground water resources. Over the course of the semester, we will examine the riparian and prior appropriation doctrines; common law, state and federal statutory schemes and regulations for managing water use; and mechanisms for transboundary and interstate allocation of water. We will also consider social policy, history, and the value (economic, social cultural, etc.) of water, as well as the science of hydrology and hydrogeology, as a basis for water law and for understanding overall water resources management and regulations

COURSES THAT MEET THE UPPER-LEVEL LEGAL METHODS REQUIREMENT

FEDERAL PRACTICE/COMMERCIAL LITIGATION – LAW 765

This is a new course for 09-10 that combines what has traditionally been taught in two separate courses on Federal Practice (Pretrial) and Trial Advocacy. The idea behind this course is that Federal litigation must be viewed holistically; that is, with an understanding and appreciation for the reality that litigation, from complaint through trial, is an integrated process that begins with a well plead complaint, proceeds through discovery, often involves substantive and dispositive motion practice, and ends (if not resolved) at trial. The course is a full year long in order to mimic the actual life cycle of a case in federal court. Students will work on an actual case drafting pleadings, taking depositions, filing and arguing dispositive motions and ultimately trying the case before a judge and jury. In addition, throughout the year students will receive lectures, practice exercises and guest lectures on key aspects of litigation including complaint drafting, deposition skills, settlement process and strategy, and trial tactics. As the schedule permits, students will observe actual federal court proceedings and discuss tactics and substance with practicing attorney. This court will be primarily taught by Judge William Smith of the U.S. District Court. He will be assisted by two experienced trial lawyers with decades of experience.

INTERVIEWING AND COUNSELING - LAW 640

This skills course develops the craft of the lawyer in client interviewing and counseling. The course provides a theoretical framework for and experience with simulated interviewing and counseling in the legal setting. Skills are introduced and honed through lecture, demonstrations, discussion, role playing, simulations, practical exercises and critiques.

LEGAL DRAFTING: COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE - LAW 747

This course will focus on the development and finance

components within commercial real estate transactions. We will review the land development process, including site acquisition, due diligence, permitting and construction of commercial retail properties and large scale condominiums projects. We will also analyze, from the perspective of both borrower and lender, the use of different finance mechanisms utilized in the development of real estate, such as term and revolving loans, bridge loans, construction loans and mezzanine financing.

LEGAL DRAFTING: CONTRACTS - LAW 750

This course will teach students the fundamentals of drafting contracts. Students will learn how to understand a client's business deal, and how to translate the deal into contract concepts, the building blocks of contracts. Through drafting exercises and projects, students will learn the process for drafting the contract concepts in clear and unambiguous provisions in a well-organized complete contract, recognizing nuances in language that change the deal and shift risk between the parties. Students will learn how to analyze and comment on a contract that another lawyer has drafted. Students will learn the best drafting style and usage techniques necessary to enhance clarity and avoid ambiguity.

LEGAL DRAFTING: CRIMINAL LITIGATION - LAW 750

While less than ten percent of criminal cases go to trial, every criminal case involves reviewing and drafting critical documents. This course will focus on pleadings, motions and related documents in the various stages of criminal cases – from the indictment through postconviction proceedings. Students will learn how to review and draft such documents as indictments, motions to suppress, plea agreements, jury instructions, post-trial motions, applications for postconviction relief and governmental oppositions to such applications -- from both prosecutorial and defense perspectives. The course is designed for prospective criminal attorneys, appellate attorneys, and judicial law clerks in state and federal courts. Course assignments will include drafting of pleadings, motions, memoranda of law as well as class presentations. Completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, Criminal Procedure is considered helpful.

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING & ADVOCACY - LAW 757

Our lives are bordered by statutes. This course will teach the fundamentals of enacting statutes from policy concept to enacted legislation at the State level. Topics to be covered include bill and resolution drafting; effective Committee presentations; ethical and regulatory reporting issues; and campaign finance. Students will draft bills, advocacy pieces to legislators, reports to clients, and grassroots issue coordination plans.

MEDIATION - LAW 733

When parties are unable to resolve their dispute through discussion or negotiation, a logical next step is to seek the assistance of a third party mediator to facilitate communication and the search for a solution. This course is intended to familiarize students with the norms of the mediation process and to develop the skills that will enable students to either serve as mediators or to better represent clients in this increasingly important form of ADR. Attention is given to both facilitative and evaluative styles of mediation. Significant emphasis is placed on role playing exercises and on the legal consequences of the mediation process.

TRIAL ADVOCACY - LAW 641

The trial advocacy course employs a learning-by-doing approach. Thus, most of the course will involve the practice of trial skills including direct and cross examination, opening statements, closing arguments, and jury selection, in a simulated courtroom environment. During the last two weeks of the course, each student will participate as co-counsel in a full-length simulated civil or criminal trial with a sitting Rhode Island judge or professor presiding. **Evidence is a prerequisite but may be taken concurrently with the permission of the Trial Advocacy instructor.**

CLINICS & EXTERNSHIPS

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC - LAW 860

Students represent indigent criminal defendants in Rhode Island District Court, Traffic Tribunal, and/or Superior Court from arraignment through to final trial or other

disposition. **Trial Advocacy is a prerequisite.**

MEDIATION CLINIC - LAW 862

In this clinic, students mediate disputes arising in the local East Bay Rhode Island communities under the supervision of a faculty clinic director. The law students will be trained in advanced mediation and other practical conflict resolution skills and then will 1) assist disputing parties to achieve mutually agreeable settlements by serving as mediators, and 2) provide conflict resolution educational workshops in the community. **The course in Mediation or a similar experience acceptable to the instructor is a prerequisite.**

IMMIGRATION CLINIC - LAW

Students enrolled in the immigration clinic represent noncitizens in their applications for relief from removal before the Immigration Court in Boston, prepare applications for benefits under the immigration laws and represent noncitizens in their interviews for such benefits before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Providence. Types of cases typically include asylum and other relief based on fear of persecution in the country of removal, waivers of deportation for long-term residents of the U.S., adjustment of status for noncitizens with U.S. citizen or permanent resident family members and relief for noncitizen victims of domestic violence. Students also conduct "Know Your Rights" presentations for the immigrant communities in Rhode Island and for immigration detainees in New England, conduct intake interviews following these presentations and provide consultations under the supervision of the Clinic Director. In class, students learn trial skills and discuss substantive, ethical and policy issues relating to the practice of immigration law.

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM - LAW 796

Students are assigned to selected judges in Rhode Island and federal trial and appellate courts. The student externs conduct legal research, prepare memoranda of law, observe trial and appellate proceedings, participate in discussions with the court, and

perform the duties of a judicial law clerk under the supervision of the assigned judge and a faculty member. The program requires the devotion of substantial amounts of time both in and out of the judge's chambers and must be taken in conjunction with Seminar: Judicial Process and Ethics.

PUBLIC INTEREST EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM - LAW 798

Students are assigned to state or federal government agencies or to non-profit legal services organizations. The student externs conduct legal research, prepare memoranda of law, observe administrative, trial or appellate proceedings, participate in discussions with public officials, and perform the duties of a student attorney under the supervision of a supervising attorney and a faculty member. Students may also appear in court on behalf of the state or clients in limited types of proceedings. The program requires the devotion of substantial amounts of time both in and out of the assigned office and must be taken in conjunction with Seminar: Public Interest Lawyering and Ethics.

LEGAL PERSPECTIVES - LS 856

This series of one credit courses will deal with a range of topics, including legal history, philosophy, jurisprudence, law and economics, critical legal studies, and other theoretical and substantive issues. Most legal perspectives courses will meet for two hours each week for six weeks, with an examination in the seventh week.

Honors Enrollment

AH1 Mandela: Lawyer Extraordinary will be taught by Professor Robert Kent. The course will focus on the life and work of Nelson Mandela, one of the great moral and political leaders of our time: a lawyer and international hero whose lifelong dedication to the fight against racial oppression in South Africa won him the Nobel Peace Prize and the presidency of his country.

AH2 *Suing Big Tobacco, Asbestos Manufacturers & Other Big Companies: A Critical Look at Civil Litigation* taught by Professor Donald Migliori. A level playing field for the individual consumer or high-stakes ambulance chasing. A critical look at civil litigation in America.

AH3 *Employment Law Stories* will be taught by Paul Stanzler a partner at the law firm of Burns & Levinson in Boston. This course examines nine cases that have shaped the trajectory of contemporary employment law. The text delves into the history, background, parties and arguments made to the court in creating major doctrinal areas of employment law. Topics covered include employment at will, employee privacy, wrongful discharge and employment contracts.

AH4 *The Nature of the Judicial Process* was published in 1921 by Justice Benjamin J. Cardozo and remains one of the most important and influential treatments of the topic. The professor, the Honorable Stephen J. Fortunato, is a retired Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

AH5 *Regulatory Response* will be taught by Professor Mary Joan Hoene. Stock market panics, often combined with severe economic declines, are a periodic occurrence in the United States, dating back to 1792 and continuing to the current severe correction which is being likened to the Great Depression of the 1930's. The image of "Wall Street" is a consistent theme for these market panics, coupled with reformers, strident attorney generals, and public resentment against the "money crowd". An inevitable result is regulation of financial and investment activities in order to prevent future problems, yet stock market bubbles continue to occur, along with recessions. The course will examine past market panics and the regulatory response, with the goal of providing context for the regulation of financial markets, securities and banking in the United States. The Professor is a securities and mutual fund lawyer who, among other things, designed the compliance program for several mutual fund families following the "market timing" scandals of the early 2000's. She also served as the Deputy Director of the Division of Investment Management at the Securities and Exchange

Commission during the 1987 Market Crash.

Open Enrollment

A1 *Business Concepts for Non-Business Lawyers* will be taught by Professor Anthony Santoro.

This course is for law students who lack a business background. It will provide a fundamental understanding of various business and finance concepts such as recourse and nonrecourse financing, present value of money, opportunity costs, leverage, legal accounting, tax and nontax considerations in the choice of entity, business uses of life insurance and other such topics. The course is not intended to be a substitute for Business Associations, Federal Income Tax or other business related courses. Moreover, students with a substantial background in business or accounting background are discouraged from enrolling as they will not benefit from the course.

A2 *Feminist Legal Theory* will be taught by Professor Emily Sack. This course examines how feminist legal theorists have understood and critiqued our legal system and its norms. The course will explore various schools and debates within feminist legal theory, and how feminist scholars bring feminist analysis to bear on a number of contemporary issues of law and public policy, including intimate and familial relationships, work and wealth distribution, and the regulation of sexuality.

A3 *Masters of the Universe: Narcissism in Corporate America* will be taught by Professor Germaine Gurr. This course examines the roles that various actors have played in shaping corporate America and corporate law and policy throughout history, including, among others, directors, officers, regulators, bankers, politicians, law makers, shareholders and taxpayers. Specifically, this course will examine the changing roles of these various actors throughout history in order to better understand the rise of a culture of narcissism and irresponsible arrogance within corporate America, one that has facilitated corporate corruption, fraud, exuberant compensation and severance packages, and an age of executive entitlement. This course

will also examine the role that the law plays in regulating, creating and/or perpetuating this culture of narcissism and irresponsible arrogance. Students will be assigned weekly readings and will be expected to submit thought papers (of no more than two pages in length) each week based on the readings. A student's final grade for this course will be comprised of his or her grade for each thought paper as well as his or her grade on a final thought paper (of no more than five pages in length), which will be based on the materials read and discussed throughout the semester.

A4 *Specialized Legal Research: Environmental Law* will focus on some of the unique skills and sources necessary to perform effective research into environmental law issues. This course will be taught by Professor Nan Balliot.

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