

**ELECTIVE COURSE
DESCRIPTIONS
SPRING 2010**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW -
LA 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.

**ADVANCED CRIMINAL
PROCEDURE - LA 682**

This course is an analysis of selected and evolving criminal justice issues arising under statutes and under the U.S. Constitution. Within this context, emphasis is placed on the workings of the advocacy system, including prosecution and defense functions.

**ADVANCED EVIDENCE -
LA 681**

This course explores evidentiary rules and principles that could not be covered at all or in much depth in the basic survey course on evidence.

ADVANCED TAX- LA 854

This course examines specialized income tax rules and policies covering complex personal and corporate situations not covered in the basic income tax courses. Some attention will be given to those areas of tax policy that are being considered but not yet adopted in the federal system.

**APPLIED LEGAL
REASONING - LA 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.

BANKRUPTCY - LA 784

This course examines the federal law of bankruptcy of individuals and corporations. The role of the bankruptcy courts, the coverage of claims subject to bankruptcy, and reorganization plans will be among the matters studied.

BUSINESS TAX - LA 805

This course will examine primarily the taxation of corporations and other business organizations under the federal tax law. Consideration will also be given to international taxation issues, as well as the systems of taxation developed in the various states.

**CONFLICTS OF LAWS - LA
737**

This course will focus on the problems of choosing the law to be applied to transactions, relationships and occurrences having contacts with more than

one of the United States and with this country and a foreign court. Issues of adjudicatory jurisdiction and recognition of foreign judgments will also be examined.

EMPLOYMENT LAW - LA 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 efforts, water law, land use controls, mining and mineral law. Issues related to conserving recreational resources and historical artefacts and landmarks will also be explored.

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
POLLUTION CONTROL - LA
672**

The regulation and control of water, air and land is the broad subject matter of this course. The emphasis is on federal statutory and regulatory law but international issues and state and local regulation will be reviewed in areas in which they have broad relevance.

**ESTATE AND GIFT TAX - LA
852**

This course will focus on the federal tax law governing lifetime and testamentary transfers among

individuals and families. The result of uses of complex as well as simple estate planning devices will be emphasized. Trends in transfer tax development, and social and economic theory, will be covered.

FAMILY LAW - LA 722

This course examines the underlying social and economic principles of family life, its regulation by government, and constitutional limitations on regulation. Direct laws covering marriage, divorce, and child custody will be examined but also 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 COURTS - LA 764

This course will examine the relationship of federal courts to other organs of federal government and to the states, including an analysis of congressional control over jurisdiction; federal review of state court decisions; the relationship between state and federal substantive and procedural law; the scope of federal questions and diversity of citizenship jurisdiction in federal courts; abstention; federal injunctions of state criminal proceedings; and problems of justiciability and mootness.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX - LA 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.

FISHERIES - LA 789

This course will examine the law and policies of federal, state, and international regulations of fishing, with the primary focus on federal regulation under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Act. The course will examine the science of fisheries stocks and various approaches that have been tried or proposed for managing and conserving fisheries. The course will also examine the administrative law framework governing fisheries. Among the issues the course will examine are the competing policies at issue in managing fisheries and the ways that law seeks to address the competing interests in exploitation and conservation, commercial and recreational fishing, national and international interests, and the selection of local, national, and international control.

GENDER & THE LAW - LA 725

This seminar explores the construction of gender in law by examining the conceptual patterns and underlying assumptions about gender that shape legal principles. Understandings of gender differences and gender roles will be examined through a variety of legal contexts, including employment discrimination, affirmative action, reproductive choice, sexuality, work and family, and women in the legal system.

HUMAN RIGHTS - LA 728

This course introduces students to the global human rights

regime. It employs a variety of perspectives--including historical, political, theoretical, and legal--in order to cultivate a broad understanding of human rights. Core human rights treaties will be examined, as will mechanisms for monitoring and enforcement. General issues recurring in the course are: the enduring divide between human rights theory and practice; the changing dimensions of state sovereignty; the potential for international law to bring about a "good society" and its substantive vision for the same; and the ability of the human rights regime to influence the course of both international relations and domestic politics.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS - LA 792

This course is designed to introduce students to the issues involved in private trading in international markets. Consideration of transnational economic activity will cover the role of lawyers, the legal and financial framework, and national and international policies that limit and control such trading.

INTERNATIONAL LAW - LA 770

This basic course introduces students to the central topics, ideas and principles of present-day public international law. It will also cover the judicial and other structures including the United Nations, that are central to the determination and enforcement of this legal regime.

LAND USE PLANNING - LA 743

This course focuses on the public regulation of land and its use. Various planning theories will be reviewed in the course of studying the law of zoning, subdivision control, eminent domain, and renewal of urban and rural areas. There may also be coverage of environmental impacts on land use.

[LAW AND MEDICINE - LA 726](#)

The two professions of law and medicine intersect in many parts of American society. Issues such as expert testimony, the doctor-patient relationship, malpractice, and ethical issues, including the right to die, and their legal ramifications will be reviewed.

[MARINE INSURANCE - LA 787](#)

This course examines the legal problems involved in insurance against physical loss or damage to maritime property (hull), against maritime liabilities (protection and indemnity), and for damage to goods (cargo).

[MARITIME PERSONAL INJURY - LA 783](#)

This course examines the law relating to maritime personnel. It concentrates on the rights and liabilities arising from personal injury and death to seamen, longshoremen, harbor workers, and passengers under both federal and state law.

[MARINE POLLUTION - LA 793](#)

This course will cover the major United States laws imposing liability for pollution of inland and costal waters and the high seas, including CERCLA, the Clean Water Act, and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Special attention will be given to the relation between these laws and the general maritime law of the United States; problems of federalism and uniformity; comparison of the United States law with international conventions; and administrative decision making. Some prior knowledge of United States admiralty practice and administrative law would be helpful.

[MARITIME PRACTICE & PROCEDURE - LA 782](#)

This course examines the procedural aspects of maritime practice. It focuses on the jurisdictional and legal basis of actions *in rem*, *quasi in rem*, and *in personam*. Special emphasis is on the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims.

[MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS - LA 809](#)

The course will explore corporate acquisitions, including mergers and consolidations, in the form of asset sale, stock sale, or statutory merger. The consequences of these transactions will be discussed, including, potentially, successor liability, securities regulations, antitrust, tax, accounting, environmental, intellectual property, ERISA, and other legal issues. Due diligence review, negotiation, and documentation will also be discussed. **Business Organizations is a prerequisite.**

[PAYMENT SYSTEMS - LA 651](#)

This course covers Articles 3 and 4 of the *Uniform Commercial Code*. It surveys the legal concept of money, negotiability, usury laws, commercial paper and bank credit as a money substitute, doctrines of holder in due course, liability and discharge and paper/electronic transfers. Consideration is given also to letters of credit and documents of title.

[RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - LA 746](#)

This course is designed to introduce students to the complexities of land development and redevelopment, the financing of these transactions, and the tax planning

required. It will also more lightly note the environmental and land use issues in these areas. Various documents will be prepared by the students during the course. Several classes will focus on negotiation and mediation strategies as issues arise among the various parties to these transactions.

[REMEDIES - LA 738](#)

The remedies course surveys what a court can do for a claimant who has been, or might be, wronged by the defendant. We will address the principal remedies: damages; injunctions (orders to do or refrain from doing certain conduct); restitution (including the possibility of recovering the defendant's gains from a wrongful act, even if those gains exceed the amount of the plaintiff's loss); remedies that simply declare the rights of the parties; pre-judgment remedies before a determination of liability; and the various means of enforcing remedies (including contempt and seizure of property). Throughout the course, we will discuss which of the several remedies are best for the plaintiff, and how to determine the extent of the remedy that the plaintiff may obtain.

[RHODE ISLAND PROCEDURE - LA 739](#)

A study of Civil Procedure in Rhode Island, its transition in 1966 from a common law and equity system to a procedure patterned upon the Federal Procedure and its substantial revision in 1995. In depth consideration of the progression of a civil action from its commencement in the Superior Court to appellate review in the Supreme Court.

[SECURED TRANSACTIONS - LA 653](#)

This course surveys Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and focuses on financing and creation of

a secured interest in personal property and fixtures.

[SECURITIES REGULATION - LA 832](#)

This course covers two of the most active and critical legislative acts adopted in the field of economic regulation, the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. It discusses the disclosure and other provisions imposed on companies issuing and dealing in stock and other securities, as well as remedies available. Ethical issues facing lawyers servicing clients in this area are also examined. **Business Organization is a prerequisite.**

[WILLS AND TRUSTS - LA 749](#)

The devolution of property within families will be discussed in the context of the laws governing inter vivos and testamentary transfers. Tax and business planning in the context of wills and trusts will be introduced, as will professional responsibility issues of lawyers representing clients in this area. The course will require preparation of relevant documents and instruments.

[WORKER'S COMP - LA 703](#)

[SEMINARS](#)

[SEMINAR: ADVANCED BUSINESS PLANNING - LS 808](#)

This course combines advanced work in corporate law and federal corporate taxation in a problem context of business planning and counseling. The course focuses on several complex fact situations, giving students the opportunities to analyze and resolve the advanced issues presented.

Business Planning is a prerequisite.

[SEMINAR: CLASS ACTIONS - LSM.842](#)

When class actions became a feature of the American civil litigation landscape in the 1960's, few people anticipated how pervasive and powerful they would become. However, as loudly as supporters have applauded the ability of courageous plaintiffs and their innovative attorneys to use class actions to seek redress for social and economic wrongs, critics have just as vocally attacked what they perceive as unaccountable, attorney-driven litigation. This seminar is designed to provide a basic introduction to the fascinating world of class action litigation. Topics to be covered include: the purpose of class actions; class certification; notice and opt-out rights; litigation strategy and settlement. Throughout the course, students will also explore the thorny academic and practical questions raised by class actions.

[SEMINAR: REFUGEE AND ASYLUM LAW - LSM 869](#)

This seminar explores US asylum law and practice employing a comparative and international approach. After establishing the international context within which refugee law has developed, the seminar focuses on U.S. practice, procedure, and doctrine. Through case law and comparative analysis, the substantive elements of refugee status are covered in greater detail. Specific topics to be addressed include the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, the Refugee Act of 1980, Convention Against

Torture and other related policies and statutes. To expose students to the practical aspects of asylum advocacy, the class will watch a video about the asylum process, and observe an asylum hearing in immigration court.

[SEMINAR: STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW - LSM 867](#)

Why is the possession and personal use of marijuana in a person's home constitutionally protected in Alaska, but not in Massachusetts? Why are gay civil unions guaranteed in Vermont, but not in Rhode Island? Why is there a right to jury trial for all misdemeanors in Rhode Island, but not nationwide? This course, using the Rhode Island Constitution as the foundation, explores the contrasts and relationship between state constitutions and the United States Constitution. After a brief foray into colonial history and the concepts of federalism, the course will survey a variety of topics of state constitutional litigation, including: equal protection; voter referendum; initiative and recall; the right to education; criminal procedure; privacy rights and other individual civil rights and liberties.

[SEMINAR: SELECTED ISSUES IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - LSM 817](#)

This seminar will use several full-length, award-winning documentaries regarding specific criminal cases as fodder for the examination of timely criminal justice issues, primarily with a constitutional inquiry. Film verities allow the overlapping of doctrinal and practical problems for analysis, deconstruction, and reconstruction. Role-playing may be utilized. Topics covered will include: character evidence, investigative techniques, a variety of police and prosecutorial misconduct, racial and gender assumptions, mental health issues, evidence and emotions, the forensic

science paradox, and epistemological questions regarding truth. The required paper may fulfill the graduation legal-writing requirement.

SEMINAR: TERRORISM LITIGATION - LSM 878

This course will explore all aspects of federal civil anti-terrorism remedies with a special emphasis on the litigation of victims' claims against terrorist organizations and their state sponsors. We will compare the similarities and differences between terrorism and traditional tort litigation. The details and nuances of the applicable provisions of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (i.e. 28 U.S.C. §1605(c)(7), §1605A, and the Flatow Amendment §1605 note) and the Antiterrorism Act of 1990 (18 U.S.C. §2331 et seq.) will be examined in light of the emerging case law. Special attention will be given to unique aspects of suits on behalf of victims including jurisdictional issues, sovereign immunity, forum selection, special damages provisions, fact gathering, discovery, trial practice, post-judgment enforcement in the United States and abroad and the role of the U.S. government in terrorism litigation.

COURSES THAT MEET THE UPPER-LEVEL LEGAL METHODS REQUIREMENT

(THE CLINICAL COURSES LISTED BELOW ALSO COUNT TOWARD SATISFACTION OF THE TWO-COURSE UPPER-LEVEL LEGAL METHODS REQUIREMENT)

ADVANCED APPELLATE ADVOCACY LA- 680

This course combines skills training with a substantive focus on constitutional law. Cases pending before the U.S. Supreme Court will be used as the basis for exercises requiring students to play the role of advocates and judges. Each student will be required to prepare one brief and present at least one oral argument, and each student will be required to write and present an opinion resolving one of the cases.

DRAFTING : COMMERCIAL LEASING - LA 758

This class will focus on lease agreements between landlords and tenants of commercial real estate, including leases for office space, for retail stores, and for industrial/manufacturing property. Almost every business will be a party to a commercial real estate lease agreement, either as landlord or tenant, at some point in the life of that business. Knowledge of commercial real estate leases is an essential skill for real estate lawyers, as well as corporate lawyers. Litigators will also need to know the fundamentals of commercial real estate leases because these agreements often result in disputes and lawsuits. This class will also explore some of the alternative uses for leases, such as leases being used as financing alternatives. Class sessions will be devoted to section-by-section analysis of leases followed by student exercises to draft and revision of these documents.

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 course 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: CIVIL LITIGATION - LA 640

This course addresses the lawyer's craft of interviewing and counseling clients, with a particular focus on clients considering or involved in civil litigation. The course provides both a theoretical framework and practical experience. Skills are introduced and honed through lectures, demonstrations, discussions, role playing and simulations, a client advice letter, and critiques.

INTERVIEWING AND COUNSELING: CIVIL RIGHTS - LA 640

This skills course develops the craft of client interviewing and counseling in the context of a civil rights action. Using the framework of civil actions against governments and individuals for the violation of constitutional rights, the skills of information gathering and counseling will be honed. The class will be conducted with lectures, demonstrations, simulations and critiques.

MEDIATION - LA 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 workshop course is intended to familiarize students with the norms of the mediation process and to develop the lawyering 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 - LA 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.

ADVANCED TRIAL ADVOCACY: COMPLEX PERSONAL INJURY CASES - LA 702

This course will take a complex civil case in Rhode Island as the jumping off point for teaching students how to prepare and try a complex personal injury case. Unlike most beginning trial advocacy courses, the first half of the class will consider case selection and proceed through case investigation, the filing of a complaint, and discovery. The second half of the semester will focus on trial technique and strategy using cutting edge trial techniques and theories which incorporate social science. Students will be evaluated based upon class participation and role playing in a mock trial during the last two sessions of the class.

CLINICS & INTERNSHIPS

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC - LA 860

Students represent indigent adult and juvenile criminal defendants in Rhode Island District, Family, and/or Superior Courts from arraignment through to final trial or other original adjudicative disposition. **Trial Advocacy is a prerequisite.**

IMMIGRATION CLINIC - LA 864

The Immigration Clinic is a one-semester clinic in which students represent noncitizens in removal

proceedings in immigration court and applications for immigration benefits. Students represent clients in their applications for asylum, visas for victims of violent crime, benefits for noncitizen victims of domestic violence, waivers for long-term permanent residents and visas for juvenile victims of abuse, abandonment or neglect. Students also conduct "Know Your Rights" presentations for immigration detainees and similar presentations for immigrant communities in Rhode Island.

MEDIATION CLINIC - LA 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.**

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - LA 796

Students are assigned to selected judges in Rhode Island and federal trial and appellate courts. The student interns 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 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - LA 798

Students are assigned to state or federal government agencies or to non-profit legal services organizations. The student clerks 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 law clerk under the supervision of a supervising attorney and a faculty member. Students in their final year of school 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 the so-called "perspective topics" such as legal history, philosophy, and jurisprudence, as well as schools of legal thought such as law-and-economics and critical legal studies. Most legal perspectives course will meet for two hours each week for six weeks with an examination in the seventh week.

HONORS ENROLLMENT

AH 1. September 11th Litigation: Aviation Security & Terrorism Financing will focus on materials selected by Professor Migliori, whose law firm is working on cases involving the September 11th attacks on the United States.

AH 2. Foreign Relations & Presidential Power

American foreign relations pits those who wish to give the President a blank check against those who favor holding the President accountable. Each path is dangerous. Giving the President discretion risks adventurism unconstrained by checks and balances. Second-guessing the President yields foreign affairs by committee, stifling initiative and allowing opportunities to evaporate. The great cases on this issue portray policy against an all-too-human backdrop. One case involves a love affair and an attempted murder. Another concerns a truck driver hauled before a military commission. A third is a bitter battle between two Framers with political ambitions. Our book, *Presidential Power Stories* (Christopher H. Schroeder & Curtis A. Bradley eds., 2009), tells these stories in a clear and engaging fashion, stressing the human element and the narratives behind landmark cases.

AH 2. Abraham Lincoln: Law and Leadership

In celebration of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 2009. This course will explore both the public and private Lincoln and his leadership as a lawyer and as president and commander-in-chief in the Civil War. It will examine Lincoln as the "lawyer in the White House" as well as the nature of American democracy. Using significant cases from his law career, Supreme Court decisions during the Civil War, and presidential decisions relating to civil liberties and the conduct of war, we will discuss leadership lessons for today, gleaned from Abraham Lincoln, the leader who spoke

the enduring words at Gettysburg that students once memorized, the commander-in-chief who reunited the nation by winning the Civil War, and the chief executive who is continually ranked highest among all American presidents. This course will be taught by Chief Justice Frank J. Williams.

AH 3. Current Issues in Private International Law

The course will look at recent/current work on harmonization and codification of private international law, both domestically and internationally, such as work in connection with contracts, judgments, and consumer dispute resolution. The course will introduce students to the work product of several international entities (e.g., The Hague Conference, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, Organization of American States, UNIDROIT, OECD), as well as domestic harmonization entities such as the Uniform Law Commission (NCCUSL).

AH 4. The Voice of the Child - The Role of Guardians in the Family Court

This course will review the role of the Guardian ad Litem in both domestic cases as well as child abuse and neglect cases. The class will include an overview of the law and its practical application in a variety of custody disputes, including religious and education disagreements and relocation issues.

AH 5. U.S. Supreme Court Cases

will focus on the art of appellate advocacy with particular focus on two cases that will be argued this spring before the United States Supreme Court. The class will include a trip to the Court to hear those two cases argued and for a meeting with Justice Alito.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

A1. Admiralty: Flags of Convenience

A2. Specialized Legal Research: International Law
taught by Professor Winson will focus on some of the unique skills and sources necessary to perform effective research into issues that involve the use of international legal materials.

A3. European Union Law
The European Union provides a model for inter-state cooperation. The course will study the primary institutions and underlying legal integration principles of the system. Visiting Professor Robert Webster will teach this week-long course.

A4. Legal History: The Transformation of Rhode Island Civil Procedure
This is a study of the transformation of the Civil Procedure in Rhode Island from the traditional common law system with its forms of action and the complementary system of equity to rules patterned upon the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. We consider the evolving legislative delegation of rulemaking power to the courts, the process established by the courts for the major reforms of the 1960's, the reexamination of the rules in the 1990's, to the system in place today. It is often said that understanding the present business of any organization requires a reading of yesterday's meetings, Our study will be aided by excerpts from books on the subject, articles from bar journals, and memoranda of courts and committees. The instructor was privileged to

serve as Reporter to the projects from 1962 to 2006

A5. Genocide and Atrocity Crimes

Genocide in the 20th Century: In this course, which meets on Friday and Saturday on two separate weeks, Professor Noone explores the phenomenon of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes and the legal instruments available to identify and punish atrocity crimes.

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