

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
SUMMER 2019

DOCTRINAL COURSES

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: INVESTIGATION

This course examines the procedural aspects of the criminal justice system with emphasis on the impact of the fourth, fifth, and sixth amendments to the United States Constitution on state and federal prosecutions. Topics include the law of arrest, search and seizure, police interrogation and the privilege against self-incrimination. This is a required second year course.

MARITIME SECURITY LAW

The course addresses the law of maritime security in the United States in the context of the post-September 11 global economy. Recent, essential measures such as the International Ship & Port Security Code and the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 will be covered in addition to traditional statutory and regulatory schemes such as port state control and the Safety of Life at Sea Convention. An underlying premise of the course is the relationship between environmental considerations and maritime security risk management in the practical implementation of legal principles. Students will learn principles of U.S. and international maritime security law in a context of transactional practice, including simulated client counseling and formulation of transaction documents such as legal opinions. Prior maritime and/or environmental law courses will be helpful, but are not a prerequisite.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

This course analyzes the responsibility of lawyers and judges from the perspectives of the rules and case law, the profession and the client/consumer. Topics include the historical, political, and sociological bases of legal ethics; conflicts of interest; attorney-client privilege; admission to the bar; disciplinary matters and procedures; unauthorized practice of law; attitudes toward bench and bar; professional liability; and canons of ethics and codes of professional responsibility. This is a required second year course.

SALES

This course provides an introduction to the law related to the sale of goods (moveable personal property) under Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC"). Topics to be covered include: formation, terms, performance, risk of loss, express and implied warranties, disclaimers, breach, and remedies of the aggrieved buyer and seller. The course assumes familiarity with basic contract principles, though core concepts will be reviewed.

SEMINARS

WHITE COLLAR CRIME

This seminar deals with policy, doctrine and jurisprudence implicated by corporate and other business entities' criminality. The course will cover the criminal liability of business entities and

their officers, involving the study of federal criminal statutes used to prosecute corporate and white collar crime, including mail & wire fraud, conspiracy, racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations (RICO), anti-trust, securities and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

COURSES THAT SATISFY THE UPPER-LEVEL LEGAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENT

CONTRACT DRAFTING AND TRANSACTIONAL LAWYERING

This course teaches all of the foundational skills of transactional lawyering, from advising and counseling business clients to the highest professional and ethical standards, to analyzing and drafting contracts to reflect the parties' deal, objectives, and concerns. Students learn to understand a transaction through both its legal and business issues. In learning the process of drafting a contract, students learn to understand a client's deal and then translate the deal into contract concepts that become the building blocks of the contract. Through exercises, simulations, and projects, students then learn to draft clear, careful, unambiguous provisions in a well-organized, readable, complete contract. Students learn how to add value to the contracted deal by drafting language or structuring the deal so that it shifts the risk levels for each party. Students also learn the art of analyzing, reviewing and commenting on drafted contracts using current practices and technologies. The class involves group exercises, simulations, and role play, as well as lecture. The type of contracts covered are relevant to most transactional law practices.

FAMILY AND DIVORCE MEDIATION

This course is intended to provide the student with an understanding of the contexts in which family conflict arises, the various legal and practical issues in play when families disintegrate, and with in-depth training in the skills that a mediator might employ to help the divorcing parties resolve their differences. The course exposes the student to relevant factors and normative approaches used by courts in dividing property, determining child support, custody, visitation, and spousal support among other issues, while recognizing that parties in mediation are empowered to reach their own agreements with the aid of the mediator. Role playing exercises are used to integrate theory with practice.

INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS

This course will focus on cross-border negotiations from a practitioner's perspective, with a focus on transactions between private sector parties or between private parties and governments. We will examine the roles and interests of each of the parties to a negotiation (including private actors, lending institutions, governments and government agencies, and multinational nonprofit organizations); political and other domestic issues affecting international negotiations; practical exercises in negotiations; and multilateral negotiations.

SEA GRANT LAW FELLOW PROGRAM

Students enrolled in this program work under the professor's supervision on a legal research project on behalf of an outside organization. Projects are assigned by the professor and will focus on a specific research question related to ocean and coastal law or maritime law. Law Fellows have the opportunity to work with stakeholders on important issues, to gain in-depth substantive knowledge on the applicable law and its real-world application, and to draft a high-quality

written product, and may have the opportunity to present their work in a professional setting. Certain projects can satisfy the Graduation Writing Requirement. Law Fellows must dedicate a minimum of 10 hours per week during the semester, but hours are flexible. The professor's permission is required to register.

PERSPECTIVES COURSES

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

This course will examine how sexual and reproductive health laws may impede or increase access to reproductive health care and shape how we understand what constitutes sexual and reproductive health. The course will incorporate the understanding of legal doctrine, public health research, and will critically assess issues arising from sexual and reproductive health law. The course will draw on various tools of analysis including critical race theory, feminist theory, critical legal theory, human rights, and a range of public health methods. Topics covered will include, amongst others, sexual and reproductive health law as it pertains to abortion, sexuality, pregnancy, assisted reproductive technology, health care in prisons, and immigrants.

EXTERNSHIPS

PUBLIC INTEREST EXTERNSHIP & PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING SEMINAR

Students receive academic credit while working in state or federal government agencies or non-profit legal services organizations. Students must find their own placements before applying to participate in the program. 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 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 Seminar.