

**2010 SUMMER INTERSESSION
AUGUST 9-14, 2010
SCHEDULE & COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
ALL COURSES GRADED PASS/FAIL**

NO ABSENCES ALLOWED

Sem Hours	CRN	Course Title	Professor	Days	Start Time	End Time
1	35009	Collaborative Law Training	Trusch	FS	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
1	35001	Internet Legal Research	Steiner	MT	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
1	35012	Military Law for Civilian Attorneys	Corn	MT	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
1	35004	Nonprofit Incorporation	Stevenson	MT	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
1	35013	Mediation Practice	Kovach	MTWRF	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
2	35014	Administration of Estates	Jenkins	WRFS	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
2	35005	Deposition Skills	Lewinbuk	WRFS	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
2	35003	Economic Skills for Litigators	Stevenson	WRFS	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
2	35006	Estate Planning Clinic	Luke	WRFS	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
2	35007	Ethics for Criminal Prosecutors	Corn	WRFS	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
2	35008	Law Office Management	Dennis	WRFS	9:00 AM	5:00 PM

CRN 35014 - ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES -2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

Prerequisite: Wills, Trusts and Estates.

A skills-based, practice-focused study in the area of wills and estate administration including guardianship representation, basic estate planning, creditor claims, client development, fiduciary responsibility, and the role of the personal representative in decedents' estates.

CRN 35009 - COLLABORATIVE LAW TRAINING - 1 SEMESTER HOUR CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

This course is a two-day intensive training in the newest process in Alternative Dispute Resolution. Students at the training will be instructed in making the paradigm shift from the litigation to the collaborative model, in teaching clients to utilize interest-base negotiations (as opposed to positional bargaining) in fashioning a settlement, and in utilizing other professionals in assisting clients in reaching their goals. The faculty will utilize various instructional techniques, including lectures, live and video demonstrations, and role-plays.

CRN 35005 - DEPOSITION SKILLS -2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

This course is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to take and defend depositions. Students will explore why and when to take depositions; how to draft deposition notices for individual deponents, nonparty witnesses, and corporate designees; how to draft successful deposition outlines; proper deposition questions and objections; and approaches to dealing with unruly and unprofessional opposing counsel during positions. Students will take and defend several mock depositions.

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CRN 35003 - ECONOMIC SKILLS FOR LITIGATORS -2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

Students will learn practical litigation tools drawn from the Law & Economics field. Unlike the regular Law & Economics seminar course, which focuses more on theory and a lengthy paper to fill the substantial writing requirement for graduation, this course will focus on more practical, concrete arguments that litigators can include in briefs and arguments, as well as strategy considerations during settlement negotiations and litigation planning. The grade will be based on the written essays completed in response to the daily problem sets, as well as class participation and preparedness.

CRN 35006 - ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC -2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

Prerequisite: Wills, Trusts & Estates or a Probate Clinic (this includes the Guardianship Clinic)
This hands-on direct representation clinic targets skills development in client interviewing and counseling and transactional document drafting. These cases tend to be balanced between client counseling and intensive document drafting. There is some limited skill development in legal research, file documentation and maintenance, legal and case theory development, and professional development. The beginning of the course will teach students basic interviewing skills using classroom lecture components, simulations, a live-client file, and a supervised live-client interview in which students interview a client with modest estate planning needs. Subsequently and within the contextual setting of each client's articulated needs and goals, students draft the appropriate array of seven (7) potential estate planning documents. Student document assembly software discs are provided early in the class for loading onto the student's laptop. In addition to the required materials, a compendium of complementary course materials will be provided through a Westlaw TWEN course page.

CRN 35007 - ETHICS FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTORS - 2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

This course will explore the ethical obligations and responsibilities of a prosecutor. The prosecutor has a unique charge to do justice while at the same time representing her client. Typical professional responsibility courses seldom have the time to cover the particular ethical issues faced by government lawyers in criminal cases. This course is intended to expand the student's basic understanding of the ethical rules and prepare the student for the ethical challenges he or she is likely to face when engaged in the legal profession as a criminal practitioner.

CRN 35001 - INTERNET LEGAL RESEARCH - 1 SEMESTER HOUR CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

This course concentrates on Web browsers and Web search and indexing tools, and will emphasize the location and content of primary and secondary legal materials on the Internet.

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CRN 35008 - LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT -2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

This course examines problems encountered in establishing and operating the business side of a successful law practice, and offers practical solutions. During the course, students will design a business plan for their own potential practice with the professor's guidance. Among the subjects covered are office location and layout, technology, including the web-based law library, filing and control systems and accounting methods, insurance needs, IOLTA, SBOT and other administrative obligations, document retention requirements, alternative systems of fee determination and billing with an introduction to case evaluation, and attracting, retaining, interviewing and counseling clients.

CRN 35013 - MEDIATION PRACTICE -1 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

Provides students with mediation certificate training, during which students serve as third-party neutrals, settlement advocates and parties to the dispute. Emphasis is on the practice of mediation through intensive skills training. Students develop an appreciation both for the functioning of the third-party neutral and for the advocate's role in the Alternative Dispute Resolution process. This course is designed to satisfy the current 40-hour Texas requirement for mediator certification.

CRN 35012 - MILITARY LAW FOR CIVILIAN ATTORNEYS -1 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

This course will provide a primer in military criminal practice for future civilian attorneys interested in practice in military jurisdictions. It will provide students with a practical understanding of the military justice system and the military trial process. Texas has the largest military population in the nation, with 8 major military installations within a four hour distance of Houston. This military presence produces a wide array of criminal cases in which civilian defense attorneys routinely participate.

CRN 35004 - NONPROFIT INCORPORATION - 1 SEMESTER CREDIT, PASS/FAIL

Students will learn how to incorporate various types of nonprofit entities, how to apply for state and federal tax exemption, and special legal issues to keep in mind as they counsel startup nonprofits. At the end of the course, students should have the necessary knowledge and practice to perform a complete incorporation for a nonprofit organization in Texas.

This is a one hour skills course. Students will complete exercises of drafting Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, obtaining an Employer Identification Number from the IRS, applying for 501(c)3 status, etc. Course requires completion of a drafting project within 28 days after the two days of class lecture.