

**2011 SUMMER INTERSESSION
AUGUST 8-13, 2011
SCHEDULE & COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
ALL COURSES GRADED PASS/FAIL**

NO ABSENCES ALLOWED

SEM HRS.	CRN	ROOM	COURSE	PROFESSOR	DAYS	TIME
1	35009	3039	Collaborative Law	Trusch	M/T	9:00-5:00
1	35001	3022	Internet Legal Research Military Law for Civilian	Steiner	M/T	9:00-5:00
1	35012	4009	Attorneys	Corn	M/T	9:00-5:00
1	35004	3038	Nonprofit Incorporation	Stevenson	M/T	9:00-5:00
1	35013	3021	Mediation Practice	Kovach	M/T/W/R/F	9:00-5:00
2	CANC	-----	Administration of Estates	Jenkins	W/R/F/S	9:00-5:00
2	35011	516	Attorney Client Disputes	Lewinbuk	W/R/F/S	9:00-5:00
2	35005	514	Deposition Skills Case Assessment &	Finegan	W/R/F/S	9:00-5:00
2	35003	3038	Strategy	Stevenson	W/R/F/S	9:00-5:00
2	35006	3022	Estate Planning Clinic Ethics for Criminal	Luke	W/R/F/S	9:00-5:00
2	35007	4009	Prosecutors	Corn	W/R/F/S	9:00-5:00
2	35008	513	Law Office Management	Dennis	W/R/F/S	9:00-5:00

CRN 35011 ATTORNEY CLIENT DISPUTES - 2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT

Four-day course offered once a year. Legal malpractice and grievance claims against attorneys have been consistently on the rise in the past and continue to present a serious concern today. In fact, statistics show that each lawyer is likely to be subject to three (3) claims during his or her legal career. This course discusses safe practices for lawyers as a way to anticipate, prevent & properly handle such claims and offers the students opportunities to practice legal skills/oral advocacy by taking part in all stages of development of an attorney grievance claim. The students will take/defend a deposition, interview witnesses and prepare opening/closing statements, conduct direct /cross-examinations and prepare 2 documents for an attorney's evidentiary hearing. The students will also explore various ethical issues and learn how to properly handle them, a skill that will come in handy when they are facing numerous real life ethical issues head on.

CRN 35003 CASE ASSESSMENT & STRATEGY – 2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT

Four-day skills workshop teaching students to assess cases and strategize during different phases of litigation: when deciding whether to bring suit, during settlement negotiations or plea bargaining, discovery, trial, and assessment of damages or sanctions. Decision trees, basic game theory models, discounted valuations of damages or liability, information costs, and trial sequencing are core skills taught. Students receive an introduction to relevant economic concepts like moral hazard, adverse selection, best cost avoider, the knee of the curve, risk allocation, Pareto Optimality, and negative externalities, which as litigators they can incorporate into a theory of the case or analysis of an opponent's arguments. Strategies include calculating whether suits should be brought and when

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they should settle; calculating optimal initial demand amounts during negotiations; and using the sequence of issues in the upcoming trial itself to influence settlement negotiations beforehand.

CRN 35009 COLLABORATIVE LAW TRAINING – 1 SEMESTER HOUR CREDIT

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, PROJECT

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, non-party 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 depositions. Students will take and defend several mock depositions.

CRN 35006 ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC – 2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT, PROJECT

Prerequisite: Wills, Trusts & Estates or a Probate Clinic (this includes the Guardianship Clinic)

This is a hands-on direct representation clinic addressing the estate planning needs of a client with a modest estate. The beginning of this course will teach students basic interviewing & counseling skill sets using a class room lecture component, simulation exercises, and a 2-hour supervised live-client interview. Depending on student enrollment and client availability, students will work solo OR be paired in teams of two. Subsequently, and within the contextual needs of a client's articulated needs and goals, students will draft the appropriate array of seven potential estate planning documents. Document review with the client (and potential document execution) is targeted for the final class day. The final portion of the class will address post-execution issues. Students will be given a project to draft and submit the week following the end of class.

CRN 35007 ETHICS FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTORS - 2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT

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.

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CRN 35001 INTERNET LEGAL RESEARCH – 1 SEMESTER CREDIT

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.

CRN 35008 LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT – 2 SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT

This course examines the issues encountered in establishing and operating a successful law office, for either a solo practitioner or small firm. Students will create an individual business plan, covering such subjects as: client generation and retention; filing and control systems; accounting methods; insurance programs; IOLTA, FDIC, and document retention obligations; fee determination and alternative billing options; interviewing and counseling clients, and cost-effective legal research options.

CRN 35013 MEDIATION PRACTICE – 1 SEMESTER HOUR CREDIT

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 ATTRN – 1 SEMESTER HOUR CREDIT

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, PROJECT

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.