



**LAW FALL 2009 - ELECTIVE & REQUIRED UPPER DIVISION COURSE
DESCRIPTIONS (8/19/09)**

Administrative Law (Law 604) - 3 credits

Examines the legal structure of federal and state government agencies, how they may be structured under the Constitution, how they issue and enforce regulations, and how they make decisions.

**Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing: Litigation
(Law 610) - 3 credits**

(Limited Enrollment - 16)

This course will give students an in-depth experience with advocacy at the pre-trial level. While working on a number of cases for fictional clients, students will perform some of the following simulated activities: writing demand letters; drafting complaints and answers; investigating facts; conducting discovery; negotiating settlements; writing motions; and arguing those motions in a trial court setting. These assignments will develop drafting skills and improve research and analytical writing skills. Additionally, by the end of the semester, students will compile a portfolio of work to use as writing samples. This course is designed for students who want to gain experience that will prepare them for working in a general practice that includes litigation.

This course satisfies the 3rd semester Lawyering Process (LP) requirement but does not satisfy the requirement for the Society of Advocates.

Students who have not completed a third semester Lawyering Process class will have priority for those classes during priority registration. If there are spaces available at the end of priority registration, all students can register. If there is a wait list for the class, and a student who has completed the third semester Lawyering Process requirement wants to enroll for a second class, that student must submit a "request for academic standards committee action" form to the Dean of Student Advancement to obtain permission to enroll for the course.

Prerequisites: Law 505 Lawyering Process I & Law 515 Lawyering Process II.

**Advanced Advocacy: Appellate Court (Supreme Court Practice)
(Law 718) - 3 credits**

(Limited Enrollment - 16)

This course will focus on advanced advocacy in an appellate court setting. Students will research and write a complex, multi-issue brief to an appellate court. Students will also present an oral argument to a panel of judges. The course will build on skills learned in LP1 and LP2 and further develop persuasive writing and oral advocacy skills. In addition, students will learn more about how appellate courts work, the importance of standards of review, effective use of precedent and policy arguments and professionalism and ethics in the appellate context.

This course satisfies both the 3rd semester Lawyering Process (LP) requirement and the requirement for the Society of Advocates. New SOA members are required to take this class in the Fall '09 semester and will have first priority for registration purposes. Students who have not completed a third semester Lawyering Process class **will have next priority for this class** during priority registration. If there are spaces available at the end of priority registration, all students can register. If there is a wait list for the class, and a student who has completed the third semester Lawyering Process requirement wants to enroll for a second class, that student must submit a "request for academic standards committee action" form to the Dean of Student Advancement to obtain permission to enroll for the course.

Prerequisites: Law 505 Lawyering Process I & Law 515 Lawyering Process II.

Antitrust (Law 657) - 3 Credits

This is a survey course covering national antitrust policy under the Sherman, Clayton and Federal Trade Commission Acts. The course will cover price fixing and other agreements among competitors, including trade association activities, data exchanges and loose forms of joint ventures. In addition, the course will examine a variety of forms of single firm conduct by monopolists, such as predatory pricing and refusals to deal, and will conclude with coverage of vertical restraints, such as resale price maintenance, tying and exclusive dealing arrangements. While knowledge of economics is useful, it is not necessary.

Appellate Clinic (Law 779) - 1 to 6 credits

(Special application required)

This course will be offered for four credits in the first semester and two credits in the second semester. Students will work in teams on the federal appeals in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals or state appeals in the Nevada Supreme Court, and will seek review in the United States Supreme Court. These cases may include direct criminal appeals or civil appeals. This work will include digesting the case record, identifying and developing factual and legal issues for appeal, interviewing the client,

counseling the client about the possible issues to include in the appeal, and filing briefs and arguing the case in the appellate court. This clinic will be offered as a year-long, six unit course, with four units in the first semester and two units in the second semester.

See http://www.law.unlv.edu/clinic_externship.html for more information.

Business Organizations* (Law 626A/Law626B) - 3 credits

This course covers the basic principles of law applicable to agency relationships, partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations. Business Organizations serves as the law school's introduction not only to business law but also to business generally and some attention will be given to introducing basic business concepts.

NOTE: 3rd year PT EVE students must enroll in this course. The BSL Registrar will register you. Exceptions must be approved by Dean Durand.

Children in Society: Selected Problems (Law 711) - 3 credits

(Limited Enrollment - 14)

This seminar examines issues related to laws and policy governing the place and treatment of children in American society. Specific issues covered will vary somewhat based on current events and student interest, but generally will focus on legal and policy issues affecting the meaning of the state's parens-patril obligation, the parent-child relationship, and the family.

Students may satisfy the upper level writing requirement by writing a paper.

Civil Rights Litigation (Law 647) - 2 credits

Students examine, analyze, and evaluate the various stages of a complex case involving a civil rights claim made pursuant to the Constitution, federal anti-discrimination statutes, or common law.

This class will meet once a week on either Tuesday or Thursday from 4:00 to 5:55p.m. Dean White will announce a week prior the meeting day for the following week.

Community Law: Legal Education & Assistance to Prisoners (LEAP)

(LAW 739) - 1 credit

(Limited enrollment - 4)

(Special application required) (Permission of professor required)

LEAP offers a unique educational opportunity in which students learn about criminal appeals, sentencing, habeas corpus, family law and immigration issues through both classroom study and structured experiences working with inmates at Nevada Department of Corrections facilities who need legal information, education or other services.

Students apply and put into practice what they learn about the law by

working with inmate law library assistants to help resolve their legal problems.

Prerequisites: Completion of all first year courses & community service requirement; all participants are also required to give consent for a Nevada Department of Corrections Criminal History Check, complete volunteer training required by the NvDOC, submit results of a TB test; and be available for daytime visits to the correctional facilities at least 3 times during the semester.

Congressional Externship (Law 750) – 3 to 4 credits

(Special application required)

Explores the legislative process by placing students in legislative offices locally and in Washington, D.C. The credit limit for Las Vegas placements is four credits. The credit limit for D.C. placements is twelve for the fall and spring semesters. Courseload exceptions must be approved by the instructor.

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Constitutional Law II* (Law 624-001/002) - 3 credits

(Limited enrollment – 52 for each section. When one section fills up, students must enroll in the other section)

This course examines most of the basic constitutional rights secured by the Fourteenth Amendment. It includes treatment of the law of equal protection, the problem of the “incorporation controversy,” and First Amendment freedoms of expression and religion. It may also include a treatment of procedural due process. An important omission, which has been placed in Constitutional Law I to free up space to adequately cover First Amendment rights, is the doctrine of implied fundamental rights, stemming from a “substantive” reading of the Due Process Clause.

NOTE: Second-year FT students must take this course in the Fall '09 semester. Exceptions must be approved by Dean Durand.

Criminal Procedure - Investigation (Law 653) - 3 credits

This course covers the laws regulating the daily interactions of law enforcement agents with the public, namely the laws of search and seizure, arrests, confessions and interrogation. This course will introduce the majority and minority rules on the laws regulating law enforcement practices in the United States and acquaint you with the procedural variety of this area of law. In addition, this course will discuss the major policies behind the law and encourage you to consider interactions among multiple institutions at the state and federal level. Finally, this course will touch on current issues of enormous importance to law enforcement, such as drugs, race, national security, and technology. This course will not cover the rights of persons charged with crimes in criminal trials.

Law 664 Criminal Procedure – Adjudication is NOT a prerequisite for this course.

NOTE: 3rd year PT EVE students must enroll in this course. The BSL Registrar will register you. Exceptions must be approved by Dean Durand.

Cyber Law (Law 646) – 3 credits

This course examines the legal issues attending use of computers and electronic communications and commerce, including intellectual commerce property concerns related to cyberspace and features such as websites, e-commerce, and communications.

Law 629 Intellectual Property II is strongly recommended for students interested in Cyberlaw.

Directed Reading (Law 780-001/002) - 1 credit

Students earn credit for completing readings under the supervision and approval of a faculty member. Directed Reading can be taken for either a pass/fail (section 001) or letter grade (section 002).

Directed Research (Law 781-001/002) - 1 to 3 credits

Students in this course will research and write about a legal topic of their choice under the guidance and supervision of a faculty member who has approved their topic. Students will further their knowledge of the area, as well as their legal research and writing skills. Directed Research can be taken for either a pass/fail (section 001) or letter grade (section 002).

Estate and Gift Tax (Law 650) - 3 credits

Estate planning is an established practice area. It has two parts: (1) the state law rules which are covered in the Wills, Trusts and Estates course and (2) for wealthy clients, the federal tax rules which are covered in this course. This course covers basic rules as to when during-life and at-death transfers are taxable, planning devices to minimize tax, valuation, and dispute resolution.

This course and Wills, Trust & Estates (Law 632) are prerequisites to Special Topics: Estate Planning Seminar.

Evidence* (Law 606) - 3 credits

This course focuses on the Federal Rules of Evidence, with an emphasis on the different types and forms of evidence that are admissible under the Rules, and the theoretical bases for admitting or excluding different types of evidence. Students will gain an understanding of how to apply the Rules to determinations of relevancy; character and impeachment evidence; hearsay and its exceptions; expert and lay opinion testimony; and privilege.

This course is a prerequisite to Law 712 Trial Advocacy.

Family Justice Clinic (Law 770) - 6 credits

(Special application required)

Students enrolled in the Family Justice Clinic represent clients in family court cases including custody/visitation, adoption, guardianships, and other family matters. Cases may involve contested trials, negotiations, administrative advocacy, and work on cutting edge legal and policy issues. This clinic explores the role of families in society, the strengths and weaknesses of state intervention into families, and the meaning of access to justice for children and parents. Students participate in a twice-weekly seminar and are expected to devote an average of three hours per credit hour each week to clinic activity.

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Family Law* (Law 607) - 3 credits

Basic family law course which covers legal construction of the family and relationship between the state and the family with an emphasis on constitutional principles and their implications. Subjects covered will include: marriage, divorce, other marriage-like relationships, legal parenthood, parental authority, child custody, and adoption.

Federal Income Tax (Law 603) - 3 credits

The federal income tax touches nearly every kind of transaction in our society. Thus, every lawyer needs an exposure to basic tax concepts. Topics include the kinds of income subject to tax; use of exclusions, deductions, credits, timing rules, and preferential rates to further public policy; influences on tax legislation; and dispute resolution mechanisms. The course emphasizes reading and interpreting statutes, skills all capable lawyers must possess.

This course is a prerequisite to all other tax courses, except Law 650 Estate and Gift Tax and Law 662 Civil and Criminal Tax Litigation.

Introduction to Gaming Law (Law 622) - 3 credits

Attorneys are practicing gaming law in 48 U.S. states. This course provides an overview of various legal issues relating to gaming; the role of federal, state, and local jurisdictions in gaming regulation; the differences among gaming control systems; the licensing process; taxation of gaming revenue; gaming contracts; gaming crimes and exclusion from casinos; advertising in gaming; disciplinary actions; problem gambling; and practical approaches to legal representation of clients in the gaming industry.

**Government/Public Interest Externship (Law 773) - 4 to 7 credits
(Special application required)**

This externship is designed to provide experiential learning opportunities in a variety of public law agencies including the offices of the U.S. Attorney, Special Public Defender, Clark County District Attorney and Federal Defender. Supervised fieldwork is coupled with a weekly seminar. Courseload exceptions must be approved by the instructor.

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Prerequisite: Law 613 Professional Responsibility. Prior or concurrent enrollment in Law 606 Evidence for the U.S. Attorney externships.

**Immigration Clinic (Law 775) - 1 to 6 credits
(Special application required)**

Under direct supervision of the professor, students represent clients in judicial and administrative proceedings involving immigration and related matters. The course will have a classroom component emphasizing immigration and naturalization law, lawyering and professionalism. Students must be eligible to represent clients under the applicable student practice rules.

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**Innocence Clinic (Law 778) - 1 to 6 credits
(Special application required)**

Students will work in teams on Nevada claims of innocence cases referred from the Rocky Mountain Innocence Center (RMIC) in Utah. This work will include analyzing the case record in light of the known causes of wrongful convictions, locating key physical evidence and witnesses, conducting an in-depth interview of the client, and developing any new evidence that could help the client prove his or her innocence. In addition to working on the cases, students will participate in a seminar that studies the systemic causes of wrongful conviction and existing state and federal post conviction remedies for persons claiming actual innocence. NOTE: Students who take the Innocence Clinic in Summer '09 will also be expected to enroll in the Innocence Clinic in Fall '09.

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Judicial Externship (Law 751) - 4 to 7 credits
(Special application required)

This course explores the role of the judiciary in the legal system by means of in- class discussions and the field placements in judicial chambers in federal and Nevada state courts. Any course load deviations must be approved by the instructor.

See http://www.law.unlv.edu/clinic_externship.html for more information.

Legal Drafting: General Practice (Law 669-001) - 3 credits
(Limited Enrollment - 15)

This is a simulation course in which the professor acts as the senior partner who assigns a variety of lawyering tasks that would typically be given to new associates. Students will learn principles and techniques of drafting and a seven- step process for drafting, critiquing, and revising various documents, including contracts, wills, pleadings, and legislation, to meet the clients' objectives. Students will be expected to approach the course with the same degree of commitment and professionalism expected in any professional legal setting. By the end of the semester, students will have compiled a portfolio of documents that can be used as writing samples to show prospective employers.

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Prerequisites: Law 505 Lawyering Process I & Law 515 Lawyering Process II.

Legal Drafting: Real Estate Transactions (Law 669-002) - 3 credits
(Limited Enrollment - 15)

This is a simulation course in which the professor acts as the senior partner who assigns a variety of lawyering tasks that would typically be given to new associates. The basic approach will be to prepare the documentation necessary to complete a real estate transaction from start (letter of intent or term sheet) to finish (closing documents and legal opinions) with emphasis on critiquing, drafting, and negotiating (role playing) critical provisions of real estate transaction documents. The course may also include matters related to engagement letters, due diligence reviews, deeds, deeds of trust, easements and licenses, options,

leases, declarations of covenants, conditions and restrictions, and corporate organization and authorization.

This course satisfies the 3rd semester Lawyering Process (LP) requirement. Students who have not completed a third semester Lawyering Process class will have priority for those classes during priority registration. If there are spaces available at the end of priority registration, all students can register. If there is a wait list for the class, and a student who has completed the third semester Lawyering Process requirement wants to enroll for a second class, that student must submit a "request for academic standards committee action" form to the Dean of Student Advancement to obtain permission to enroll for the course.

Mediation Clinic (772) – 1-6 credits

(Special application required)

Students will study theories of conflict, negotiation and mediation. They will be exposed to many different models of mediation and learn to choose the interventions and techniques appropriate for different settings. Students receive practical and theoretical training in mediation theory and apply what they learn by mediating live cases in their weekly 4-hour placement in a variety of community venues.

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Negotiation (Law 719) - 3 credits

(Limited Enrollment - 18)

This course examines the theory, practice, and public policy of negotiation. Focusing particularly on issues of relevance to attorneys representing clients in negotiation, the course will include numerous simulations.

NOTE: 4th year PT EVE students must enroll in this course. The BSL Registrar will register you. Exceptions must be approved by Dean Durand.

Nevada Law Journal (Law 760-001/002) - 1 to 2 credits

(Special application required)

Students selected for the *Law Journal* staff earn one credit per semester and editors earn two credits per semester.

UNLV Gaming Law Journal (Law 761) - 1 to 2 credits

(Special application required)

Students selected for the *Gaming Law Journal* staff earn one credit per semester and editors earn two credits per semester.

Pretrial Litigation (Law 627) - 3 credits

(Limited Enrollment - 12)

A hands-on experience of the pretrial litigation process in the federal court system. Students will act as lawyers in a simulated civil case, interviewing and counseling clients, conducting legal research, drafting pleadings, and engaging in discovery practice, settlement negotiations, and pre-trial motion practice.

Professional Responsibility (Law 613) - 3 credits

This course examines the law governing lawyers, the rules that govern how members of the legal profession, including judges as well as lawyers, may or must behave. Sources of these rules are many—the Constitution; statutes; procedural, evidentiary, and court rules; and rules of professional conduct. Course evaluation may include a written assignment (possibly including a group project) as well as a final examination.

This is a required course.

Remedies* (Law 631) - 3 credits

Remedies is the subject that answers the ultimate question in law suits: What can be done to vindicate established rights? It is concerned with the nature and the measurement of relief to which a party may be entitled. The class studies the four classifications of remedies: (1) coercive remedies, (2) damages, (3) restitution, and (4) declaratory relief. This course is a unique combination of substance and procedure because the subject focuses upon declaration and enforcement of rights, compensation for past violations of rights, and prevention of future threatened harms. The class is simultaneously practical and theoretical because the subject examines unifying themes and problems with relief across many substantive areas of the law while always focusing upon the important "bottom line" for parties in litigation.

NOTE: 4th year PT EVE students must enroll in this course. The BSL Registrar will register you. Exceptions must be approved by Dean Durand.

Sales and Leases* (Law 637) - 3 credits

This course explores the law governing sales and leases of goods, including Uniform Commercial Code Articles 1, 2, and 2A, the U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, and the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

NOTE: 3rd year PT EVE students must enroll in this course. The BSL Registrar will register you. Exceptions must be approved by Dean Durand.

Secured Transactions* (Law 615) - 3 credits

This course explores Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and other law governing liens on personal property, paying particular attention to creating and perfecting both Article 9 security interests and non-Article 9 liens, understanding the causes and consequences of a borrower's default, and determining priorities among creditors.

Society of Advocates (Law 716-001) - 1 to 4 credits

Students selected to be members of the Society of Advocates based on their performance in the Lawyering Process II moot court exercise and oral argument before attorneys and judges from Clark County will receive two credits for successfully participating in moot court competitions.

Special Topics: Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing (Law 790A) - 1 credit

(Limited Enrollment - 10)

This course hones skills in legal analysis and in writing, with a focus on analytical skills. Students will use various forms of legal reasoning, types of argument, and techniques for clear and effective writing. The focus of the course will be on augmenting the required curriculum in order to strengthen the base in substantive law. The course is one credit and does not satisfy the third semester Lawyering Process Requirement.

***(Consent of Instructor Required. Please contact Professor Carr).
This course will meet for 10 weeks.***

Special Topics - Advanced Bankruptcy (Law 790B) - 2-3 credits

The class will cover in detail the workings and structure of reorganizations under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, with particular emphasis on current developments in the area. It will be conducted as a seminar, with the final grade being based upon class participation, class exercises (including simulations) and a final paper (for which each student will have to prepare and submit at least one preliminary draft). Students who register for three credits will be required to write a longer paper. The upper level writing requirement can be satisfied through this course.

Prerequisite - LAW 605 Basic Bankruptcy or permission of instructor

Special Topics: Enron Seminar (Law 790C) – 2 to 3 credits

(Limited Enrollment - 18)

In this course, which requires no prior Enron knowledge, students will explore the causes of corporate and law firm scandals and will write research papers regarding issues related to such scandals. Students who register for two or three credits will be allowed to satisfy the upper level writing requirement. Students who register for three credits will be required to write a longer paper.

The upper level writing requirement can be satisfied through this course.

Trial Advocacy (Law 712A, 712B, 712C) - 3 credits

(Limited Enrollment - 12)

Students design, execute and practice the lawyering tasks specifically associated with actual courtroom trials, including opening statements, direct examination, cross-examination, evidentiary objections, and closing arguments. Students will be required to present a minimum of one mock trial during the course of the semester. Emphasis is on actually performing tasks in the context of hypothetical cases.

Prerequisite: Law 606 Evidence.

NOTE: 4th year PT EVE students must enroll in Law 712B. The BSL Registrar will register you. Any deviations must be approved by Dean Durand.

Wills, Trusts & Estates* (Law 632) - 3 credits

This course examines intestate succession, family protection, execution of wills, will contests, will substitutes, creation of trusts, modification and termination of trusts, and administration of estates and trusts.