



**LAW SPRING 2010 - ELECTIVE & REQUIRED UPPER DIVISION COURSE  
DESCRIPTIONS** (12/11/09)

**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.

***NOTE: 4<sup>th</sup> Year and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year PT EVE students have priority registration for this course. Upper division FT & PT Day students may also register for this class as governed by the priority registration schedule.***

**Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing: Fundamentals for Law Practice  
(LAW 610-001) 3 credits**

**(Limited Enrollment - 12)**

This course helps students improve their abilities to research, to conceptualize and organize legal analysis, and to write more clearly, concisely, and with greater persuasive force. Students will use sources of law typically not covered, and techniques typically not mastered, in the first year legal writing curriculum. Students likely will find they are required to think more deeply about legal argumentation, and write more assiduously, than they have in the past. They will learn advanced rhetorical techniques and improve their editing abilities. We will examine how the paper path (or, these days, the e- paper path) of a motion, memorandum or brief after it is filed with a court influences how an advocate writes the document. Students will strengthen their writing by integrating into a whole all these aspects of the course: new research skills, improved writing mechanics, stronger logic and rhetoric, and perspective attained from knowledge of court practice. The course will offer many opportunities for you to practice your writing and editing and you will receive plenty of feedback.

***This course satisfies the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.***

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

**Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing: Litigation (Law 610-002) - 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.

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

**Appellate Clinic (Law 779) - 2 credits**

**(Special application required)**

This course will be offered for two credits in the Spring 2010 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.

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### **Bankruptcy (Law 605) - 3 credits**

This course will explore the federal right of individuals and corporations to file for bankruptcy protection. The course will be taught as an overview course, and will survey the options generally available to individuals (Chapters 7 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code) and others (Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code), along with general concepts such as property of the bankruptcy estate, the automatic stay and various avoiding powers. Ethical and counseling issues will be emphasized. The course will be taught using the problem method. Secured Transactions is recommended, but not required.

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### **Community Law: Local Government (Law 739A-001) – 2 credits**

In the United States, states and local governments enjoy substantial law-making and regulatory authority; bear significant responsibility for the financing and provision of most domestic public goods and services; and are key sites for political participation. This course will explore the structures and powers of state and local governments. In doing so, it will test the implications of contrasting visions of local governments for resolving conflicts between local governments and the federal government, their states, or other local governments. The course will also explore contemporary governance issues in Nevada with an emphasis on Southern Nevada. Local Government Law will be a two-credit course.

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### **Community Law: The Nevada Intermediate Court Initiative (Law 739B-001) 3 credits**

**(Limited Enrollment 12)**

In this Community Law course, students learn about the initiative to create an intermediate appellate court in Nevada and work with community partners including the Nevada Supreme Court's Administrative Office of the Courts and organizations or groups that need information about the Nevada Appellate Court Initiative. Students will research the role of intermediate appellate courts in court systems, pros and cons about the proposed new court, and develop materials and presentations that will be part of a public education campaign on this important issue. Students will also develop their awareness of ethical issues and have opportunities to reflect on and practice responsibilities of legal professionals and to increase their awareness of the social and cultural contexts of legal institutions and services and of the value and many opportunities for civic engagement.

Class will meet weekly and students will work in teams to develop a presentation and deliver the presentation to at least three community groups or organizations. Students will also be required to reflect on the service experience and how it contributed to their learning the subject matter of the course, the professional obligations of lawyers and the value of civic engagement. Grades will be based on class participation, contributions to the community projects, substantive and reflective reports, and other assignments.

### **Community Law: Climate Impact Planning Seminar (Law 739C-001) – 4 credits**

#### **(Limited Enrollment 12)**

This is a service-learning seminar to develop a Climate Action Plan for UNLV. As part of the seminar several law students, in conjunction with grad students from other departments, will research greenhouse gas emissions by UNLV, identify the policies and practices that generate those emissions, and draft a plan to reduce UNLV's climate impact (and save it money). We will do so using a template developed by the University of California Santa Barbara, and with the support of consultants from Second Nature, Inc., and the National Association of Environmental Law Societies. Students in this seminar will explore global, national, regional, state, and local responses to climate change, and gain an understanding of how institutions can respond to climate change. Students will develop and hone skills in factual investigation, policy analysis, and strategizing for institutional change -- skills essential to many kinds of law practice. The seminar will be open to 2L, 3L & 4L students (and part-time equivalents).

**Please contact Professor Birdsong for permission to enroll. Class meeting times to be determined based on enrolled students.**

### **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) - 3 credits**

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: 2nd-Year PT EVE students must enroll in this class. The BSL Registrar’s office will register you. Exceptions must be approved in writing by Dean Durand.**

### **Criminal Procedure-Adjudication\* (Law 664) - 3 credits**

Covers law and practices after a defendant is charged until final disposition. Includes prosecutorial discretion, bail, plea bargaining, right to counsel, grand jury, discovery, jury selection, speedy trial, self-incrimination, confrontation, prosecutorial misconduct, double jeopardy, adequacy of counsel and sentencing. Law 653- Criminal Procedure-Investigation (formerly Criminal Procedure I) is NOT a prerequisite for this course. The topics addressed in this course are tested on the bar exam. Constitutional Law II is a good pre- or co-requisite, but is neither required nor necessary to benefit from the course.

**Law 653 Criminal Procedure-Investigation is NOT a prerequisite for this course.**

### **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).

### **Economics and the Law (Law 723) - 2-3 credits**

#### **(Limited Enrollment 15)**

A study of the interplay between economic theory and policy and the law, this course will explore how economic principles (including behavioral economics, game theory, and neuroeconomics) and tools can help us better understand -- and perhaps improve -- a wide array of substantive and procedural law (e.g., civil procedure, contract and commercial law, criminal law and procedure, economic regulation of businesses, employment and labor law, family law, immigration law, property law, tax law, tort law) and the policy rationales underlying them. In lieu of a final examination, all students must write a paper, which may satisfy their upper-level writing requirement.

**Students who intend to fulfill the upper-level writing requirement must register for the three-credit version of this course.**

### **Education Clinic (Law 769) - 1 to 6 credits**

#### **(Special Application Required)**

Students will represent children and their adult educational decision makers in educational matters in administrative foray including informal and formal hearings within the Clark County and State of Nevada school systems and possibly in state and federal court. Students, teamed with professionals from other disciplines including education, social work and psychology, will also work on educational policy and advocacy.

*See the Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic/Externship web page on the BSL Website for more information:*

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### **Entertainment Law (Law 641) - 3 Credits**

This course surveys a wide range of legal issues pertinent to live and recorded entertainment, including intellectual property rights, contract formation and breach, regulatory schemes, agency law, labor issues, and first amendment considerations.

*Prerequisite OR Corequisite - Law 629 Intellectual Property II.*

### **Estate Planning (Law 673) - 3 credits**

The course brings together the state law and tax law aspects. It addresses practical problems and methods in wealth transmission and emphasizes effective planning and drafting. Grading will be based on a set of assignments given over the course of the semester.

*Prerequisites: Law 632 Wills, Trusts and Estates and Law 650 Estate and Gift Tax.*

### **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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#### **Federal Courts (Law 634) - 2 Credits**

##### **INTERSESSION COURSE**

**(January 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)**

This course concerns Article III of the U.S. Constitution and the decisional law governing the relationship of the Third Branch with Congress, the President, and the states. It will focus particularly on issues presenting questions of the separation of powers and federalism, such as: What is the source of the judiciary's power to strike down congressional legislation as unconstitutional? What are the limits on the exercise of the judicial power of the United States? What criteria may U.S. senators employ in discharging their advice and consent function for federal judicial nominees? When may a federal judge be impeached? Could Congress strip the courts of the authority to hear cases involving particular issues, such as challenges to Gitmo detentions? May Congress create tribunals or courts with judges lacking salary protection and tenure during good behavior? The course will also address the Eleventh Amendment and sovereign immunity, § 1983 and Bivens claims, and federal habeas corpus relief.

#### **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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### **Immigration Law (Law 658) - 3 credits**

This course covers legal issues and policies pertaining to non-citizens of the United States, including the regulation of admission, exclusion, and deportation of immigrants seeking to enter the United States. The course will also examine the rights of non-citizens who are in U.S. territory in the areas of health, education, and labor. These topics will be covered from various perspectives, including constitutional law, international human rights, comparative law, ethics and morality, and history.

*This course is a corequisite OR prerequisite for Law 775 Immigration Clinic and Law 751 Immigration Judicial Externship.*

### **Intellectual Property I (Law 621) - 3 credits**

This course examines state and federal doctrines concerning trademarks, unfair competition, trade secrets, ideas, and patentable inventions, with attention to the underlying policies behind these doctrines, the conflict between private property and public access, and the interaction between state and federal laws.

### **Intellectual Property II (Law 629) - 3 credits**

This course covers federal copyright law and the state law right of publicity, with minor attention to some closely related doctrines. This course introduces the fundamental principles and public policy questions of federal copyright law. Although some state law doctrines will be examined from time to time, copyright law in the United States is almost exclusively federal. This course is for students whose career interests include intellectual property or entertainment law, and is also recommended for those interested in communications law, general business transactions, and/or commercial litigation.

*This course is a corequisite OR prerequisite for Law 641 Entertainment Law and is a recommended course for students interested in Cyberlaw.*

### **International Business Transactions (Law 672) - 3 credits**

This course gives a broad overview of the domestic, foreign, and international law governing international business transactions. We begin by looking at several issues that cut across various types of international transactions: the role of international lawyers, international dispute resolution, the place of international law in the U.S. legal system, the extraterritorial application of domestic law, and the function of the World Trade Organization. Along the way, we will explore a variety of topics relating to international business such as antitrust; arbitration; boycotts and economic sanctions; capital markets and securities; cross-border regulation; developing and emerging economies; energy and mineral resources; environment; food and agriculture; foreign direct investment; gaming; gatekeeper/whistleblower legislation; intellectual property; labor and human rights; mergers and acquisitions; money laundering legislation; privatization; and trade and development; as well as forum

selection and choice of law in transnational contracts. The upper-level writing requirement can be satisfied through this course with prior approval. There are no prerequisites for this course.

### **International Criminal Law (Law 667) - 3 credits**

This course covers the basics of international criminal law or international humanitarian law. It provides the basics of public international law and opportunity for detailed analysis of international criminal law, including the nature of international crime, analysis of several substantive international crimes, including genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, torture, and terrorism. It also covers various transnational crimes (and offenses which are both transnational and international crimes), such as aircraft hijacking and sabotage, narcotics trafficking, human trafficking and exploitation, money laundering, and crimes using the Internet. It covers aspects of the international substantive system of laws, including the Statutes (treaties) of the international criminal tribunals with the crimes that they proscribe. It covers the mechanisms and procedures of how these international criminal tribunals function to adjudicate and enforce violations of their substantive law. It covers issues of the interrelationship of domestic law and international law in the criminal arena, including constitutional norms and incorporation of international criminal law. It covers issues relating to theories of crime and theories or philosophies of international criminal law. It covers the debate over monism and dualism. A paper may be written in lieu of an examination.

**Prerequisite or Corequisite: Law 616 Criminal Law. The writing requirement can be satisfied through this course.**

### **International Human Rights (Law 727) - 2 to 3 credits**

**(Limited Enrollment 15)**

This course examines the theoretical framework and practical application of international human rights law. It does so primarily by using economic, social and cultural human rights and the implications of globalization as points of entry. Readings are drawn from the work of political scientists, philosophers, journalists, and non-governmental organizations as well as that of international bodies, judges, legal scholars, and other authoritative interpreters of international human rights law. The first part of the course introduces the existing international human rights legal system, including its fundamental historical and theoretical underpinnings and scholarly critiques of the movement. The second part of the semester explores efforts to advance socio-economic and other human rights in selected applied contexts. The upper-level writing requirement can be satisfied through this course with prior approval. There are no prerequisites for this course.

**Students who intend to fulfill the upper-level writing requirement must register for the three-credit version of this course.**

### **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.

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### **Judicial Writing (Law 671) – 3 credits**

**(Limited Enrollment - 15)**

This course introduces students to the style and form of judicial writing. Students will research and write documents typically written by trial or appellate courts. Students will also learn more about the roles of courts in American law and society, the internal workings of courts, and the roles and ethical obligations of various court staff. This course is ideal for students who want to obtain or have already obtained a judicial clerkship.

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

### **Juvenile Justice Clinic (Law 771) - 6 credits**

**(Special application required)**

Under direct supervision of the professor, students represent juveniles in juvenile court and district court proceedings involving charges of criminal conduct. To represent these clients, students must be licensed under Nevada's student practice rule for court appearances. Special application required (see website for application materials). Course will also have a classroom component. This course normally may be taken for 4 to 6 credits.

*See the [Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic/Externship web page on the BSL Website](#) for more information.*

**Legal Drafting: Real Estate Transactions (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. 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.

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**Mediation Clinic (772) – 1-6 credits**  
**(Limited Enrollment 12)**

**(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.

*NOTE: 4<sup>th</sup> Year and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year PT EVE students have priority registration for this course. Upper division FT & PT Day students may also register for this class as governed by the priority registration schedule. If you are interested in the Mediation Clinic, please make sure to submit your application to the Clinic office by noon on Wednesday, October 28. See [http://www.law.unlv.edu/clinic\\_externship.html](http://www.law.unlv.edu/clinic_externship.html) for more information.*

**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.

**Pre-Trial Litigation (Law 627-001/002) – 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 is a required course.***

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.

**Real Estate Finance (Law 614) - 3 credits**

Mortgages, deeds of trust, installment land contracts, construction financing, mechanics' liens, effect of environmental legislation on lenders, sale and leaseback financing, ground lease financing, shopping center leases, and condominiums.

**Sales and Leases\* (Law 637) - 3 credits**

Article Two of the Uniform Commercial Code is an integrated body of statutory law that prescribes the rights and obligations of parties involved in transactions in goods. Although we will review general principles of contract law and contrast them with the approach adopted in Article Two, this course emphasizes the special techniques of statutory construction utilized in interpreting a code as opposed to an isolated statute. Classroom discussion is devoted almost exclusively to developing analyses of written problems distributed to the students in advance of the class. The problems require students to fashion arguments based on the statutory language. The problems also require students to develop an understanding of the legal and commercial context based on the assigned readings, and then to interpret the statutory language in light of this context. The course topics are: code methodology (including the history and jurisprudence of Article Two),

contract formation and interpretation, performance obligations, breach and remedies.

### **Securitization (LAW 655) - 2-3 Credits**

#### **(Limited Enrollment - 15)**

This course, taught as a seminar, will explore the modern phenomena of securitization. Securitization is the process by which receivables and other rights to payment are isolated in a separate entity whose sole function is to hold and administer these rights. Many trillions (yes, trillions) dollars of such rights have been securitized, with common examples being GNMA certificates, student loans, car loans and credit card receivables. Securitization's contributions to the recent financial meltdown have been widely discussed. This course will study the corporate and commercial underpinnings of securitization, with emphasis on the real estate, securities, bankruptcy, tax and international aspects. It will also discuss the potential future regulation of this global practice. Grading will be based upon papers written for the seminar, which will satisfy the third year writing requirement.

*Prerequisite: Law 615 Secured Transactions OR Law 626 Business Organizations I OR Consent of Instructor.*

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### **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 Writers Group (Law 790G- 001) - 1 Credit**

#### **(Limited Enrollment - 8)**

This writers' group improves writing skills by responding to writing. The group reads examples of good writing; reads and edits examples of weak writing; and sometimes works on selected topics of grammar and style and advanced writing techniques. Students will regularly bring their own writing to the group for critique. This course will be on a Pass-Fail grading basis.

### **Special Topics: Criminal Evidence (Law 790A-001) 3 Credits**

An in-depth exploration of some of the evidentiary issues that come into play in criminal trials. An emphasis will be placed on scientific evidence and the use of expert witnesses in trial. The course will build upon the general foundation set by courses such as Criminal Law, Evidence, and Criminal Procedure. Students will be introduced to expert witness testimony (forensic psychologist, forensic pathologist, fingerprinting expert) and scientific principles (DNA) and procedures, the use of which is becoming routine in the courtroom. Students will learn how to qualify and question an expert witness. Additionally, students will become familiar with pre-trial motions to preclude the use of expert testimony. Additionally, students will discuss controversial issues relating to expert witness testimony, scientific evidence, and the collection (CSI) and possible exclusion (4th amendment) of evidence as a case proceeds to trial.

***Prerequisites: Law 606 Evidence and Law 616 Criminal Law.***

### **Special Topics: International Commercial Arbitration (Law 790E-001) – 2 credits**

***(Limited Enrollment - 24)***

It seems that arbitration has become the preferred method of settling disputes in international business transactions. This is due to the fact that neither party is typically prepared to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the other party. It is also explained by the fact commercial arbitration is a speedy and smooth, as well as relatively inexpensive, way of resolving disputes. The general purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the fundamentals of international commercial arbitration.

The course will cover some aspects of commercial arbitration such as: Introduction and overview, drafting an effective international arbitration clause, the selection of arbitrators, and their role, the proceedings before the arbitrators and enforcement and challenge of arbitral awards. During the course, the student will be introduced to some of the major arbitration institutions of the world and their arbitration rules. Some institutions include the International Chamber of Commerce and the International Dispute Resolution Center of the American Arbitration Association.

The course includes different aspects of international commercial arbitration. The purpose of the course is to give students practical knowledge of and insight into international arbitration. The format will be that of a seminar. This is a participatory course and a few practice arbitrations will be held during the semester with the students participating as lead counsel for the parties as well as arbitrators. Students will also be required to draft an international arbitration clause as part of the course assignment.

**Special Topics: International Financial Crimes Seminar (Law 790I-001) – 3 credits**

**(Limited Enrollment - 15)**

This seminar will examine laws, executive orders, International agreements, and judicial decisions impacting upon national as well as transnational illicit money transfers especially within the context of terrorism funding. We will review legislation and treaties pertaining to money laundering from the United Nations, United States, and other selected states. We will devote some time to the programs in the United States, including the USA Patriot Act and judicial responses.

We will also follow international governmental regulatory maturity post 9/11.

The seminar requires completion of major research paper with a minimum of 25 pages. Students may satisfy the graduation writing requirement through this course. A full syllabus and suggested research topics are available.

**Special Topics: Masculinity and the Law Seminar (790B-001)**

**2-3 Credits**

**(Limited Enrollment - 15)**

There is a large body of social science research that concentrates on men's studies and masculinity. This research speaks of "masculinities" in the plural because of the different forms that masculinity can take depending on race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity and age. It contends that there is one preferred or more powerful type of masculinity (the hegemonic masculinity) that men are encouraged to achieve, a fact that leads to relentless competition among men. Legal scholars are just beginning to look at this scholarship and to use it to interpret law and popular culture. How do our concepts of masculinity affect interactions in the workplace between men and women? Between men and other men? How should they affect our decisions on single-sex education? Can masculinities theory contribute to an understanding of police stops? How do immigrant workers' concept of masculinity affect their decisions not to unionize? How is peacekeeping or warmongering affected by concepts of masculinity? This seminar will examine these questions and others through a multidimensional lens that examines masculinity combined with race, class, gender identity and sexuality. It will consider how lawyers can use masculinities studies to understand and interpret the law in areas such as criminal justice, employment discrimination, international law, and education. After acquiring a foundation on masculinities studies and how they might apply to different areas of law, students will research and write a paper on a topic of law and masculinities and present it to the class. **This paper may fulfill the upper level writing requirement. Students who intend to**

**fulfill the upper-level writing requirement must register for the three-credit version of this course.**

**Special Topics: Religion & the Constitution (790F-001) - 3 Credits  
(Limited Enrollment - 15)**

This course is designed to confront the many issues raised by not only the First Amendment's religion clauses, but also the problems raised by the Fourteenth Amendment, as well as by the interactions of religious organizations and government in American democracy throughout American history. Beyond standard treatments of cases arising under the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause, this course will address cases—and other discussions—not typically treated in First Amendment courses cases dealing with the religion clauses: religion and free speech; the significance of religious voices in politics; questions relating to the impartiality of religiously oriented judges; the defining of “religion” in various contexts, both under the religion clauses and more generally. ***Prerequisite: Law 517 Constitutional Law I. Constitutional Law II is recommended.*** **The writing requirement can be satisfied through this course.**

***NOTE: 4<sup>th</sup> Year and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year PT EVE students have priority registration for this course. Upper division FT & PT Day students may also register for this class as governed by the priority registration schedule.***

**Special Topics: Resort Hotel Casino Law (Law 790H- 001) - 3 Credits**

The course will explore the legal issues that arise from the operation of a resort hotel and casino, using Nevada companies as typical examples. Although many of the topics discussed will be relevant to non-gaming resorts, this course emphasizes legal issues relating to the presence of gaming in resorts. The class lectures will be supplemented by guest lectures keyed to the subject under discussion. The guest lecturers will include attorneys who have served or currently serve as in-house counsel for casino resort hotels and related companies, past and present members or staff of the Nevada State Gaming Control Board and Nevada Gaming Commission, and leading executives in the gaming industry and related fields. The course is designed to provide an understanding of the array of legal issues associated with the operation of a resort hotel and the laws applicable to those issues. Legal issues will be identified and analyzed, and solutions will be discussed in the context of resort hotel and casino business operations.

**Special Topics: U.S. Federal Gaming Law (790C-001) - 3 Credits**

This course will provide basic information about federal gambling law, including laws concerning Native American casinos, interstate wagering, international wagering, transportation of wagering devices and online wagering.

**Special Topics: Violence Against Women Seminar (790D-001)**  
**2-3 Credits**

**(Limited Enrollment - 15)**

Issues involving violence against women have become serious matters in both international and U.S. law in the past few decades. Although other courses may touch on particular aspects of violence against women, this seminar seeks to provide an overview of the many ways in which violence occurs, its effects and the legal system's responses. The interrelationship of aspects of violence in women's lives is a focus as well. The growth of the law and knowledge about violence against women has been exponential, and the seminar cannot possibly address the multiple social and legal issues involved. But the seminar is designed to provide each student with a strong foundation from which to explore issues concerning battering, rape, sexual harassment, prostitution and trafficking, and pornography. Students will develop their own research projects in consultation with the teacher and have an opportunity to present their findings to the other members of the class. Students will also prepare and write a 25- 35 page paper on the issue of their choice. **This paper may fulfill the upper level writing requirement. Students who intend to fulfill the upper-level writing requirement must register for the three-credit version of this course.**

**Taxation of Business Entities (Law 649) - 3 credits**

This course surveys federal income taxation of business entities and their owners, including corporations, partnerships, LLC's, and LLP's.

***Prerequisites: Law 603 Federal Income Tax. If you have a background in Tax and have not taken Federal Income Tax, please contact Dean Steve Johnson.***

**Trial Advocacy (Law 712-001/002) - 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.***

**Water Law (Law 620) - 3 credits**

Acquisition and exercise of private rights in water, public rights and environmental protection, water distribution organizations, interstate water allocation, and federal- state relations in water resource management.

**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.

***NOTE: 4<sup>th</sup> Year and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year PT EVE students have priority registration for this course. Upper division FT & PT Day students may also register for this class as governed by the priority registration schedule.***