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Courses

LAW 5311 INTRODUCTION TO LAW & LAWYERING PROCESSES FOR LL.M. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS Credits: 1-3
Introduction to legal reasoning; case analysis and synthesis; case research; structure and style in legal writing with emphasis on expository writing, including office memoranda

LAW 8501 Contracts I Credits: 3
Formation and performance of simple contracts; consideration; express and constructive conditions, excuse of conditions; remedies for breach; contracts for benefit of third parties; assignment; impossibility of performance and discharge.

LAW 8502 Contracts II Credits: 3
Prerequisites: LAW 8501.

LAW 8511 Torts Credits: 3
Wrongs to the person and to property; legal remedies through which compensation or other relief may be obtained.
LAW 8513 Defamation, Privacy, Relational & Emotional Torts Credits: 2-3
A focus on word torts, emotional injuries, and torts stemming from relational duties of care. Defamation topics covered will include private and public official and public figure plaintiffs, as well as tactical aspects of defamation actions and privileges. Privacy torts explored will be false light, public disclosure of private facts, intrusion and seclusion, and appropriation of name or likeness. The majority of the course will involve coverage of special or limited duties of care arising from contractual or professional relationships (such as medical and legal malpractice), landlord liability, sexual harassment in employment, familial and governmental immunities, prenatal injuries, negligent infliction of emotional distress, as well as theories of vicarious liability for the torts of others.

LAW 8521 Civil Procedure I Credits: 3
Pleading; joinder of parties and claims; pre-trial motions; discovery; summary judgment; pre-trial and trial procedure; post trial motions.

LAW 8522 Civil Procedure II Credits: 2-3
Court systems; personal jurisdiction and venue; federal jurisdiction; choice of law; preclusion; appellate procedure

LAW 8522D Discovery Practice in Civil Litigation Credits: 1-2
This course focuses on the various discovery techniques which are commonly used in federal civil practice, and also compares state procedures. General topics include the uses of discovery, informal discovery, building the discovery plan, ethical issues, privileges and protections, the discovery tools, electronic discovery, experts, motions to compel discovery, and sanctions.

LAW 8522E Electronic Discovery Credits: 1-2
Discovery practice and laws related to electronically stored information in litigation.

Prerequisites: Civil Procedure I II.

LAW 8522L Civil Procedure Skills Lab Credits: 1-3
Students are trained in practical skills necessary for pre-trial litigation, including client interviewing and drafting pre-trial documents such as pleadings.
Prerequisites: LAW 8521 (or co-requisite).

LAW 8531 Lawyering Skills I Credits: 3
Introduction to legal reasoning; case analysis and synthesis; case research; structure and style in legal writing with emphasis on expository writing, including office memoranda.

LAW 8532 Lawyering Skills II Credits: 2-3
Introduction to advocacy; introduction to interviewing, counseling and negotiation; statutory and computerized research; writing to and on behalf of a client, including a trial or appellate brief; oral advocacy.

LAW 8532F Intro to Law & Lawyering Processes II-Family Law Credits: 2-3
Introduction to advocacy; introduction to interviewing, counseling, negotiation; statutory computerized research; writing to and on behalf of a client, including a trial or appellate brief; oral advocacy. Problems and exercises will be drawn from family and child law.

LAW 8532I Introduction to American Legal Skills Credits: 2-3
Introduction to oral and written advocacy; interviewing, counseling and negotiation; and alternative dispute resolution.
Prerequisites: LL.M. students.

LAW 8532R American Legal Research Credit: 1
Introduction to research resources in the U.S. and techniques to systematically process and solve basic research problems found in law practice.

LAW 8541 Property I Credits: 3
Introduction to the nature of property; basic personal property law; adverse possession; possessory estates; basic future interests; marital and concurrent interests; landlord-tenant relationships.

LAW 8542 Property II Credits: 3
Licenses, easements, real covenants, equitable servitudes; nuisances; basic water law; brokerage; financing, mortgages, deeds of trust; contract of sale, deeds, closing; title insurance, warranties; recording; eminent domain; zoning.

LAW 8552 Federal Taxation Credits: 3
Theory, history, and principles of federal income taxation; basic concepts of income, classification of income and deductions.

LAW 8590 Special Topics Credits: 1-6
The study of a contemporary topic of interest. This course is designed to facilitate one of two purposes: an initial offering of a new course (prior to formal approval) or an initial and possible only offering of new topics.

LAW 8601 Business Organizations Credits: 3
Partnership, limited liability company and corporation law; choice of business forms, formation of partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations; rights, duties, and powers of partners, members, shareholders, directors, and officers; closely held corporations; proxy regulation; derivative suits; dividends and stock redemptions; introduction to the Securities Act of 1933 and Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
LAW 8601C International Criminal Tribunals Credit: 1
This course will examine the types of international criminal tribunals available for the prosecution of individuals accused of war crimes, the crime of aggression, crimes against humanity, and genocide. The course will begin with an introduction to the history of international criminal law and a comparative examination of various international criminal tribunals, including the Nuremberg trials, ad hoc criminal tribunals (ICTY and ICTR), the permanent International Criminal Court in The Hague, and hybrid criminal tribunals (Cambodia, Lebanon, and Sierra Leone). The course will then focus more specifically on the International Criminal Court (ICC), including the ICC’s formation and jurisdiction and examples of individuals and situations investigated and prosecuted thus far by the court.
**Prerequisites:** Part of the Ireland Law Program.

LAW 8601L Transactional Lawyering Skills Lab Credits: 1-2
Students are trained in counseling clients and negotiating business formation, dissolution, and liability issues as well as drafting appropriate documents.
**Co-requisites:** LAW 8601.

LAW 8601R Doing Business In Ireland, Part I Credit: 1
A survey of International Trade Law and European and American Competition Law that impact on American multinational companies operating in the Republic of Ireland.

LAW 8601S Doing Business in Ireland, Part II Credits: 0.5
A survey of the Ireland Company Law and comparative United States Corporate Law and a survey of United States corporate taxation of multinational companies operating in Ireland.

LAW 8601T Introduction to International Trade Credit: 1
The course will examine the structure and workings of the major global trade regimes, including the World Trade Organization (“WTO”) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (the “NAFTA”). The role of international trade in such areas as the environment, labor rights, national security, the developing world, and non-market economies will also be considered. The course will also focus in depth on United States domestic trade remedies, including antidumping, countervailing duties, section 301 and 337 actions as well as on other international trade restricting practices.

LAW 8601W Comparative War Crimes Tribunals Credit: 1
The course will discuss the need for war crimes tribunals, evaluate historical models for tribunals (including the Nuremberg trials and the International Military Tribunal for the Far East), and then examine and compare domestic and international tribunals, including military courts-martial systems, military commissions, ad-hoc tribunals such as the ICTY and ICR, hybrid tribunals, issues of war crimes tribunals, including sovereignty, effectiveness, complementarity, jurisdiction, and the problem of victor’s justice.

LAW 8602 International Field Experience Credits: 1-2
In connection with relevant coursework, this limited international field experience will permit students to visit a foreign country to see the application of their coursework in a comparative perspective, including tours of legal facilities, visits with experts from the host country, and service learning opportunities.
**Prerequisites:** Permission of instructor and designated accompanying coursework.

LAW 8603 Taxation Of Business Organization Credits: 2-3
Survey course of the taxation of business enterprises, particularly partnerships, corporations and subchapter S corporations.
**Prerequisites:** LAW 8552, LAW 8601.

LAW 8605 Antitrust And Fair Competition Law Credits: 2-3
This course examines fair competition law as a body of law designed to protect consumers. Understanding fair competition law requires looking at Supreme Court case law but also lower court decisions, economic analysis, and government enforcement guidelines and policy statements.

LAW 8609 Ethical Issues In Family Law Representation Credits: 1-2
Advanced study of the ethical obligations of public and private attorneys in estate, family, and juvenile law representation. Topics may include identification of the client, ethical and legal obligations of confidentiality and disclosure, competence and client communication, respect for third persons (particularly obligations toward children of clients) and other related subjects. Paper and presentation required. When offered for 2 credit hours, the course fulfills the Schools Professional Responsibility graduation requirement.
**Prerequisites:** (or concurrent) LAW 8611, LAW 8751.

LAW 8611 Estates And Trusts Credits: 3-4
Intestate succession; testamentary dispositions; execution, modification, and revocation of wills; will contests; advancements, ademption, and exoneration; family allowances; rights of estate creditors; express, implied, resulting, and constructive trusts; basic tax aspects of estates and trusts; rule against perpetuities; will substitutes.

LAW 8611L Estates and Trusts Lab Credits: 1-3
This experiential course applies the knowledge acquired in the basic Estates and Trusts course to the process of gathering, evaluating, planning, drafting, and executing an estate plan in a non-tax environment.
**Prerequisites:** LAW 8611 Estates and Trusts; Law 8541 Property I; Law 8542 Property II.
LAW 8612R Tax Planning With Life Insurance Credit: 1
An examination of the various tax consequences of using life insurance, including issues relating to the income, gift and estate tax consequences of life insurance ownership by an individual, and irrevocable trust, or business entity.

LAW 8613I Estate Planning Internship Credits: 1-4
Students are assigned to attorneys at law firms or trust departments and will work on estate planning projects assigned by the supervising attorney. Exams may include drafting will and trust instruments, researching legal issues, and drafting memos. 
Prerequisites: LAW 8611, LAW 8552.

LAW 8614 Estate Planning and Drafting Credits: 3-4
Continuation of Estates Trusts I using problems and cases as a basis for class discussion. Working in teams, students engage in the planning of estates for actual clients, proceeding through the entire process and culminating in the execution of wills, trusts or other appropriate instruments. Course is not open to students who have taken Estate Planning.
Prerequisites: LAW 8611.

LAW 8614R Estate Planning For Retirement Plan Benefits Credit: 1
The income, gift, estate and generation-skipping transfer tax consequences and rules related to the ownership, distribution and withdrawal of retirement plan benefits, including minimum required distributions, designating beneficiaries, spousal rights and rollover options

LAW 8615 Estate Planning and Practice Credits: 3-4
Tax-oriented examination of contemporary estate planning problems for the larger estates, with emphasis on issues of direct concern to practitioners. This course is designed for LL.M. students.

LAW 8615R Estate Planning For Charitable Giving Credit: 1
Survey of federal income tax and transfer tax laws governing gifts to charitable organizations, charitable remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts; procedural requirements to assure deductibility; and planning and drafting considerations.

LAW 8617R Elder Law For Estate Planners Credit: 1
An examination of the legal tools available for the elderly client for decision-making, both health care and financial, in the event of incapacity, and asset preservation, including Medicare and Medicaid qualification. The course will cover the use of trust; durable powers of attorney, and advance directives for health care and living wills and the relationship to court guardianship.

LAW 8621 Evidence Credits: 3
General principles relating to proof of facts in civil and criminal trials; presumptions; order of proof; relevancy; judicial notice; real and demonstrative evidence; authentication; best evidence rule; hearsay; competency; impeachment; rehabilitation.

LAW 8631 Constitutional Law Credits: 4
Core issues relating to the U.S. Constitution, including the doctrine of judicial review, the powers of Congress and the President, limitations on state power, and judicial protection of individual rights.

LAW 8633 First Amendment Law Credits: 2-3
Basic themes and advanced problems relating to the law of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, including exploration of the values behind the protection, subservive advocacy, regulation of speech in the public forum, access to the media, regulation of the press, symbolic expression, libel, obscenity, commercial speech, picketing, right of association, loyalty oaths, legislative investigations and government demands for information, separation of church and state, free exercise of religion, state aid to the religious schools, regulation of religion-based conduct.

LAW 8633R Law and Religion Credits: 1-2
Explores the interaction of the legal system with religious beliefs and institutions. The course examines issues such as the establishment and free exercise clauses of the United States Constitution, the influence of religion in law making, and religion issues presented in famous trials.

LAW 8634 Criminal Law Credits: 3
Introduction to substantive criminal law, its role and purpose in our society; principles of liability, common law and statutory offenses; defenses; punishment.

LAW 8634I International Criminal Law Credits: 1-2
An introductory course in International Criminal Law focusing on the criminal prosecution of individuals under international law, primarily by international tribunals (or "hybrid" international/national tribunals) and secondarily by national tribunals applying international law. The course will include a consideration of aspects of criminal law that are common to most criminal legal systems, with a particular focus on those crimes that are "international," will revisit the concept of criminal jurisdiction, how it is acquired, and its limitations, such as immunity for heads of state and diplomats; and will examine the elements of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, as well as a few other crimes of international concern; and excuses or justifications under international law, such as self-defense and insanity.

LAW 8634K International Contract Law under the CISG Credit: 1
A study of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (the CISG), which provides a uniform system of contract principles for international sales transactions among the approximately 70 countries that have ratified the treaty. The class focuses on the applicability of the CISG, identifying for students how to avoid applicability by default; it also examines the basic contracting principles of formation, interpretation, and enforcement of contracts as governed by the CISG, utilizing both the treaty language as well as important recent decisions applying the CISG provisions.
LAW 8635 Criminal Procedure I Credits: 3
Introduction to the administration of criminal justice; constitutional rights of the accused; due process; privilege against self-incrimination; right to counsel; arrest, search, and seizure; wire-tapping; police interrogation and confessions; pre-trial identification procedures.

LAW 8635S Wrongful Convictions Credits: 2-3
An examination of the causes of wrongful convictions, a consideration of systemic reforms that might minimize convicting the innocent and a focus on recurring ethical issues that confront prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers. Students also will work with The Midwest Innocence Project on cases of possible actual innocence. This course provides an insider's look into the operation of the criminal justice system and is designed to help students gain insight into features of the criminal justice system that have a tendency to produce wrongful convictions. It should be of particular interest to any student interested in working in a prosecutor's office, public defender's office or for a firm doing defense work. It is a prerequisite for any student wishing to enroll in the Innocence Project clinic. Limited enrollment (normally, up to 16 students).

LAW 8635T Wrongful Convictions II Credits: 2-3
A follow-up class to Wrongful Convictions I, open only to students who have completed Wrongful Convictions I. The course will involve "hands on" work with cases that have passed through the first level of screening in Wrongful Convictions I with students receiving the transcripts and case documents in addition to the briefs and opinion in the case. Students will receive these documents and report on the likelihood that an inmate is innocent and the strategies available for pursuing the claim of innocence.

LAW 8636 Criminal Procedure II Credits: 2-3
Continuation of the study of the administration of criminal justice; exclusionary rules; bail; prosecutor's discretion; grand jury; preliminary hearing; jurisdiction, venue; joinder and severance of offenses and defendants; right to speedy trial; pleas of guilty; discovery; trial by jury; publicity; double jeopardy.

LAW 8636A Federal Trial Practice Credits: 2-3
A practical skills course involving consideration and application of the rules of procedure and evidence to civil and criminal cases brought in federal court, including, but not limited to the legal requirements of federal jury instructions, motions in limine, pretrial preparation, pretrial conferences, notice requirements, voir dire, opening statements, direct and cross, evidentiary foundations for exhibits, computerized and computer-related evidence, character and related evidence, witnesses (lay, lay opinion, summary, character, experts), and closing arguments.

LAW 8637R U.S. Attorney's Office Law Internship Credits: 1-3
Up to four students, under supervision of an Assistant United States Attorney, are selected as interns to work in the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri with members of the Strike Force, Narcotic Unit, General Crimes Unit or Civil Division. Activities include, legal research and writing, consisting of memoranda, motions and briefs; observations and participation in trials, pre-trial hearings and motions, as appropriate; and assistance with litigation. Students are expected to work a pre-approved schedule of six hours a week for fourteen weeks with a minimum of eighty hours a semester and to attend regular conferences with their supervising attorney and faculty supervisor.

LAW 8638R Entrepreneurial Lawyering: Solo And Small Firm Practice Credits: 3
Course will focus on law practice management for solo and small firms. Topics include organizational structure, firm management, fee setting and allocation, and effective and ethical marketing. Course includes attendance at the Missouri Bar Solo and Small Firm Conference.

LAW 8639 Legal Practice Technology Skills Credits: 1-3
This course will facilitate technology competencies for students for use in practice settings, regardless of the size or setting of the law firm, business, or agency. The course will familiarize students with the basic legal technologies necessary for the twenty-first century lawyer, but will also include word-processing, spreadsheet and database skills appropriate for the legal setting. More advanced portions of the course include computer-assisted drafting, file architecture design, security protocols, and client communications.

LAW 8639T Practice Management Technology Lab Credits: 2-3
Building on theory of the role technology in law practices, students will learn how to use document assembly software and learn to be proficient with other software with hands on exercises and work.

LAW 8641R Legislation Credits: 2-3
This course explores a variety of topics under the broad heading of "Legislation." Included among them are: electoral and representational structures, legislative drafting, canons of statutory interpretation, identifying and utilizing legislative history, the role of referendums and initiatives as a supplement to representative institutions, public choice theory, and other theories of legislation. The course also includes an opportunity for students to participate in the drafting of legislation for the Kansas for Missouri State legislatures. Paper optional.

LAW 8643F Advanced Legal Research: Foreign, Comparative and International Law Credit: 1
The course is designed to familiarize students with the basic resources of international law by taking an in-depth look at foreign and comparative law resources, teaching students how to utilize and think systematically about those resources and instructing students in the strategies and processes necessary to conduct scholarly research and practice international law. Students taking the course will improve their research competency in authorizing scholarly papers with a comparative or international perspective.

LAW 8643L Advanced Legal Research-Litigation Credit: 1
Prepares students who wish to focus on advocacy and litigation (including students in litigation with respect to Family Law and Urban, Land Use and Environmental law). The course is also intended to facilitate research for the student's legal research and writing requirement. The course will refresh and refine research skills, help students to think systematically about legal research, and familiarize students with applicable resources. As the final project, students will have the opportunity to develop an in-depth research "path finder" or guide for an approved topic of their own choosing.
LAW 8643T Advanced Legal Research: Transactional Law Credits: 1-2
Prepares students who wish to focus on transactional law. The course is also intended to facilitate research for the student's legal research and writing requirement, although it does not satisfy the writing requirement. The course will refresh and refine research skills, help students to think systematically about legal research, and familiarize students with applicable resources relevant to transactional law including business organizations, tax, pension, labor and employment, competitive business intelligence, real estate, securities, sale of businesses, etc. As the final project, students will have the opportunity to develop an in-depth research "path finder" or guide for an approved topic of their own choosing.

LAW 8650 Race and the Law Seminar Credits: 1-3
In-depth examination of the role that race plays in American society as a whole and in judicial decision-making in particular. Course will examine the effect of race on representative democracy, employment, education, housing, hate crimes, the legal profession, sex, popular culture, and other aspects of the law. Research paper.

LAW 8655 Public Defender Trials Internship Credits: 1-3
As permitted by Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13, senior law students, under supervision, handle cases referred from the Public Defender. Students enroll for two semesters and apply lawering skills to represent client, conduct weekly conferences, and attend lectures on criminal defense law and practice.
Prerequisites: LAW 8634.

LAW 8656 Public Defender Trials Internship Credits: 1-3
As permitted by Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13, senior law students, under supervision, handle cases referred from the Public Defender. Students enroll for two semesters and apply lawering skills to represent client, conduct weekly conferences, and attend lectures on criminal defense law and practice.
Prerequisites: LAW 8635, LAW 8621, LAW 8731.

LAW 8656A Missouri Attorney General's Office Internship Credits: 1-3
As permitted by Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13, second and third year law students, under supervision, work at the Attorney General's Office in Kansas City assisting with the duties and functions of the office provides the community. The internship provides formalized instruction, and individual mentoring and supervision from assistant attorney generals. Limited enrollment.
Prerequisites: Rule 13 certification.

LAW 8656C Jackson County Prosecutor Internship-Family Law Prosecution Credits: 1-3
As permitted by Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13, senior law students, under supervision, appear in court and assist the Jackson County Prosecutors Office, Child Support Division, in prosecuting cases involving paternity establishment and child support. Support services are provided without charge to custodial parents living in Jackson County. The internship provides formalized instruction, and individual mentoring and supervision from assistant prosecutor. Limited enrollment.
Prerequisites: LAW 8621, LAW 8635, LAW 8731, LAW 8751, Rule 13 certification.

LAW 8656F Federal Public Defender Internship Credits: 1-3
Students work in the Federal Public Defender's Office, under the supervision of the Federal Public Defender. Students prepare pleadings and represent federal indigent criminal defendants. Students will be expected to perform legal research, to write memoranda, motions and briefs, to observe and to appropriately participate in trials, pre-trial hearings, motion hearings and, in general, to assist in litigation. Students must meet eligibility requirements and be certified in compliance with the Local Federal Rules of Court. Students must have completed three semesters of law school and must be in the upper half of their class. Ungraded. Pass/Fail.

LAW 8656P Jackson County Prosecutor Internship Credits: 1-3
As permitted by Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13, senior law students, under supervision, appear in court and assist the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office with the duties and functions the office provides the community. Internship includes formalized instruction, and individual mentoring and supervision from assistant prosecutors. Limited enrollment.
Prerequisites: Rule 13 certification.

LAW 8662 Federal Court Internship Credits: 2-3
Second or third-year students serve in a clerkship with a judge or magistrate of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, or the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Students work at least 70 hours at the court, and attend review conferences over the course of the semester.

LAW 8662C Court Internship Credits: 1-6
Second or third-year students serve in an unpaid internship with a judge, magistrate, commissioner, or other judicial officer in individually arranged internships. Students reflect on their experience and provide samples of work product for review by supervising faculty.

LAW 8662F Family Court Internship Credits: 1-3
Second or third-year students will serve as law clerks to judges and commissioners in the family court of Jackson County. Internship involves required observational experiences, research and writing, and participation in the regular functioning of the court's processes.

LAW 8662M Missouri Court of Appeals Internship Credits: 2-3
Second or third-year students with a GPA of at least 3.0 serve in a clerkship with a judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals. Students work at least 70 hours at the court, and attend review conferences over the course of the semester. Ungraded. Pass/Fail.
LAW 8665A Animal Law Credits: 2
This course will begin with a brief overview of the philosophical and cultural issues underlying human/animal relationships, including basic theories of the legal systems responses to social change. Legal issues related to food animals, companion animals, laboratory animals, wild animals, and performing animals will be examined with reference to: (1) federal statutes (Animal Welfare Act, Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Wild Horses and Burros Act, Animal Damage Control Act, National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, Refuge Recreation Act, National Environment Police Act, and Humane Slaughter Act); (2) state statues (anti-cruelty, wills and trusts, hunting, racing and fighting statues); (3) local animal control regulations; and (4) extensive common law (standing, rights, free exercise of religion, property, landlord-tenant disputes, torts, marital dissolution and custody, and bailment).

LAW 8700 Trial Advocacy I Credits: 2
A practical skills course in advocacy which introduces students to the fundamental components of a typical civil and criminal trial and requires students to perform exercises involving each component and try a mock civil or criminal case from provided problem materials.

Co-requisites: LAW 8621.

LAW 8702 Conflict of Laws Credits: 2-3
Domicile; jurisdiction and limitations on the exercise of jurisdiction; judgments; full faith and credit; choice of law; conflicts problems in federal and international settings; conflicts problems in selected areas.

Prerequisites: LAW 8521.

LAW 8703 Trial Advocacy II Credits: 2-3
A practical skills course in the art of trial advocacy with an emphasis on technique, style, and methods of persuasion. During class sessions, students perform exercises involving the various stages of a law suit, and are critiqued on their performances. Following performance of the exercises, students are divided into teams and try a mock case in a trial competition, from which the Law School's National Trial Competition Teams are selected. The trials are evaluated by trial lawyers and federal or state judges. Limited enrollment.

Prerequisites: LAW 8700.

LAW 8704 Lawyering Skills Credits: 2-3
Interviewing and counseling; fact investigation; discovery; negotiation. Simulated videotaped exercises and drafting assignments.

Prerequisites: LAW 8521, LAW 8621.

LAW 8704A Lawyering Skills Competition-Appellate Credits: 1-4
This course is limited to students who represent the law school in faculty supervised regional, national or international lawyering skills competitions. These competitions require application of lawyering skills in a range of substantive law areas and intensive practice of lawyering skills, judged by faculty and practitioners in the field. Students enrolled in this course will be representing the school in various moot court appellate advocacy competitions. Students will research and draft briefs or equivalent advocacy documents, develop oral arguments, conduct practice oral arguments before a range of student, faculty, and practitioner judges, and represent the law school in regional national or international competitions.

LAW 8704C Lawyering Skills Competition-Client Counseling Team Credits: 1-2
The course is limited to students who represent the law school in faculty supervised regional, national or international lawyering skills competitions. Students enrolled in this course will be representing the school in the client counseling competitions. Students will research a problem from a range of areas of law and develop problem solving and client counseling strategies and documents and conduct mock client interviews.

LAW 8704I Lawyering Skills Competition Credits: 1-2
This course provides an overview of international commercial arbitration and focuses with more specifically on international investment protection law and bilateral investment treaty provisions. The course will provide preparation for the International LL.M. Commercial Arbitration Competition, but it is open to J.D. students.

LAW 8704N Lawyer Skills Competition-Negotiation Team Credits: 1-2
The course is limited to students who represent the law school in faculty supervised regional, national and international lawyering skills competitions, Students enrolled in this course will be representing the school in various negotiation competitions. Students will research a problem from a range of law and develop negotiation strategies and documents and conduct mock negotiations.

LAW 8704T Lawyer Skills Competition-Transactional Practice Teams Credits: 1-2
The course is limited to students who represent the law school in faculty supervised regional, national or international lawyering skills competition. Students enrolled in this course will be representing the school in various negotiation competitions and meets. Students will research a problem involving business transactions or tax and prepare analysis and problem solving strategies.

LAW 8705 Trial Advocacy III Credits: 2
Students, under the supervision of trial advocacy faculty, participate in trial competitions. Enrollment by invitation only.

Prerequisites: LAW 8700, LAW 8703.
LAW 8705I Comparative Advocacy in Ireland

This course will look into the comparative role of Advocacy both in the courtroom and the boardroom for European and U.S. systems. The course will introduce students to a comparative look at the basic structure and legal systems in Ireland and the US. The field of Advocacy is rapidly expanding as evidenced by the adoption of affirmative advocacy programs in Ireland as well as the U.S. An example of the topics covered include: A comparative overview of the Barrister/Solicitor and U.S. systems of justice. The students will be introduced to “access to justice” which is a comparative look at European and US approaches. The course will also focus on the prosecutions under both the European and US systems as well as a discussion of the influence of crimes on international trade, business and a comparative look at the role of advocacy in those systems. Students will be exposed to advocacy for persons with disabilities that include a comparative look at the Ireland and US systems with resulting effects on business and trade. Finally the course will involve review and discussion of the global considerations for Advocacy.

Prerequisites: Part of the Ireland Law Program.

LAW 8706 Complex Litigation

Credits: 2-3

As related to litigation of complex cases, study of special issues of party joinder and intervention, class action requirements and limitations, discovery, case management, and estoppel by verdict or judgment.

Prerequisites: LAW 8521, LAW 8522.

LAW 8707A Advanced Legal Writing: Practical Skills Development

Credits: 2-3

Preparation of students for writing problems commonly encountered in the first two years of law practice: jury instructions, general correspondence, opinion letters, simple contracts, litigation motions and pleadings including a complaint, answer and some discovery documents. Individual feedback provided.

LAW 8707B Advanced Legal Writing: Business Contract Drafting

Credits: 2-3

Preparation of transactional documents including, for example, confidentiality agreements, consulting agreements, employment agreements, technology licensing agreements.

Prerequisites: LAW 8501, LAW 8502, LAW 8601.

LAW 8707C Advanced Legal Writing: Litigation Drafting

Credits: 2-3

Preparation of litigation documents and pleadings, including complaint or petition; cross-claim, counterclaim or third-party petition; answer; discovery documents such as a set of interrogatories or requests to admit; dispositive motions; and settlement agreements.

Prerequisites: LAW 8521, LAW 8522.

LAW 8707E Advanced Legal Writing: Scholarly Writing

Credits: 1

Preparation of students for scholarly writing including independent study, law review, and seminar papers. Focus will be on topic identification and refinement; developing a thesis; research strategies including reiterative and mediated searching, systemic evaluation of resources, problem typing and solving, and resources for specific topics in the law; proper attribution and use of authority; developing a working draft; and creating a balanced, thorough, and carefully reasoned and supported analysis.

LAW 8707F Advanced Legal Writing: Appellate Brief Writing

Credits: 1

Preparation of federal and state court appellate briefs, including the jurisdictional statement; statement of the case; statement of facts; points relied on; statement of the issues presented; summary of the argument; argument; and responses and replies to arguments. Prepares students to outline and organize arguments; edit and revise written work; and finalize an appellate brief.

LAW 8707R Advanced Legal Research Administrative Regulations/Legislative History

Credits: 1

This semester-long intensive course will introduce students to the law, advocacy and execution of trial strategy in active litigation. The course will function as a unique clinical course, with a law school professor and local counsel serving as the supervising attorneys. The professor will select an active case in local litigation, preferably in its early stages. The students will be responsible, with supervision, for all areas of the litigation process from drafting pleadings, motions, discovery and attending depositions and trial.

LAW 8708 Master Clinical Advocacy

Credits: 3-4

Legal analysis, research and writing; instruction and discussion of the research and writing process and related topics in legal method and legal education; supervised production of an expository writing, advocacy writing and scholarly writing; development of research and writing exercises for use in the first-year Legal Writing Program and service as Teaching Assistants in the Program; limited enrollment.

LAW 8710 Lawyer Writing

Credits: 1-3

Preparation of students for the bar review and exam process with a focus on improving analytical skills to approach and do well on practice bar exam questions, including essay, multiple-choice, and performance questions. The course will cover specific topics tested on the bar exam with additional emphasis on refining memorization skills and learning how to self-assess understanding of concepts.

LAW 8711 Remedies

Credits: 2-3

Remedies for violation of legally protected interests; history and development of equity jurisdiction and modern equity practice; injunctions; declaratory judgments; rescission; reformation; restitution; contempt; damages.

Prerequisites: LAW 8521.
LAW 8712 Problems And Issues In The Death Penalty Credits: 1-2
Issues and problems in the administration of the death penalty; the Missouri capital sentencing scheme; constitutional limitations, statutory schemes, state review systems, procedural matters and collateral review of death sentences.

LAW 8713 Death Penalty Clinic Credits: 1-2
The post-conviction process of collateral review in death penalty cases; training in legal representation of the postconviction petitioner.
Co-requisites: LAW 8712.

LAW 8713C Capital Punishment in the Modern World: Constitutional & Human Rights Perspectives Credit: 1
A consideration of problems and issues in the death penalty, including the following topics: the historical and constitutional perspectives on the death penalty, the practical application of the death penalty in the United States; capital punishment and human dignity; and the future of capital punishment

LAW 8713P Wrongful Convictions Clinic Credits: 1-6
Students, under supervision, provide investigate and legal assistance to prisoners with persuasive actual innocence claims. Students meet weekly with the director of the program for training and evaluation. Assigned tasks depend on the needs of the Innocence Project, and may include interviewing potential clients, gathering records, investigating actual innocence claims, consulting with experts, drafting post-conviction and/or clemency pleadings, and appearing at court hearings. Clinical students work in conjunction with law and journalism students enrolled at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Limited enrollment (normally, 8 students).
Prerequisites: LAW 8634, LAW 8635, LAW 8635S.

LAW 8714 Gender and Justice Credits: 2-3
Students will examine and discuss legal issues of special importance to women. Topics will include (among others) sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, domestic violence, reproductive autonomy, and pornography. The course seeks to present each topic in its social context by supplementing legal readings with materials drawn from the social sciences, literature, and film. Paper required. Enrollment limited to fifteen students. 

LAW 8714C Gender and Justice: Selected Topics Credit: 1
Students examine and discuss, from a comparative perspective, legal issues that have a substantial impact on the construction of gender, paying particular attention to the laws of Ireland and the United States. Topics will include selected portions of some of the following issues: sex discrimination from an historical perspective in each country the constitutional standards for evaluation of sex discrimination; sexual harassment; domestic violence; reproductive rights; familial rights (same-sex marriage, divorce, and custody); feminist theory (equal treatment theory, cultural feminism, radical feminism, lesbian theory, racial essentialism, and theories of global gender equality); and depictions of gender in popular culture. The course seeks to present each topic in its social context by supplementing legal readings with materials drawn from the social sciences and literature.

LAW 8714G Gender, Race, Sexual Orientation, Religion & Film Credit: 1
A focus on the ways in which facets of identity (e.g., gender, race, sexual orientation and religious beliefs) are illuminated in films and other popular media that have implications for law and public policy, including how public sentiments are influenced by movies and other media and how movie portrayals of these identity characteristics shape popular conceptions of what the law should be in relation to them. Readings and discussions illuminate the ways various media both feed, and at times test, societal assumptions about identity characteristics.

LAW 8714R Assisted Reproduction Seminar Credits: 2-3
An in-depth examination of assisted reproduction from a legal perspective. The course will include interdisciplinary study of the development of reproductive technologies and the implications for law and regulation. The course will attempt to situate the legal discussion within the context of the changing science and the nature of the industry. Discussion will therefore consider the international development of the industry, the importance of determination of parenthood to its viability, potential exploitation of vulnerable patients, and the impact on the resulting children. Course topics will include consideration of the constitutional, family law and regulatory frameworks, posthumous reproduction, embryonic stem cell a research and human cloning.

LAW 8714S Sexuality and the Law Credit: 1
An examination of sexual orientation,sexuality,and the law. This course will introduce students to existing and emerging jurisprudence in these areas by examining case law with an eye toward how holdings in specific cases can be expanded or restricted in future litigation. The five-day course will examine the manner in which constructions of sexuality and sexual orientation have impacted the development of law in the areas of constitutional law (including speech and the right to privacy),employment,marriage,parenting,violence and military service.

LAW 8716 Cyberlaw and Information Policy Credits: 2-3
Survey of the areas of the law with existing or potential application to computers (such as contract law, intellectual property law, criminal law, tort law and constitutional law) highlighting the legal issues involved in the areas studied.

LAW 8720 Secured Transactions Credits: 3
Secured Transactions in personal property under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, function and form of a security agreement, process of perfecting a security interest, priority among unsecured parties; secured sales of goods under Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

LAW 8721 Commercial Transactions Credits: 3
Law of negotiable instruments; bank collections; Articles 3 and 4 of the Uniform Commercial Code; electronic funds transfers.
LAW 8723 Banking Law Seminar Credits: 2
Federal and state law governing banking activities; regulation of bank holding companies; formation of banks; the FDIC and FSLIC; interstate banking; deregulation of banking transactions; banking activities by non-banks; regulation of securities activities of banks. Paper required.

Prerequisites: LAW 8721.

LAW 8725 Water Law Credits: 2-3
Private acquisition of water rights through riparian ownership and prior appropriation; public rights to water existent in bed ownership easements and trusts; ground water management; water distribution organizations; federal allocation and control of water resources; interstate allocation.

LAW 8725E Energy Law Credits: 3
The course will deal with the legal, economic and environmental issues of energy production on federal lands and/or under federal jurisdiction. It will focus on a number of energy sources including: oil, coal, natural gas, oil shale, coal bed methane, geothermal, water, wind, and solar. It will also cover the special problems of hydraulic fracturing, air and water pollution, climate change spills, collapses, meltdowns and other disasters as well as liability for cleanup and reclamation.

LAW 8728 Law And The American Indian Credits: 2-3
An anthropological, historical and legal study of the American Indian, including a focus on American Indian traditional law and values, federal policy and current legal issues.

LAW 8729 Preservation Law Credits: 2-3
An exploration of the legal and economic issues impacting preservation of land, wilderness, buildings and archeological and historical sites, including a study of various federal and state preservation legislation, and private land use preservation measures.

LAW 8729C Cultural Preservation Law Credits: 3
This course will focus on Federal, State, and Local Law, directed at the preservation of Prehistoric, Historic, and Modern Culture. It will include sections on: The Values and Philosophy of Preservation, Archaeological Protection Law, the Native American Grave Protection and Reparation Law, Sacred Site Protection, Historic Protection in State and Local Government, the Takings Clause, Land trusts and Conservation Easements, Public-Private Partnerships and Modern Ethnic and Socio-economic Communities.

LAW 8730I Introduction to American Law & Culture Credits: 2-3
Introduction to the American legal system, including government structure, sources of law, common law development, and core substantive areas. Available to LL.M. international students only.

LAW 8731 Professional Responsibility Credits: 2
Code of Professional Responsibility and the Model Rules of Conduct; role of the lawyer as a professional; confidentiality; conflict of interest; zeal within the bounds of the law; competency; providing legal services.

LAW 8732C Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution Credits: 2-3
This course examines the impact of culture on the dispute resolution process. Cultural differences are most pronounced in the international arena, but are also seen in the domestic setting, especially in the US jurisdiction. Students will begin to develop a "cultural fluency" in their law and dispute resolution practice. The subject is timely, and discussion thereof will benefit especially international LLM students, and J.D. students with interests in alternative dispute resolution or international practice. Cross-cultural Dispute Resolution is a blend of both a "course" and a "seminar," as it includes lecture, skills discussion, small-group exercises, independent research and intensive writing. Successful completion of the required research paper will satisfy the research and writing requirement.

LAW 8732I Cross-cultural Business Negotiation Credits: 1-3
This course will introduce students to the foundations of negotiation with several opportunities to participate in negotiation simulations. Negotiation exercises will focus on international business transactions. To create opportunities for cross-cultural interaction and work experience, negotiation teams will, to the extent possible, pair American J.D. students with an international LL.M. students.

LAW 8732R Intro to the Resolution of International Commercial Disputes Credit: 1
This course will introduce students to international commercial dispute resolution. While all forms of dispute resolution will be considered, the course will focus on introducing the fundamentals of arbitration, the use of arbitration between European Union members to resolve commercial disputes, and the use of arbitration between EU members and non-member states to resolve commercial disputes.

LAW 8733 Children In The Law Credits: 2-3
The ways in which the legal system treats children differently from adults and the justifications for such treatment, who should make decisions for the child, decisional authority that should be granted to parents, children and the state in various contexts (e.g., abuse and neglect, health care for the child, foster care, adoption and education).

LAW 8733E Elder Law Credits: 2-3
A course providing a basic foundation for legal practice with older persons, including the following substantive topics: The Older Americans Act, the delivery of legal services to the elderly, ethical considerations, consumer protection, discrimination, Social Security and Supplementary Security Income, Medicare, Medicaid, capacity issues, guardianship and alternatives to guardianship, elder abuse and neglect, adult protective services, nursing homes, long term care, housing, healthcare decisions, end-of-life decisions, estate planning and grandparents' rights.
LAW 8733R Juvenile Offenders & The Law Credits: 2-3
An examination of our justice systems's historical treatment of juvenile delinquent and status offenders, and how the goals and objectives of the past have evolved into today's juvenile offender laws; the rights of juvenile offenders in contrast to those of adult criminals; pre-trial and trial procedural issues under the juvenile code; certification of the juvenile offender as an adult; dispositional/treatment alternatives for juvenile offenders; schools and the juvenile offender.

LAW 8734 Mediation Credits: 2
The process in which a neutral third party assists others in resolving a dispute or planning a transaction; introduction to the nature of the process, its possibilities and limitations, its current and future uses, and how lawyers can and should be involved in it; public policy and political issues surrounding the mediation movement; professional responsibility and malpractice.

LAW 8735 Seminar In Famous Trials Credits: 2-3
Historical and jurisprudential issues involved in a number of "political trials.

LAW 8735P Seminar In Pre-Twentieth Century Famous Trials Credit: 1
This seminar will explore six or seven of the most famous trials from ancient times to the end of the nineteenth century. The trials covered will vary from year to year, but will be taken from a list that includes the trials of Socrates, Jesus, Joan of Arc, Sir Thomas More, Galileo, the Salem witches, John Peter Zenger, the British soldiers charged in connection with the Boston Massacre, Aaron Burr, the slaves of the Amistad, John Brown, the Lincoln Assassination conspirators, Susan B. Anthony, the Haymarket rioters, Lizzie Borden, and Oscar Wilde. Each trial will be examined from many perspectives, both with an eye to deepening students' appreciation for history and their understanding of the tactical and ethical questions faced by attorneys involved in these famous cases. Materials for the seminar can be found on the Famous Trials website. Grades for the seminar will be based both on an in-class objective examination and a short paper addressing an issue raised in a famous pre-twentieth century trial.

LAW 8735R Law Of The European Union (Part I) Credit: 1
An in-depth study of the legal and political framework and institutions of the European Union; the Commission, Council of Ministers, Court of Justice, Court of Auditors, and the European Parliament. Course will examine the interlocking web of European treaties, the expansion of the European Union, the European Union as a trade block and Ireland as a gateway to the European Union for non-bloc nations.

LAW 8736 Debtor-Creditor Rights Credits: 2-3
Creditors' remedies and debtors' rights; provisional remedies; secured transactions (Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code); liens and exemptions; overview of bankruptcy law.

LAW 8737B Bioethics and Assisted Reproduction Credit: 1
This course will examine the regulation of assisted reproduction, focusing, in particular, on the determination of legal parenthood. The course will consider the legal determination of the status and disposition of embryos, the possibilities of transfer or donation, use of donor gametes, surrogacy, nuclear transfer, and interjurisdictional conflicts. In addressing these topics, the course will compare Ireland, a relatively conservative country on reproductive issues, with the UK with a mix of liberal and conservative approaches in the United States.

LAW 8737R Law Of The European Union (Part II) Credits: 2
An examination of the substantive and procedural law governing the member states of the European Community including such topics as the nature and application of European Union Law, the relationship between European Union and national laws, remedies in national courts, enforcement actions, damages and money claims, free movement of goods and workers competition laws, intellectual property, equal treatment of women and men, and non-discrimination.

LAW 8738 Immigration Law And Process Credits: 2-3
Admission, exclusion, deportation, and naturalization of aliens; structure and powers of relevant federal agencies; categories of immigrant and non-immigrant visas and visa application procedures; asylum, extradition, and refugee status; rights of aliens; public policy issues and proposals for reform; practical problems in immigration.

LAW 8738C Employer Immigration Compliance Plans, Policies & Procedures Credits: 1-2
A practical lawyering skills course in which students learn how to help employers comply with employer immigration compliance requirements in order to avoid possible non-compliance fines, forfeiture of business and personal assets, and jail terms. This course includes an overview of the applicable immigration law and instructs in such matters as corporate client interviewing; Form I-9 Employment Eligibility Form; E-Verify and FAR E-Verify for federal contractors; ICE Best Employment Practices, drafting employer immigration compliance plan, policies and procedures; I-9 Self-Audits, and defending a corporate client in I-9 inspections/investigations by ICE/DHS.

LAW 8738P Immigration Law and Policy Credits: 2-3
A focus on the historical development of immigration law in the United States and fundamental questions of immigration policy. Immigration bills in Congress have been the subject of heated debate, particularly in recent years. This course provides a historical, statutory, and theoretical background for evaluating such proposals. Students will evaluate proposed federal and state legislation across the country and immigration reforms in foreign countries. Particular emphasis will be placed on post-9/11 reforms and the relationship between immigration law and the war on terrorism. The subject matter is useful for the student who intends to practice immigration law, as well as for the non-specialist interested in Immigration law as a policy matter.
LAW 8738R Chinese Law Credits: 4.5

LAW 8738Y Immigration Law & The Violence Against Women Act Credit: 1
A practical lawyering skills course in which students learn how to help abused immigrant women and children to apply for permanent residence in the United States, and how to help victims of violent crimes to apply for legal status. The course includes a short overview of the applicable immigration law and instructs in such matters as client interviewing; analysis of cases; working with victim advocates and experts; drafting affidavits, evidence indexes, petitions, motions and supporting documents; preparation of checklists for clients, case flowcharts, and case timelines; the review and development of evidence; and the drafting of letters to clients and the government.

LAW 8740A Missouri Appellate Procedure Credits: 1-2
Practical application of Missouri appellate procedure rules: appellate jurisdiction, what is appealable and when, appellate case process and the interplay between statutes, Missouri Court Rules and Missouri case law with regard to appellate issues.
**Prerequisites:** Law 8522 Civil Procedure II.

LAW 8740C The Missouri Supreme Court & Constitution Credit: 1
In four of the five sessions, students will study a single case that is currently pending before the Missouri Supreme Court or has very recently been decided by it. Each case will be selected because it raises important issues under the Missouri Constitution or because it illustrates an important aspect of the Supreme Court's function in our judicial system. The students will read the briefs and (in some cases) a small amount of related material before the class session. The class will discuss the issues raised by the briefs and listen to the actual oral argument of the case. As part of the discussion, students will be introduced to the way the Supreme Court functions. One session will ordinarily consist of a trip to the Supreme Court in Jefferson City to observe the Court (if it is in session) and to meet with one or more its members. This session will be scheduled on whichever day best fits with the Court's schedule.

LAW 8740M Missouri Civil Procedure Credits: 2-3
Selected problems in Missouri civil procedure under Missouri statute and rules. Topics may include venue and personal jurisdiction, pleading and motion practice rules on joinder of parties and claims, statutes of limitation, trial procedure, post-trial motions, appellate procedure, discovery, and preclusion.

LAW 8742 International Law Study Trip Credits: 0.5-2
Study field trip series which provides supplementary field experience supporting classroom international and comparative law coursework. Nature of field experience will vary depending on the companion course.
**Prerequisites:** by permission.

LAW 8743 Global Legal Systems Credits: 1-3
A study of different legal traditions and systems, mainly within the Civil and the Common Law traditions, focusing on each tradition's history, legal structures, legal actors, procedures, and sources of law. Non-Western Legal traditions such as Islamic, Jewish, Hindu and Indigenous Law may also be considered, time permitting.

LAW 8743C Comparative Criminal Law Credit: 1
A comparative analysis of criminal law jurisprudence in the United States and Europe (especially Ireland and the United Kingdom) with respect to the exclusionary rule, the death penalty, the jury system and the reintegration of ex-offenders into society.

LAW 8743I Ireland Program: Selected Topics in Comparative Law Credits: 1-2
This course addresses a focused area of law from a comparative perspectives of United States, Ireland, and/or EU legal systems.
**Prerequisites:** part of Ireland Study Abroad Program

LAW 8743L Comparative Health Law Credit: 1
An examination of how the legal systems of several other nations address particular aspects of health law. Specifically, the focus of this course is on patent rights with respect to the health care they receive. This will include, for example, consideration of patent rights when the care received has caused injury due to professional negligence. If time permits, it will also look at how other legal systems address the controversial issues surrounding the "right to die" as well as assisted suicide and euthanasia.

LAW 8745 Law Review Credits: 1-3
Editorial work in connection with the "UMKC Law Review." Open to students selected on basis of scholarship. Ungraded.

LAW 8745R Law Review Board Credits: 1-5
The members of the Law Review Editorial Board edit articles and student notes and comments for publication in the University of Missouri Kansas City Law Review; and shepherd the articles and student pieces through the production process.

LAW 8745S UMKC All Journal Staff Credits: 1-4
Staff members of all UMKC School of Law journals (The Urban Lawyer, Law Review, Journal of the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, etc.) received credit for writing case notes, annotations, and statutory developments, for editing articles, for editing comments and book reviews, and for participation. Ungraded.
LAW 8746 Research & Writing Requirement Credits: 2
Completion of a paper of publishable quality, demonstrating intensive research and analysis under faculty supervision.

LAW 8746B Bridging the Research Gap: From Classroom to Practice Credit: 1
Research training, including firsthand observation at a courthouse of how a case moves through the legal system and hands-on use of print and electronic research tools for problem solving and analysis of results to help students make the transition from doing legal research for the classroom to the practice setting. Students will use Lexis’ Total Litigator package of resources; Westlaw sources for transactional research; sources for legislative history, administrative law and secondary sources; and learn to develop research strategies and how to analyze the results for each.

LAW 8746C Court Internship Credits: 1-4
Second or third-year students serve in a clerkship with a judge, magistrate, commissioner, or other judicial officer in individually arranged internships.

LAW 8746I Internship Credits: 3
Second or third-year students serve in an unpaid internship with a supervising attorney in a government or non-profit practice in individually arranged internships. Students reflect on their experience and provide samples of work product for review by supervising faculty.

Prerequisites: 28 J.D. credit hours completed

LAW 8746R Independent Study Credits: 0.5-3
Independent study, including research and writing projects, under faculty supervision.

LAW 8746W Introduction to Workers’ Compensation Law and Practice Credits: 1-2
An introduction to the general history and purpose of the workers’ compensation laws with a particular emphasis on Missouri law. Students will be presented with and guided through actual workers’ compensation problems which will introduce them to the practical aspects of the practice in this specialized area. With permission from Jefferson City and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the students will be exposed to actual workers’ compensation hearings, mediations and other courtroom practices held at the law school and presided over by an Administrative Law Judge.

LAW 8747 Introduction to Appellate Advocacy Credit: 1
Preparation of memorandum (points relied on and summary of argument); presentation of two arguments before practicing attorneys.

LAW 8748 Appellate Advocacy - Ellison Moot Court Competition Credits: 2
Ellison Moot Court Competition; preparation of an appellate brief and presentation of two oral arguments before federal and state judges. Open to the 16 finalists from Appellate Advocacy II. Ungraded.

Prerequisites: 8747 Intro to Appellate Advocacy.

LAW 8749 Field Placement Seminar: Learning from Practice Credits: 1-2
Learning from Practice is a seminar (tied to a field placement) devoted to the development of lawyering skills and professional judgment. Seminar activities are designed to build professional and lawyering skills that will assist students as they perform fieldwork and observe a live practice environment. The seminar will explore dimensions of professional development of an effective lawyer, including the capacity for reflection, deliberate skill acquisition, and ability to form meaningful professional relationships.

Prerequisites: 30 credit hours toward JD.

Co-requisites: Concurrent enrollment in a field placement course or instructor permission.

LAW 8750 Urban Lawyer Staff Credit: 1
Staff members of the Urban Lawyer receive credit for writing case notes, annotations, and statutory developments, for editing articles, for editing comments and book reviews, and for participation in urban legal conferences. Research Editors of the Urban Lawyer receive additional credit for writing a major article or comment for publication in the journal. Ungraded.

LAW 8750B Urban Lawyer Board Credits: 1-5
Members of the Urban lawyer Editorial Board, articles that are submitted and coordinates student written case digests and comments for publication in The Urban lawyer. The members of the board ensure the articles and student pieces conform to publication standards and work the articles through the production process. Board members must take at least one credit in the fall semester and can carry over the remaining allocated credits to the winter semester. Ungraded.

LAW 8750C Municipal Internship Credits: 1-6
Second or third-year students serve in internship in a department of city government providing legal or regulatory functions. Students reflect on their experience and produce written work product for review by supervising faculty.

Prerequisites: by selection

LAW 8751 Family Law Credits: 2-3
Pre-marital contracts; marriage; annulment; paternity; parent and child; divorce; alimony; division of property; separation agreements; adoption.

LAW 8751D Divorce Procedure and Practice Credits: 1-3
This course will focus on basic doctrine and procedure of divorce, child custody and related financial issues using Missouri law as the template. Students will perform a simulation of a divorce from initial client interview to judgement, including trial and mediation of the issues. Course includes attendance at the Missouri Bar Family Law Conference.
LAW 8751F Family Law & Film Credit: 1
An exploration of the function of family law and lawyers in society by examining legal decisions, statutes and legal commentaries in the context of films, including classic, contemporary mainstream, foreign, documentary and independent films. The seminar entails participants viewing a film followed by discussion. During the discussion session students will critique the film in light of assigned reading materials. Using films as analytical tools, the seminar examines the ways in which pop culture products (such as film and television) both reflect and change the social views about family law and lawyers. A pass/fail course.

LAW 8751S Family Violence Credits: 2-3
An in-depth examination of family violence from a legal perspective. Course topics will include interdisciplinary study of the dynamics and psychology of family violence, of historical and social policies, specialized problems of family violence (including intimate partner violence, child abuse and neglect, gay and lesbian battering, and elder abuse) and legal responses. Students will receive practical training in safety planning, intake, review of community resources, case logistics, and advocacy for temporary orders.

Prerequisites: Rule 13 certification.

LAW 8752R Family Law Practice Credits: 2
A practical skills course in family law in which students participate in all phases of family law practice, including the initial client interview; the drafting of questionnaires, pleadings, motions custody and discovery plans, support and maintenance proposals, orders and other documents; negotiation, and preparation for litigation. Students work in teams and perform exercises which simulate "real world" situations.

Prerequisites: LAW 8751.

LAW 8752S Child & Family Services Clinic Credits: 1-6
Students represent the clients in obtaining legal rights to custody of children who are currently in foster care or otherwise under the authority of the Department. Students work under the supervision and direction of clinic faculty and faculty directors, receiving classroom instruction in the substantive law and procedure governing juvenile court actions.

Prerequisites: Rule 13 certification.

LAW 8753 International Law Credits: 2-3
Survey of international legal studies; nature and role of international law, its effectiveness in dealing with international problems and its application in domestic jurisdictions.

LAW 8753L Transnational Litigation & Arbitration Credits: 2-3
Legal issues involved when litigation crosses international borders, including such issues as: International service of process, international discovery, extraterritoriality, sovereign defenses and foreign legal environments (courts, lawyers, clients, laws).

LAW 8754 International Business Transactions Credits: 2-3
Legal problems encountered in international business; jurisdiction and choice of law; enforcement of judgments; methods of protecting foreign investments; extra-territorial application of United States regulations, e.g. anti-trust law.

LAW 8757 Business Planning Credits: 2-3
Problem-method study of choice of entity and various other legal issues and planning challenges in forming a closely held business entity and in private and public financing of an existing enterprise. The course includes practical training from drafting organizational documents to conducting simulated client interviews and providing written advice concerning hypothetical transaction. Limited enrollment.

LAW 8757L Special Topics In Entrepreneurial Lawyering Credits: 2
Examination of issues related to ethical and effective management and marketing of law practice, emphasizing solo and small firm practice. Topics will vary from year to year, but will generally address issues such as forms of practice, dissolution of practice, practice management systems (including technology assistance), human resources management, advertisement and solicitation, insurance and malpractice.

LAW 8757N Entrepreneurship & New Venture Creation Credits: 3
Jointly-taught by Law School and Bloch (Business) School faculty, this interdisciplinary course provides education in entrepreneurship to a combined class of students from law, business, engineering and perhaps other graduate-level disciplines. Using a combination of readings lectures, electronic blackboard discussions, team business planning projects and presentations, and individual presentations on selected topics, the Course is designed, from a law student's perspective, to both (1) familiarize the student with substantive knowledge of issues from multiple disciplines involved in creating a new venture to commercialize technology and (2) train law students in techniques designed to effectively communicate and resolve legal issues inherent in such projects in a collaborative manner with clients and their advisors from other disciplines.
LAW 8757R Entrepreneurial Law & Practice Clinic Credits: 2-3
Under faculty supervision, students will counsel start-up companies and their owners and implement business planning advice by drafting articles of incorporation and organization, by-laws, partnership agreements and other business contracts. Other business-related matters ranging from regulatory, consumer, licensing, and taxation requirements; copyrights, trademark, and patent creation; and 501(C)(3) applications for non-profits may also be covered in this course. Clinic students will also receive classroom instruction in the areas of client counseling and business planning and drafting of business documents.
Prerequisites: LAW 8721, Rule 13 certification.

Co-requisites: LAW 8731.

LAW 8757V Social Entrepreneurship Ventures Credit: 1

LAW 8758S Securities Regulation Credits: 2-3
Problem and policy method study of the Securities Act of 1933 and selected aspects of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; financing of an enterprise; reorganizations; tender offers; proxy regulation; and securities fraud claims.

LAW 8760 Insurance Credits: 2
Life, fire, accident, and liability insurance; nature of insurance; nature of insurance contract; special rules of construction; standard policy provisions; regulation of insurance industry.

LAW 8761M Law, Medicine & Bioethics Credits: 2-3
A study of bioethics and selected legal and ethical issues in medicine with focus on decision-making at the beginning and end of life; reproductive rights and assisted reproductive technologies; the patient-provider relationship (fiduciary, treatment, confidentiality, and disclosure obligations); physician obligations of informed consent and patient care issues; potential hospital and physician liability for medical malpractice; and end of life decision-making (withdrawal and refusal of life sustaining treatment by individuals and their surrogates) and physician-assisted suicide.
Prerequisites: LAW 8521 Civil Procedure I, Law 8522 Civil Procedure II, Law 8511 Torts, Law 8531 8532 Lawyering Skills I II.

LAW 8762 Personal Injury Tort Practice And Procedure Credits: 1-3
Advanced treatment of law of negligence; right of recovery and defenses; practice and procedure in negligence cases, including case intake, pre-discovery investigation, settlement demand packages and other communications with opposing counsel, injury petitions, initial discovery, depositions, retention of experts, pre-trial motions, and mediation.
Prerequisites: LAW 8521 Civil Procedure I, Law 8522 Civil Procedure II, Law 8511 Torts, Law 8531 8532 Lawyering Skills I II.

LAW 8763 Labor Law Credits: 2-3
Regulation of labor relations pursuant to the national Labor Relations Act, focusing on the establishment of collective bargaining relationships, unfair labor practices, collective bargaining, strikes, picketing and pre-emption.

LAW 8764 Administrative Law Credits: 1-3
Introduction to the administrative process; role, function, and processes of administrative agencies; policy issues of administrative government; judicial review.

LAW 8764D Food, Drug & Biotechnology Law Credits: 2-3
This course will focus primarily upon the regulation of food, drugs and the products of biotechnology, such as biologic drugs and genetically modified plants and animals. Much of the course will pertain to FDA law, but will also consider the roles of other regulatory agencies such as the EPA and USDA, and the interaction of state and federal law. This area of the law provides an interesting vehicle for exploring the adoption of interpretation of statutory law, the notice and comment rule-making process, administrative law and judicial review of administrative decisions, and the interplay of science, policy and the law.

LAW 8765 Federal Jurisdiction Credits: 2-3
Federal court system and jurisdiction of the federal courts; diversity of citizenship; removal of cases from state to federal courts; conflicts between state and federal judicial systems; original and appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.
Prerequisites: LAW 8521.

LAW 8766 Land Use Law Credits: 2-3
Legal and administrative aspects of land use and the problems and techniques of urban planning; statutory anti-nuisance devices; controlling land use by private methods (restrictive covenants, easements, and servitudes); zoning; subdivision controls; public acquisition of land; building and housing; urban renewal and redevelopment; environmental quality control (air, water, and conservation); relationship of lawyers, planners, private builders, and owners to governmental policies.

LAW 8767 Land Title Clinic Credits: 1-6
Under supervision, students provide legal assistance to The Land Bank to bring quiet title actions and pursue other legal strategies necessary to return vacant and abandoned properties to productive use.
Prerequisites: Rule 13 eligibility.
LAW 8768 National Labor Relations Board Internship Credits: 1-3
One-semester clinic in which students will be assigned to the Kansas City Office of the National Labor Relations Board. Under the direction and supervision of the Regional Director, the students will participate in the investigation and prosecution of unfair labor practice charges filed by employers, unions and employees. The students may participate in conducting elections to determine whether employees shall be represented by a union. The students will also assist in Federal District Court litigation to obtain injunctions against NLRA violations. Tasks will include document review, witness interviewing, research and case preparation. Bi-weekly conferences with faculty supervisor and log of clinic activities also required.
Prerequisites: LAW 8763.

LAW 8768R Department Of Labor Internship Credits: 1-3
Students work with the solicitor’s Office of the United States Department of Labor assisting attorneys enforcing federal labor statues, including the Fair Labor Standards Act, OSHA, ERISA, and the Davis-Bacon Act. Under the supervision of the Deputy Regional Solicitor, students perform legal research relating to enforcement actions, draft discovery requests review documents, participate in client and staff conferences, and assist in the investigation of violations. Clinic participants maintain a log of their activities and have bi-weekly conferences with the faculty supervisor to review and evaluate their clinic experiences and research work product.

LAW 8769 Law & Poverty Credits: 1-3
Selected problems arising out of the relation of the law to the poor and its effect upon the individual and the family structure; income maintenance (e.g., welfare, social security); discrimination in employment and housing; delivery of professional services (legal, health); administrative and judicial remedies.

LAW 8770 State And Local Government Law Credits: 2-3
Structure, powers, and divisions of local governments in metropolitan areas; role and powers of cities, counties, towns, school and special districts; decentralized and neighborhood governmental units and other local governmental units; legislative, home-rule, and constitutional sources of power; sovereign immunity; boundary adjustments; public employee relations; citizen participation; reapportionment; licensing and permits; ethics and public access to records; regional governance; intergovernmental cooperation; interstate compacts and authorities; function of local government with reference to solution of problems created by urban growth; role of judicial, administrative, and political processes.

LAW 8771 Public Finance Credits: 2-3
Fiscal, economic, and taxation problems and powers of local government in metropolitan areas; constitutional limitations; spending and public finance; property taxes; special assessments and exactions; interstate tax acts; local income taxes; debt financing; debt adjustment; public expenditures and contracts; financing education.

LAW 8773 Environmental Law Credits: 2-3
This course covers law developed to control pollution and to protect our country’s physical environment. The course provides introductions to ecological theories and to early common law efforts to protect the environment. But the course mainly focuses on current environmental statues (for instance, the Superfund Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act) and on current federal constitutional issues involving the environment. (Priorities in this mix may vary from year to year, depending on current events and related course offerings). Enforcement policies, citizen activism the needs of private industry, and the administrative process are also considered.

LAW 8773C Environmental Compliance Auditing and Permitting Credits: 3
This course provides students with an overview of the key federal environmental statutes and their inter-relationships, including consideration of the Clean Water Ace, the Clean Air Act, the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Ace and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Students will learn about inspections, enforcement and liability; environmental management systems and auditing; and generally, how Congress and the EPA formulate environmental laws and regulations and about the roles in the process of the legislature, the regulators, the regulated communities, citizens and public interest groups.

LAW 8773N Negotiating SuperFund Settlements Credits: 1-2
This course will engage students in the simulated resolution of one or more Superfund cases, with a particular focus on the skills required for negotiated resolution of these matters.

LAW 8773R Environmental Law Internship Credits: 1-3
Students perform clinic activities at the United States Army Environmental Office, including performing legal research, writing position papers, attending state and federal regulatory hearings, participating in planning conferences and assisting with litigation. Students are supervised by the Central Regional Environmental Chief Coordinating Attorney and attend regular conferences with a faculty supervisor who reviews copies of all clinic written work that may be so reviewed under the United States Army Environmental Office rules.
Prerequisites: LAW 8773 (or LAW 8764).

LAW 8773T Environmental & Toxic Torts Credits: 2-3
An advanced torts course about compensation for damages caused by toxic contamination. It will address advanced theories of nuisance, trespass, negligence and strict liability. Particular emphasis will be given to proof and causation problems, and to novel and evolving legal theories for recovery. The course will also consider the problems posed by multiple parties, vicarious liability, and the interaction between common law and statutory remedies. The content will be tailored to supplement the environmental law curriculum.

LAW 8774 Citizen Suits under the Endangered Species Act Credit: 1
This course will cover the citizen suit provision of the Federal Endangered Species Act, walk-through an example case from initiation to settlement, and consider possible reform to meet the goals of the statute.
Prerequisites: Civil Procedure I II.
LAW 8775 Appellate Advocacy National Moot Court Competition Credits: 1-2
Participation on National Moot Court competition team. Ungraded.
Prerequisites: LAW 8748, Ellison Moot Court Competition.

LAW 8778 American Academy Matrimonial Lawyers Board Credits: 2
Under direction of professor, students provide editorial assistance in publishing Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, write a paper on selected topics and prepare summaries and bibliography of current works. Limited enrollment.

LAW 8782R U.S. Environment Protection Agency Law Internship: National Agricultural Compliance Assistance Center Credits: 1-3
Students will be assigned to work with EPA’s National Agriculture Compliance Assistance Center (AG Center). Under the supervision of an attorney with the AG Center, a student will be expected to perform legal research, write memoranda, develop compliance assistance materials, respond to inquiries from the regulated community, and participate as appropriate in meetings, conferences, and training sessions with EPA, other federal agencies, trade associations, etc., and, in general, assist in the activities of the AG Center. Students must have completed three semesters of law school. Preference will be given to students who have completed Environmental Law or administrative Law. Eligible interested students will then be screened and selected.

LAW 8782S U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Internship, Region VII Credits: 1-3
Students will be assigned to work at the EPS’s Region VII Headquarters in Kansas City, Ks. Under the supervision of an EPA attorney, students will be expected to perform legal research, write memoranda, develop compliance assistance materials, respond to inquiries from the regulated community, and participate as appropriate in meetings, conferences, and training sessions with the EPA. Students will attend regular conferences with their Supervising Attorney and Faculty Supervisor, and will produce a final written project based on their experience. Students must have completed two semesters of law school. Preference will be given to students who have completed an environmental course at the Law School. Eligible students will be screened and selected. Positions limited. Ungraded, pass/fail.

LAW 8783 Federal Public Land & Resource Law Credits: 2-3
Exploitation and conservation of natural resources; management of federal lands; water law; energy law; federal wildlife preservation; resolution of disputes involving use of natural resources.

LAW 8783B Buffalo National River: Issues in National Park Law & Management Credit: 1
Specialized study of topics in natural resources law as it relates to the Buffalo National River in northern Arkansas. Students will explore the history of the Buffalo River; the state and federal laws in operation governing the park (e.g., the wild and scenic rivers act, the endangered species act, national historic preservation, etc.); and planning and management issues presented by the multiple uses of the area and its surroundings.

LAW 8783P Preservation of Land & Natural Resources Credits: 2-3
This course will provide a survey of the law and policy of land and natural resource management, with an emphasis on preservation, conservation and sustainability.

LAW 8788A Introduction to Arbitration & Selected Topics Credits: 1-2
Exploration of selected topics in the field of commercial arbitration in the United States, including the doctrinal foundation of arbitration in the common law as modified by Federal and State statutes, the comparative benefits and drawbacks of arbitration as compared to litigation, the legal requirements for enforcing arbitration agreements in the resolution of employment, consumer, healthcare and commercial disputes, the standards for compelling arbitration, and confirming, correcting or vacating arbitration awards, the role of substantive law in determining the outcome of arbitrated disputes, and consideration of how the arbitration process can be customized to meet special needs.

LAW 8790 Legal Aid Internship Credits: 1-3
Internship at offices of Legal Aid of Western Missouri. Students receive instruction in basic poverty law representation and techniques for experiential learning and, depending on placement, are given supervised instruction and practice opportunities in client counseling, fact investigation and discovery, case preparation and pleadings, community advocacy and trial techniques. Faculty and Legal Aid attorney supervision. Limited enrollment.

LAW 8791 Civil Rights Credits: 2-3
Elements of a Section 1983 case, enforceable rights and available defenses; procedural aspects of civil rights cases; suits against federal and state governments.
Prerequisites: LAW 8631.

LAW 8792S U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Internship, Region VII Credits: 1-3
Students will be assigned to work at the EPS’s Region VII Headquarters in Kansas City, Ks. Under the supervision of an EPA attorney, students will be expected to perform legal research, write memoranda, develop compliance assistance materials, respond to inquiries from the regulated community, and participate as appropriate in meetings, conferences, and training sessions with the EPA. Students will attend regular conferences with their Supervising Attorney and Faculty Supervisor, and will produce a final written project based on their experience. Students must have completed two semesters of law school. Preference will be given to students who have completed an environmental course at the Law School. Eligible students will be screened and selected. Positions limited. Ungraded, pass/fail.

LAW 8792R U.S. Environment Protection Agency Law Internship: National Agricultural Compliance Assistance Center Credits: 1-3
Students will be assigned to work with EPA’s National Agriculture Compliance Assistance Center (AG Center). Under the supervision of an attorney with the AG Center, a student will be expected to perform legal research, write memoranda, develop compliance assistance materials, respond to inquiries from the regulated community, and participate as appropriate in meetings, conferences, and training sessions with EPA, other federal agencies, trade associations, etc., and, in general, assist in the activities of the AG Center. Students must have completed three semesters of law school. Preference will be given to students who have completed Environmental Law or administrative Law. Eligible interested students will then be screened and selected.

LAW 8793A Health Law 1: Liability and Quality Issues in Health Care Credits: 2-3
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LAW 8793B Health Law II: Regulation, Organization and Finance Credits: 2-3
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LAW 8796 Economics And The Law Credits: 2-3
Tools of economic analysis which have particular application in the law; equity and efficiency are weighed in regulation, pollution, discrimination, monopoly, financial markets, human resources and government expenditure and taxation policy. Principles will be introduced and expanded upon using both lecture and case study techniques.
LAW 8797 Business Torts and Unfair Competition Credits: 2-3
The common law applicable to relations between businesses that compete against each other or that cooperate with each other in the production and distribution of the same product. Tort, contract and property law principles as remedies not available in parallel statutory schemes, such as the antitrust or patent laws. Statutes that codify the common law or create statutory procedures or remedies for common law rights.

LAW 8798 Copyright Law Credits: 2-3
Protection extended to works of authorship including literacy works, computer programs, works of applied art, sound recordings, photographs, etc. under U.S. copyright law. How protection for works is achieved, the nature of rights protected, transfer of rights, and infringement actions. Related common law rights that may exist under doctrines such as implied contract, unfair competition, right of privacy, and right of publicity.

LAW 8798A Art Law Credits: 2-3
This course examines several key topics related to the protection of visual arts, including copyright and moral rights and their intersection with First Amendment protection.

LAW 8800 Legal Research Thesis Credits: 1-8
Research for LL.M. thesis.

LAW 8808 Intellectual Property Law Credits: 2-3
Substantive and procedural law of intellectual property. Coverage includes copyrights and patents and other areas at the option of the instructor.

LAW 8808I International Intellectual Property Credit: 1
This course focuses on the main principles of protection and obligations of the signatories to the World Trade Organization Trade Related Intellectual Property Agreement (GATT/TRIP’s) - in particular focusing on the main intellectual property and Industrial property rights, including (1) Copyright, (2) Performers Rights, (3) Patents, (4) Trade Marks, and (5) Related rights such as unfair competition and the protection of geographical indications; and addresses what the obligations are that are imposed on signatories in respect of protection and enforcement of these rights.

LAW 8808L Intellectual Property Licensing Credits: 2-3
This course provides for advanced engagement with intellectual property concepts while also providing training in practical skills. The course will first entail reminding students of the differences among the three essential areas of intellectual property law (copyright, patent, and trademark) and indentifying how these differences translate into different standard license agreements. Additionally, students will consider the challenges in drafting a consolidated license agreement that transfers interests in multiple types of intellectual property. Second, the course will include considerable practice for students in drafting contract language.

LAW 8808S Intellectual Property Remedies Credits: 2-3
This course will explore the remedies available to intellectual property owners and the protections available to those accused of infringing copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets and patents. The course will delve into issues of how rapidly advancing technology has made it more difficult to apply the current remedies and explore whether they go too far or not far enough in protecting owners of intellectual property. It will also help students recognize that case evaluation does not end after analyzing whether liability exists.

LAW 8813 Employment Discrimination Law Credits: 2

LAW 8813E Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Internship Credits: 1-4
Under the supervision of EEOC Regional Attorneys, students will work in the Legal Department at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s Kansas City, Kansas office. Students will conduct research and draft legal documents and observe and participate in the commission's dispute resolution processes.

Prerequisites: 45 credit hours 2.8 GPA

LAW 8814E Unemployment Compensation Clinic - Appellate Practice Credits: 2
Students represent applicants before the western district court of appeals in their appeals from denial of unemployment compensation. Students attend training sessions to learn relevant substantive and procedural law of unemployment compensation, and then assist in reviewing files to select cases for appeal and contacting potential clients, review records and transcripts of the selected cases, meet with the clients, research and write the brief and reply briefs, and argue the cases on appeal.

Prerequisites: LAW 8747, Rule 13 certification.

LAW 8814R Employment Law Credits: 2-3
Survey of legal doctrines regulating the employment relationship, including the regulation of wages, hours and benefits; privacy in the workplace; workers’ compensation; suits for unjust dismissal; drug and polygraph testing; and sexual harassment. May be offered as a seminar.

LAW 8814U Unemployment Compensation Clinic - Hearings Practice Credits: 1-3
Students represent claimants in administrative hearings appealing denials of their unemployment compensation claims. Students interview and counsel clients, investigate their cases, prepare evidence, and advocate for the clients in these hearings.

LAW 8815 Products Liability Credits: 2-3
Theory and practice in products liability cases; negligence; misrepresentation; strict liability; theories of product defect; applicability of the Uniform Commercial Code including warranties and disclaimers; actions among members of the distribution chain.
LAW 8815R Disabilities And The Law Credits: 2-3
An interdisciplinary study of the law relating to disabled persons in the areas of employment, education, and access to transportation, health, welfare and social services to provide an understanding of how the law affects individuals with disabilities and public and private entities. Legislation considered include the American with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Family and Medical leave Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, and the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The enrollment of graduate students from other disciplines, such as education, business, and health sciences is encouraged to allow for interdisciplinary discussion of the topics involved.

LAW 8815S Leadership In Disability Studies: A Multidisciplinary Approach Credits: 3-4
An overview of the history of disability issues, some individualized perspectives of persons with disabilities, the rationale for interdisciplinary approaches regarding disability studies, and opportunities for leadership development with regard to disability issues. The students will participate in a forum that encourages reflection, exchange of ideas, interaction with persons with disabilities and persons from various fields of study, and case analysis. After an orientation to the study of disabilities, various aspects of community membership for persons with disabilities will be addressed, particularly with regard to the workplace, the neighborhood, and the home. Emphasis with placed on vital leadership roles that facilitate community membership and contribution of persons with disabilities to society.

LAW 8820 Criminal Trial Techniques Credits: 2
Strategy and tactics in handling a criminal case; effective representation of the accused at various stages of the criminal process; securing pre-trial release; plea bargaining; motion practice; discovery; voir dire; opening and closing statements; examination of witnesses; use of the expert; sentencing; appeal; collateral attack.

LAW 8821 Sentencing Mitigation Clinic Credits: 1-6
Students will work in conjunction with practicing attorneys, paralegals, social workers, and investigators serving clients of the Federal Public Defender Offices in the District of Kansas and the Western District of Missouri. The focus of the client representation will be geared towards investigation, development and presentation of mitigating evidence to impact sentencing outcomes.

Prerequisites: Mental Health Investigations.

LAW 8822 Post Conviction Remedies Credits: 2-3
Federal and state remedies for collateral attacks on criminal convictions; vacation of sentences and convictions; federal habeas corpus and similar devices. Paper required when course is offered as a seminar.

Prerequisites: LAW 8635.

LAW 8826 Seminar in Constitutional Interpretation Credits: 2-3
Current issues in constitutional law. Paper required.

Prerequisites: LAW 8631.

LAW 8831R International Human Rights Law Credits: 1-3
Study of the law protecting individuals and groups against governmental violations of internationally guaranteed rights; historical antecedents and theoretical underpinnings; human rights in national law (the United States); post World War II developments; principal international human rights instruments; regional human rights arrangements; human rights of women, refugees, ethnic minorities; implementation of rights; international obligations of the United States; selected civil, political, economic and social rights.

LAW 8832 Law Of International Trade And Finance Credits: 3
Study of the World Trading System, focusing on policy and application, including the WTO, the NAFTA, U.S. trade remedies, foreign direct investments controls, and export controls.

LAW 8832I Introduction to International Trade Credits: 1-3
An examination of the structure and workings of the major global trade regimes, including the World Trade Organization ("WTO") and the North American Free Trade Agreement (the "NAFTA"). The role of international trade in such areas as the environment, labor rights, national security, the developing world, and non-market economies will also be considered. The course will also focus in depth on United States domestic trade remedies, including antidumping, countervailing duties, section 301 and 337 actions as well as on other international trade restricting practices.

LAW 8834 Tax Procedure Credits: 2
Problem-method study of procedures and taxpayers' rights when deficiencies are assessed by the Internal Revenue Service; tax liens; commencement of litigation in Tax Court, Federal District Court, and Court of Claims.

LAW 8834R Tax Clinic Credits: 1-4
Students in the Kansas City Tax Clinic represent low-income clients before the IRS and in United Stated Tax Court under the supervision of the Clinic Directors. Cases may include delinquent filers, examinations, administrative appeals, Tax Court litigation, innocent spouse, and collection cases including due process, installment agreements, and offers-in-compromise. Students also receive classroom instruction in tax procedure subjects and in client counseling. There is a ten hour orientation prior to the beginning of classes. There is also an additional five hour lecture held during the course of the semester.

LAW 8837 Negotiating Mergers And Acquisitions Credits: 2-3
Problem-method study of corporate, tax, securities, and business problems entailed in buying and selling a corporation; fundamental corporate changes: recapitalizations, mergers, sale of assets, sale of stock, and tender offers; corporate finance and rehabilitation of financially distressed corporations.
LAW 8838L Legal Accounting Credit: 1
Accounting as it relates to the work of a lawyer. Understanding financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, cash flow, shareholder's equity), analysis of financial statements; deferral concepts (inventory, depreciation, prepaid expenses), understanding accounting principles, valuation (present value, future value.).

LAW 8838R Tax Practicum I Credits: 1-3
Practical skills training in the sources and methods of tax research (including electronic database sources) using problem method approaches; analytical and planning skills are developed through in-depth case study research.

LAW 8843 Federal Income Taxation Of Estates And Trusts Credits: 2
Income tax problems of the fiduciary; grantor's trusts; income, estate, and gift tax problems relating to optional or discretionary acts of the fiduciary in retention and/or distribution of income or corpus.

LAW 8845 Deferred Compensation Credits: 2-3
Problem-method study of deferred compensation arrangements; qualified pension and profit sharing plans; individual retirement accounts; qualified stock option plans; other methods of deferred compensation.

LAW 8846 Professional Malpractice Litigation Credits: 2-3
Negligence by those in professions; consideration of the practice components of litigating legal malpractice claims, including investigation, jurisdiction, legal theory and defenses, pleading, discovery, trial, expert testimony, jury instructions and judgment.
Co-requisites: LAW 8731.

LAW 8847 Personal Injury Tort Litigation Credits: 1-2
Introduction to the fundamentals of personal injury litigation, including case intake, pre-discovery investigation, settlement demand packages and other communications with opposing counsel, injury petitions, initial discovery, depositions, retention of experts, pre-trial motions, and mediation.

LAW 8848R State And Local Taxation Credits: 2-3
State and local taxation of income, sales and property, including the apportionment of tax obligations to multiple states. Restrictions imposed by constitutional doctrines such as the uniformity and equality requirement and the prohibition on interfering with interstate commerce.

LAW 8850 Applied Evidence Credits: 1-3
Problems and simulations in evidence; application of the rules of evidence in many of the following topic areas: objections to the form of the question; hearsay, lay and expert opinion; authentication, the introduction of real and demonstrative evidence, rules of relevance, cross-examination and impeachment.

LAW 8858 Consumer Protection Credits: 2-3
Protection of consumers from false advertising, unfair sales practices, and consumer credit and debt collection abuse. Topics which may be covered are Truth-in-Lending Act, Uniform Consumer Credit Code, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act; Interstate Land Sales Disclosure Act, Federal Trade Commission and Missouri Attorney General activity, Missouri consumer credit legislation, consumer warranties, consumer class actions, abusive collection practices.

LAW 8858L Consumer Protection Lab Credit: 1
This course provides students with skills needed for reviewing and investigating consumer complaints; developing problem solving strategies and drafting Attorney General letters, pleadings, and other documents necessary for the enforcement of the complaint. Students work with the Missouri Attorney General's office to screen consumer complaints and recommend actions.
Prerequisites: LAW 8858.

LAW 8861 Real Estate Finance Credits: 2-4
Real estate investment and development; basic financing instruments (e.g., mortgages, deeds of trusts, contracts for deed); foreclosure remedies; home finance, national housing market; financing of commercial and industrial properties; construction financing; mechanic's liens; priority disputes; bankruptcy issues affecting real estate security interests.

LAW 8863 Fair and Affordable Housing Seminar Credits: 1-3
This seminar course will explore issues of fair and affordable domestic housing law through a real property lens. It will be unique in its approach to housing law from an advanced property perspective. Through a mixture of classroom lectures and discussions, experiential exercises and scholarly writing, housing issues will be examined from many perspectives including that of residential and commercial owners, developers, homeowner associations, landlords, tenants, and government regulators.
Prerequisites: LAW 8541 Property I; LAW 8542 Property II.

LAW 8867R Social Security Administration Court Internship Credits: 1-3
Students assist an Administrative Law Judge in performing duties handled by the Social Security Administration, including reviewing files of pending cases; conducting legal research; attending hearings and participating in conferences, as assigned; preparing recommendations for the disposition of motions and for on the record decisions; and preparing draft decisions. Students are supervised by an attorney advisor and attend regular conferences with a supervising faculty member who reviews copies of all clinic written work that may be so reviewed under Social Security Administration rules.
Prerequisites: LAW 8764.
LAW 8868 Trusts: Planning, Drafting, Administering & Litigating Credits: 2-3
Focus on advanced planning and drafting of inter vivos private express trusts for individuals, including proper use of readily available forms (tax-related drafting limited to marital and charitable deduction forms), consideration of trustee’s duties, powers and liabilities pursuant to the Missouri Trust Code and related cases, and special emphasis on the recently-adopted Uniform Investor Act and the significant changes it has introduced to Missouri trust investment law.
Prerequisites: LAW 8611.

LAW 8870 Seminar in Educational Equality and the Law Credits: 1-3
This seminar will explore the legal aspects of providing educational equality in a nation of diverse ethnicities, cultures, religions, sexual identities, and socio-economic conditions. Through the lenses of legal scholarship and primary legal authorities, students will examine past and current attempts to address the inequities that have long plagued U.S. public education in the K-12 setting. In addition, the course will include extensive instruction in scholarly research, writing, and publication skills.

LAW 8870R Education Law: Government & Legal Aspects Of Education Credits: 2-3
This course is designed to give students an introduction to the major legal doctrines that affect K-12 schools, as well as the policies that underlie or are changing those doctrines. Students should gain a working understanding of the impact of federal and state law on the operation of schools, the rights and responsibilities of teachers and administrators, and the rights of the students who attend those schools.

LAW 8874 Tax-Exempt Organizations Credits: 2
An in-depth examination of the state and federal laws that govern the formation and operation of tax-exempt organizations, with emphasis on Sec. 501 (c) (3) charities; criteria for tax-exempt status; IRS application and reporting procedures; unrelated business income tax issues.

LAW 8875 Real Estate Transactions Credits: 2-3
Practice-oriented course, including the development of drafting skills, in which questions involving basic residential and commercial real estate sales and civil and leasing transactions are considered, such as title, title insurance, contract conditions, contract remedies, commercial leasing (office and shopping center issues) and issues concerning and confronting brokers; special emphasis on Missouri and Kansas law.

LAW 8875L Legal Context of Real Estate Decision Making Credits: 1-3
A study of fundamental matters involved in real estate decision making, including an understanding of basic real estate terms of art; the unique attributes of commercial real estate the distinction between office, retail and industrial property leases; the significant business and legal issues that arise in lease negotiations; financing issues, including the negotiation of construction and permanent loan documents; loan application/brokerage agreements; the impact of bankruptcy on real estate transactions; an explanation of different types of insurance coverage applicable to commercial real estate; and construction issues, including how buildings are constructed and the "green" movement impact on current construction practices.

LAW 8877 Bankruptcy Court Internship Credits: 1-3
The United States Bankruptcy Courts have jurisdiction over claims arising under federal bankruptcy law. Cases in these courts present issues arising not only under the Bankruptcy Code, but also in many other areas, such as secured transactions, contract law, labor law, and tax law. Student interns will, among other duties, observe court proceedings, assist in writing legal memoranda, and draft opinions. Enrollment in the Bankruptcy Court Clerkship Program is limited to students who have completed both Secured Transactions and Debtors Creditor’s Rights. Students work at least 70 hours at the court; and attend monthly conferences with the professor in charge of the program’s over site.

LAW 8880 Consumer Bankruptcy Credits: 2
Comprehensive analysis of the options available to consumer debtors under chapters 7 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. While the primary focus will be on the debtor’s options, creditor strategies will also be considered.

LAW 8881 Seminar on the Supreme Court Credits: 2-3
Students simulate the work of the Supreme Court on nine cases presently pending before that court. The student justices study the briefs and related material filed in each case, discuss and vote on the cases, and write majority and dissenting opinions. Enrollment in the seminar is limited, fittingly, to nine justices.

LAW 8881P Seminar in Presidential Power Credits: 2
In this course students will examine unsettled and often controversial questions regarding the extent of presidential power in sensitive contexts. Emphasis is placed on how these issues are implicated in current national life. Students will examine and will be expected to actively discuss during class sessions-issues such as the president’s authority to decline enforcing federal law, the extent of the president’s authority to engage in overseas military action without congressional approval (and, assuming approval is required, what form that “approval” must constitutionally take), presidential authority to indefinitely detain “enemy combatants” at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (or similar locations), the legal effect of presidential signing statements, the extent of presidential oversight authority over administrative agencies, and the propriety of the Court’s invocation of the “political question doctrine” when confronted with sensitive questions regarding presidential power.

LAW 8882 Patent Law Credits: 2-3
This course will focus primarily on substantive U.S. patent law, including the laws governing the patentability of particular inventions, the patent procurement process, the rights granted by a patent, and patent enforcement and litigation. As time permits, the course will explore policy issues raised by the current patent system, discuss proposals for reform and international harmonization, and consider alternatives to patent protection such as trade secret and regulatory exclusivity.
LAW 8882R Patent Prosecution Credits: 2-3
This course will focus primarily on the practical application of substantive U.S. patent law, including the laws governing the patentability of particular inventions, the patent procurement process, the rights granted by a patent, and patent enforcement and litigation. In particular, this class will focus on teaching students how to draft a patent application and how to prosecute the application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. This class will be designed to mirror the substantive patent law being taught in the Patent Law course. For example, the Patent Law course will present the law and theory of obviousness or novelty; the Patent Prosecution course will instruct in how to deal with and respond to an obviousness or novelty rejection from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
Co-requisites: LAW 8882.

LAW 8883 Seminar In National Security Law Credits: 2-3
Consideration of lawyer involvement in the formulation and execution of national security policy. Concentration will be upon the practice of law in the public sector. In an interdisciplinary undertaking, this course will define national security and examine its historic and theoretical roots. Domestically, Constitutional principles and rules will be studied. Use of force will be explored from the vantage point of ethics, international law, and the law of war. Legal issues surrounding problems of control of international terrorism, low intensity conflict, planning and using rules of engagement, and supporting international peace-keeping and peace-making missions will be discussed.

LAW 8884 White Collar Crime Credits: 2-3
Examines substantive federal law in the areas of fraud, public corruption, financial crimes and conspiracy; it also includes examination of procedural and policy issues related to business and white-collar investigations.
Prerequisites: LAW 8634.

LAW 8885 Seminar In Philosophy And Law Credits: 2
An examination from a philosophical perspective of the historical and conceptual relationships present in the evolution, development and analysis of law, including natural law theory, legal positivism and legal realism, and focusing on a specific area of controversy in the law.

LAW 8885H The Quest for a Satisfying Career in Law Credits: 1-2
An examination of what research suggests about the likelihood that a career in law will prove satisfying, including an exploration of the specific types of firms and work environments that are most likely to produce happy lawyers; a consideration of what studies from the fields of neuroscience and psychology suggest about steps that lawyers, law firms, and law schools can take to improve prospects for career satisfaction; and a consideration of how high happiness should rank among life’s goals.

LAW 8886 Corporate Taxation I Credits: 2-3
Tax treatment of corporations and shareholders with respect to formation, non-liquidating distributions, stock dividends, redemptions and liquidations. The course may also cover the personal holding company tax, the accumulated earnings tax, collapsible corporations, multiple corporations and tax consequences of corporate reorganizations; survival of tax attributes; acquisition of loss corporations; and a survey of consolidated return reporting.

LAW 8887 Corporate Taxation II Credits: 3
Tax consequences of corporate reorganizations; survival of tax attributes; acquisition of loss corporations; and a survey of consolidated return reporting.
Prerequisites: LAW 8886.

LAW 8888A Partnership Taxation II Credits: 1-3
A study of selected topics in tax planning and in negotiating and drafting organizational documents (e.g. partnership agreements and operating agreements) for entities that will be classified as partnerships for tax purposes, including advanced exploration of issues relating to special allocations and book/tax disparities, optional adjustments to basis, payment to retiring and deceased partners, the impact of I.R.C. Section 751 on partnership distributions and on sales and exchanges of partnership interests, partnership mergers and divisions, partnerships with tax-exempt partners, and tiered partnerships.
Prerequisites: LAW 8888R.

LAW 8888R Partnership Taxation I Credits: 2-3
An in depth examination of the tax principles governing partnerships limited liability companies and other unincorporated organizations classified as partnerships for tax purposes, including questions involving the tax consequences of the formation of such organizations, operating distributions, basis computations, liquidating distributions, and sales of ownership interests.

LAW 8889 International Taxation Credits: 2-3
An introduction to the taxation of income of U.S. citizens, residents and corporations from foreign sources and the income of foreign residents and non-residents from U.S. sources. Topics may include sources of income rules, foreign tax credit provisions, the earned income exclusion for foreign source income, income tax treaties and a survey of the tax treatment of U.S. investments made offshore.

LAW 8889R Subchapter S Taxation Credits: 1-2
An examination of the tax principles governing Subchapter S Corporations, including the tax consequences of their formation; the taxation of their income and the deductibility of their losses; operating distributions; basis computations; liquidations; distributions; and sales of S Corporation shares of stock.
Prerequisites: LAW 8886.
LAW 8890A Sports Law I, Amateur Sports Law Credits: 2-3  
Coverage of various amateur sports law issues with a focus on the regulation of interscholastic, intercollegiate sports, Olympic and international sports, and sports broadcasting; including such topics as constitutional law, tort law, contract law, and Title IX gender discrimination; and a consideration of federal disability discrimination laws, the status of collegiate athletes who participate in big time sports programs, the regulatory authority of the National Collegiate Athletics Association, The National High School Athletic Association, international and Olympic sports organizations.

LAW 8890B Sports Law II, Professional Sports Law Credits: 2-3  
A focus upon the multitude of legal issues and unique relationships in the sports industry, including, among other issues, professional team sports, other professional sports, facilities management in professional sports, legal implications and the practical realities of the unique labor-management relationships in professional sports. The most significant areas to be studied in the context are antitrust, labor, communications, taxation, contracts law, and intellectual property law.

LAW 8890C The Emergence and Transformation of Concussion Litigation Credits: 1-2  
This course will examine the emergence, transformation and development of concussion litigation. Concussion litigation spans multiple areas of the legal landscape – from torts, civil procedure, sports law, labor and employment law and, inter alia, medical-legal aspects. We will begin with the theoretical underpinnings of the emergence of concussion litigation. We will then look at how society, the legislature and the courts have responded to sports concussions. This will require us to analyze what the concussion litigation landscape looks like currently and how it will be shaped in the future.

LAW 8890I Selected Topics in International and Comparative Sports Law Credit: 1  
The course introduces students to the basic structure and techniques of dispute resolution utilized in international sports law. The field of international sports law is an ever-expanding area of the law and the term "international sports law" refers to an emerging and distinctive body of rules that govern transnational sports and sporting activities. Distinct bodies of international sports law have developed under the aegis of the Olympic Charter that applies to international sports competition well beyond Olympic competition itself, and encompasses both traditional Olympic sports and non-Olympic sports. Many international sports law disputes are now resolved in the Court of Arbitration For Sport (CAS), a body that may rightly be referred to as a Supreme Court for a very wide array of international sports disputes involving such matters as doping, eligibility, cheating, violence, discrimination, commercialization and intellectual property.

LAW 8890R Entertainment Law Credits: 2-3  
An examination of the legal issues affect the print and broadcast media. Topics covered may include copyright, antitrust, spectrum allocation, right of privacy, first amendment issues (prior restraint, obscenity, commercial speech, defamation and access to both information and judicial proceedings), licensing and new technologies including and beyond cable television.

LAW 8890S Advanced Sports Law & Regulation Seminar Credits: 2  
This course will explore advanced topics in the regulation of professional and amateur athletics, risk management in sports across a variety of settings, including professional and amateur, national and international and regulation of doping in professional, amateur and Olympic sports.

LAW 8890X Sports Law Internship Credits: 2  
Through internship in not-for-profit and for-profit sectors of the sports industry, students will learn about the legal and business aspects of various organizations within the amateur and professional sports industries. Students will observe and assist legal counsel with such activities as providing legal research, planning and conducting negotiations, and drafting contracts and other legal documents. Students will complete a significant legal research memorandum on an issue related to their internship. Faculty and Legal Aid attorney supervision. Limited enrollment.  
Co-requisites: LAW 8890A (or LAW 8890B).

LAW 8892R Taxation Of Estates, Gifts And Trusts Credits: 2-3  
Problem method study of estate, gift and generation skipping transfer taxes and the income taxation of estates and trusts. Emphasis on lifetime and post-mortem planning as well as compliance requirements.

LAW 8893 International Taxation Credits: 2-3  
An introduction to the taxation of income of U.S. citizens, residents and corporations from foreign sources and the income of foreign residents and non-residents from U.S. sources. Topics may include sources of income rules, foreign tax credit provisions, the earned income exclusion for foreign source income, income tax treaties and a survey of the tax treatment of U.S. investments made offshore.

LAW 8893R Taxation Of Property Transactions Credits: 2-3  
Income taxation of property transactions. Detailed study of capital gains and losses, passive losses, the at-risk rules, and the alternative minimum tax.

LAW 8895S Jury Selection Credit: 1  
Students study the purpose of voir dire and the law pertaining to jury selection and receive hands-on experience in selecting a jury role-playing as lawyers; jurors, and presiding judge in a concluding 2 1/2 hour courtroom simulation (where a jury is selected after making challenges for cause and exercising preemptory strikes); and learn that jury selection is an artnot a science-which needs to be tailored to the facts of the case and the witnesses the attorney expects to present. An actual case involving a badly injured young plaintiff and a large corporate defendant-where liability is questionable-is used for the simulation. Students learn active listening skills and how to interpret non-verbal behavior. Examples form prominent, practicing lawyers are presented. The course is graded on a pass/fail basis.

LAW 8897 Seminar In Analytical Strategies Credits: 1-2  
Pedagogical philosophy of legal education; common themes in first-year legal education; techniques of cooperative learning of legal materials. Students may act as study group leaders for various first-year course subjects. Ungraded.
LAW 8897E Introduction to Law Study Credits: 0
This course is designed to help incoming law students navigate the challenging transition to law study. The course is a rigorous, five-day introduction to law school. Each day focuses on a "stage" of law school learning, orientation, class preparation, class, after class review, exam preparation, and exam taking. The course addresses the skills of reading, writing, and thinking at each of these stages through simulated classes, direct teaching of study skills, written and oral exercises, and individual meetings with faculty.

LAW 8897R Governmental and Legal Aspects of Education Credits: 2-3
Study of legal issues within higher education. Focus is on state and federal law and regulations as they pertain to issues from academic freedom to governance and administration. Focus on strategies for preventive law is a major component of the course.

LAW 8898 Construction Law Credits: 2
The Construction Law course would emphasize state and federal construction law and would provide the students with practical experience in drafting contracts, negotiating disputes, and conducting a mock arbitration. The course would cover the contract responsibilities and remedies of contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, sureties and owners, including the United States Government. The course would emphasize the controlling state and federal statutes and regulations, as well as case law which illustrates the application of the statutes and other areas of law not covered by statute. The classroom sessions will include discussion of the practical aspects of legal practice in the construction industry, with instruction and examples regarding the drafting of documents and contracts, negotiation of disputes, and decision-making regarding the type of dispute resolution forum to recommend to a client.

LAW 8900 Takings Law Credits: 1-2
An examination of all aspects of takings law including the historical and constitutional basis for eminent domain, the public use requirement, regulatory takings, development exactions, and alternatives to takings. Comparisons between U.S. and state regimes and comparative takings law.

LAW 8900L Land Trusts and Conservation Easements Credit: 1
The course will consider the law formation and utilization of land trusts and conservation easements as tools for conservation and preservation of land and water; tax planning; and regional land use planning. It will also deal with land management and restoration of trust properties as tools for habitat preservation and management and improved land productivity and marketability. The course will include on-site visitation to area trust lands.

LAW 8901 Advising Life Sciences and Technology Entrepreneurs Credits: 1-2
A condensed study of the key legal issues for the entire cradle-t-grave (founding-to-exit transaction) life cycle of high-growth technology and life sciences ventures, focusing on these critical phases: structuring and organizing the high-growth venture; relationships with key constituencies; acquiring, protecting and licensing intellectual property assets; financing transactions and realizing wealth through exit transactions.

Prerequisites: LAW 8601.

LAW 8902 Topics and Cases Related to In-House Counsel Credit: 1
This course surveys a wide range of legal issues from the in-house counsel perspective, including those related to professional responsibility, corporate governance, transactions, compliance, risk management, intellectual property and litigation. Through the use of case studies, students will use legal principles and business judgement to analyze scenarios in various corporate settings.

Prerequisites: LAW 8601.

LAW 8903 Fundamentals of Legal Investigations Credits: 2
This course focuses on skills and methods needed to fully obtain facts so as to determine strategies and analyze possible outcomes for all stages of litigation, both criminal and civil. Detailed information on searching public records, Internet sites, and other document retrieval, as well as methods to locate and interview people, will be provided to students through an interactive format. Using an investigation on parallel tracks approach, i.e., paper and people, students will learn the relationship between documents/physical evidence and thorough, reliable interviewing of clients and witnesses.

LAW 8903B Business Investigations Credits: 1-2
The course will cover the practical aspects of conducting fact investigations in the business environment, with a focus on planning, staffing and managing business investigations, understanding and developing investigative techniques appropriate for the business environment and communicating the results of investigations and related recommendations to management and others. A theme throughout the course will be how the lawyer of business manager who is charged with the responsibility of conducting an investigation can maintain independence and avoid being compromised by pressures from management, media or other external sources of influence. Guest lecturers will include professionals with experience in the discipline.

Prerequisites: LAW 8601, LAW 7857, LAW 8813, LAW 8884.

LAW 8904 Multicultural Lawyering and Spanish for Lawyers Credits: 1-2
In this course, students acquire skills and knowledge needed to represent Spanish speaking clients, including mastering selected Spanish legal vocabulary, working with translators, conducting initial client interviews, and identifying cultural impacts on communication. Ethical dimensions of cross-linguistic and cross-cultural counseling are examined and students receive training in counseling skills.

Prerequisites: Audition with professor to determine minimum Spanish language ability.

LAW 8905 Intellectual Property Litigation Credits: 2
Advanced engagement with intellectual property concepts and practical skills in litigation of these cases. The course will address the three essential areas of intellectual property law concept (copyright, patent, and trademark) and explore how these differences translate into different procedural and substantive considerations in litigation. Simulations of various stages of litigation will focus on litigation strategy and drafting skills.
This course examines the mechanisms available to corporate executives, auditors, attorneys and boards to comply with state, federal and international laws related to compliance and governance. Students study and examine the impact of a conflict between these laws and cultural norms; Federal Sentencing Guidelines, Securities and Exchange Commission Regulations, Department of Justice policies, Dodd-Frank Act, and other pertinent legislation and regulations; and consider how reputational factors, pressures from institutional investors, shareholders and shareholder service organizations, activists, organized labor and nongovernmental organizations impact corporate behavior and decision-making.

LAW 8907 Seminar in Advanced Trademark Credits: 2-3
This course examines advanced substantive topics in various trademark areas, some of which are not covered in prior classes and some of which explore areas of controversy in greater depth. Students will also be exposed to the trademark administrative process in greater depth.

LAW 8908 Family Tax Law Credit: 1
The study of federal tax issues relevant to attorneys who practice family law.
Prerequisites: LAW 8552.

LAW 8909 State and Local Government Law in a Nutshell Credit: 1
This course will examine the laws and structures through which Kansas City local government operates. Topics will include the context for local government functions, the city charter and structure of local government, and examination of the particular topics such as economic development tools, property tax abatement, and local agency interactions.

LAW 8910 Intellectual Property Clinic Credits: 2-3
Under the supervision of faculty who are licensed attorneys, students will counsel startup companies and their owners and assist with intellectual property matters related to Trade Secrets, Copyright Trademark, Patent and planning in connection with concepts related to Business Torts. Students will conduct patentability and trademark searches, prepare patent landscape reports, trademark registrations, opposition and cancellation responses and assist Clinic clients in identifying trade secrets and potential patentable inventions and preparing intervention disclosures as well as provide general intellectual property information and advice to Clinic clients.

LAW 8911 Winning Voir Dire Credit: 1

LAW 8912 Client Interviewing Credits: 1-3
Basics of client interviewing. Training will include the following components: a) Passive vs. Active Listening b) Forms of Questions c) Preliminary Problem Identification d) Techniques for conducting Initial Interviews e) Providing Information the Supervising Attorney Wants/Needs”

LAW 8913 Mental Health Investigation Credits: 1-2

LAW 8914 Selected Reading in Legal Scholarship Credit: 1
Students and faculty will read and discuss a substantial book by a legal scholar examining a contemporary issue in law and society from a historical, comparative, or jurisprudential perspective. The course will include discussions with the author and students will complete a short project related to the book topic.

LAW 8914F Law and Film Credits: 1-3
Exploration of the function of law and lawyers in society by examining legal decisions, statutes, and legal commentaries in the context of films, including classic, contemporary mainstream, foreign, documentary, and independent films. Students will view and critique films in light of assigned reading materials. Using films as analytical tools, the seminar examines the ways in which popular culture products (such as films and television) both reflect and change the social views about law and lawyers.

LAW 8915 Social Venture Creation Credit: 1

LAW 8916 Legal Response to Climate Change Credits: 1-2
Issues of law and policy that are involved in the regulation of climate change. Course will examine the causes and effects of global climate change and legal tools available to address the issue.

LAW 8917 Law and Human Trafficking Credits: 1-2
Theory and legal structures relating to human trafficking, including practical skills in representing victims.

LAW 8918 International Commercial Arbitration Credit: 1
This course provides an overview of international commercial arbitration and focuses with more specifically on international investment protection law and bilateral investment treaty revisions. The course will provide preparation for the International LL.M. Commercial Arbitration Competition, but it is open to J.D. students.

LAW 8919 The Insanity Defense Credit: 1
This course will review several aspects of the insanity defense: its history, how it works, and the public perception of the defense. The course will focus on the trial of John Hinckley Jr. for attempted murder of President Ronald Reagan as a vehicle for discussing how the defense is presented, the changes in the defense that the verdict in that trial brought about, recent significant cases and possible future changes in the defense.

LAW 8920 Introduction to Islamic Law Credits: 1-2
This course will provide a basic overview of Islamic law from its origins to the present. Students will study both primary and secondary sources of Islamic law. The course will also compare Islamic legal concepts to those in common law countries.
LAW 8921 Selected Projects in Law, Technology and Public Policy Credits: 1-6
This “studio” course involves the creation of interdisciplinary teams of law and graduate students from UMKC and other graduate and law schools and their media laboratories to work on cutting edge projects at intersections of law, technology and public policy.

LAW 8922 Access to Justice (A2J) Workshop Credits: 1-6
Students will identify an area of law or law process that can be made more accessible with the application of a technology solution. Specifically the students, after analyzing the area of law, will use the CALI A2J-Author guided interview software and document assembly software to create the forms and directions to assist self-represented litigants.

LAW 8923 Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Counseling an Aging Population Credits: 1-2
Study and practice of interdisciplinary perspectives of aging and core competencies in active listening, narrative translation, and service opportunity identification. Using a combination of readings, simulations, skills trainings, team preparations and presentations of case studies and individual reflective papers, the course is designed to engage professional students in understanding each discipline’s approach to describing the problem, interacting with patients/clients in identifying the problem and sharing perspectives on developing plans to prevent and address the problem with and on behalf of these patients/clients.

LAW 8925 Entrepreneurial Urban Development Credits: 1-4
The projects-based Entrepreneurial Urban Development course will feature interdisciplinary teams of faculty and graduate or upper-level undergraduate students providing analysis on real estate-based projects relating to the development or redevelopment of properties in urban areas, with a particular focus in, but not necessarily limited to, Kansas City, MO and Kansas City, KS. Students enrolled in the course will receive classroom instruction through modules related to development, land use controls and entitlement processes, affordable housing law and policy, cost analysis, market analysis, feasibility analysis, investment analysis, finance, incentives, design, urban planning, and community engagement.

LAW 9740A Missouri Appellate Practice Credit: 1
Basic rules and procedures for preparing an appeal in Missouri.