

New Courses/Descriptions

Law 301-D Seminar: Money Management for Lawyers & Clients (Cr. 2)(Fall 2012) Prof. Del Wright

This course teaches the fundamentals of evaluating the financial transactions attorneys face in practice. The first portion of the course will provide an overview of essential business and financial concepts, and will discuss the tools used to evaluate financial transactions. The second portion of the course will apply those tools to issues that typically arise in a legal practice. There are no pre-requisites to the course, but basic math will be used throughout the course.

Law 301-HA Seminar: Selected Topics in American Legal Policy (Cr. 2)(Fall 2012) Pro. JoEllen Lind

This seminar is devoted to in-depth study of the "big questions" of American legal policy--past, present and future. It is designed to allow advanced students to choose among disparate topics, all of which can be knit together to give an overall picture of the questions that have challenged our legal system over time and any commonalities among them. Examples of legal policies to be studied include, but are not limited to, the rise of the modern corporation and the consequences of corporate personhood; the tensions in rights theory under the Constitution between individual and group rights; changing conceptions of the balance of power between state and federal governments; how the legal system responds to the impact of financial markets on national and international political communities; whether legislation, adjudication, their combination, or some other framework is best suited to solve coordination problems, such as the environmental regulation; and, how tax policy affects the actual implementation of legal norms. Each student will be required to identify a topic, justify why it constitutes a significant issue for legal policy, and write a scholarly paper that not only describes the issues involved, but prescribes methods for addressing them, including the normative challenges they present.

Law 477-A Food Law (Cr. 2)(Fall 2012) Prof. Nicole Negowetti

This is an interdisciplinary course focusing on food law, an area where many important legal concepts intersect in our society. The course draws on property, contract, and tort law, as well as important principles of international, administrative, and constitutional law. The course expands upon these concepts by challenging students to apply basic rules in a complex regulatory area where problem solving requires careful assessment of potential causes of action, administrative authorities, and international implications. Students will analyze issues such as: national and international regulation of food (production, safety, and marketing); food technology and the law (genetic modification of crops and livestock); food production methods (the Farm Bill and National Organic Program); food and public health; and food and consumer rights.

Law 662-F Immigration Clinic (Cr. 3)(Both Fall and Spring) Prof. Geoffrey Heeren

Student representatives in the Immigration Clinic will learn lawyering skills and immigration law by representing asylum seekers; immigrant victims of torture, domestic abuse, and human trafficking; or longtime lawful permanent residents of the United States facing removal as a result of immigration infractions. Students, working in teams, will represent immigrants in trial-type hearings before the Chicago Immigration Court or in interviews before Asylum Officers. They may also handle other matters, including visa petitions; appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals; state or federal immigrant rights cases; or advocacy projects in tandem with non-profit partners. There will be three components to the clinic: (1) a weekly seminar designed to teach lawyering skills and substantive immigration law through an interactive, collaborative approach; (2) a weekly case team meeting, during which the professor will act as a consultant and advisor without superseding student representatives' authority as primary case handlers; and (3) a minimum of ten hours of weekly project work, including client interviewing, fact development, correspondence, legal research and drafting, witness preparation, and preparing for oral advocacy. Students should be willing and able to travel to Chicago for client meetings and court. Students must interview prior to enrolling and enrollment is limited to eight students who must enroll for both the fall and spring semesters. **Pre-Co-requisite:** Law 220 Legal Profession. **Recommended:** Law 480 Immigration Law.