# **COURSE SELECTION**

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January Skill Session

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# ON REGISTRAR'S WEBPAGE

- Course Selection Guide
- Recommended Courses List
- This PowerPoint Show
- Full Year Schedule @ Spring

# REQUIREMENTS

90 Credits 2.0 GPA

Legal Profession

Skills Requirement (3 Skill Sessions)

Writing Requirement (1 Course)

# NOTES

- Graduation Possible in 24 Months
- 75 of 90 Credits in Regularly Scheduled
  - 70 w/ Permission
- 70 of 90 Credits in Letter Graded

# **BAR TOPICS**

# "The" Bar Exam

#### MPRE

State Essays Multi-State Essay Multi-State Bar Exam Multi-State Performance Exam

### **Generally**

Civ Pro II Con Law II **Corporations** Crim Pro I **Evidence** Family Law Secured Transactions (& Commercial Paper) Wills and Estates

### **RECOMMENDED COURSES!!!**

 The faculty strongly recommend that all students take many, if not all, of these courses. They constitute the backbone of a legal education and will help prepare every student for the bar exam.
While the faculty believe these courses will serve all students well, they do not advocate these classes to the exclusion of others.

# RECOMMENDED COURSES!!!

- Civil Procedure II
- Constitutional Law II
- Corporations
- Criminal Procedure I
- Evidence

- Family Law
- Income Tax -- Individuals
- Secured Transactions
- Wills and Estates

If Civil Practice in Mississippi

Mississippi Civil Practice

# CAREER AND INTELLECTUAL INTERESTS

#### • Practice Areas

- Variety / Diversity
- Enrichment

# LOGISTICS

- Course and Exam Schedule
- Prerequisites
- Sequencing
- Frequency
- Summer Study
- Non-Residents
- Class Size
- Method of Evaluation

# CLINICAL AND EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Child Advocacy Clinic
- Transactional Clinic
- Street Law Clinic
- Tax Clinic
- Elder Law Clinic
- Housing Clinic
- Policy / Legislation Clinic
- Criminal Appeal Clinic
- Innocence Project
- MacArthur Justice Clinic
- Clinical Externship
- Pro Bono Initiative Micro Clinics

# SKILL SESSION

- First Two Weeks of Spring Semester
- Mandatory
- M-F January 5-9 and 12-16
- Regular Classes Start W Jan 21
- Enrollment in Fall
- Counts as Part of Spring Semester
  - 7 Credits in Regular Classes = Total of 10 = Full Time
  - 12 Credits in Regular Classes = Total of 15 = Full Tuition
  - 13+ Credits in Regular Classes = Total of 16+ = Overload Tuition
- No New Rank / GPA

# CERTIFICATES

- Criminal Law
- Space and Aviation Law
- Business Law
- Intent to Pursue Start of 2L
- Statement of Completion

# NOTES

- Add/Drop Dates
- Skills and Writing Class Limits
- Grade Viewing Dates
- 17+ Credits at One Time Permission Needed
- On Line Questions
  - 20 Hour Rule
  - Ongoing Character and Fitness Disclourses
- Evaluations
- Class Ranking
- Intent to Graduate Form
- Certificate Form

# **CO-CURRICULARS**

- Journals
  - Mississippi Law Journal
  - Space Law Journal
  - Sports Law Review
- Advocacy Programs
  - Moot Court Board
  - Negotiation Board
  - Trial Advocacy Board

# EMPLOYMENT

- Employment Status
  - Graduation Survey
  - Post-Graduation
- Visit OCS
  - Resume
  - Cover Letter
- Development Plan
  - 1 Contact / Week
- Grades vs. Resume

# SOME IMPORTANT CLASSES JUST ONCE A YEAR

- Bankruptcy Fall
- Civil Procedure II Fall & June!!!
- Constitutional Law II Fall
- Corporations Fall & July!!!
- Income Taxation of Individuals Fall & July!!!
- Secured Transactions Fall

# INTERSESSIONS AND SUMMER

#### • May

- Federal Trial Practice
- Pretrial Practice
- Full Summer Online
  - Environmental Law
- June First Summer
  - Civil Procedure II
  - Entertainment Transactions
  - Legal Profession
- July Second Summer
  - Corporations
  - Income Taxation of Individuals
  - Interviewing and Counseling
- August
  - International Criminal Trial Practice

# EARLY GRADUATION

- As soon as you reach 90 credits
  - 24 months minimum

# FEBRUARY BAR EXAM

- Mississippi
- While Still Enrolled in School
- Possible If All Grades Turned in w/in 60 Days
  - Writing/Paper Courses
  - Clinics/Externships
  - Other Pass/Fail Classes

# AREAS OF INTEREST

**Alternative Dispute Resolution Business / Transactional Law Civil Rights Law Clinical Programs: Criminal Clinical Programs: Civil Commercial Litigation Criminal Law Domestic Relations Employment Law Environmental Law Estate Planning General / Solo Practice Government Law Intellectual Property International Law Public Interest Law Real Estate Space and Aviation Law Tax Law Tort Litigation** 

# **BUSINESS / TRANSACTIONAL LAW**

#### Core Courses

Corporations\* Secured Transactions Income Tax I\* Securities Regulation Bankruptcy\* Income Tax of Corporations

#### **Supplemental Courses**

**Administrative Law Agency & Partnership Antitrust Law Banking Law Bankruptcy Reorganization Seminar Business Planning Commercial Paper Communications Law Copyright Law Corporate Finance Corporate Tax Deferred Compensation Employee Benefits Employer-Employee Relations Employment Discrimination Entertainment and Sports Law Environmental Law Housing Law** 

# **COMMERCIAL LITIGATION**

#### Core Courses

Bankruptcy Corporations\* Civil Procedure II\* Evidence\* Federal Trial Practice Mississippi Civil Practice Pretrial Practice Secured Transactions

#### Supplemental Courses

**Administrative Law Advanced Legal Research Advanced Legal Writing Alternative Dispute Resolution Antitrust Law Bankruptcy Reorganization Sem. Commercial Paper Conflict of Laws Corporate Finance Employer-Employee Relations Employment Discrimination Entertainment & Sports Law Federal Jurisdiction** Insurance **Intellectual Property** International Commercial Arb. **Income Tax I** Labor Law Law and Economics **Legal Accounting** Legislation **Problems in Evidence** Remedies **Securities Regulation** White Collar Crime Workers' Compensation

# CLINICAL PROGRAMS: CRIMINAL

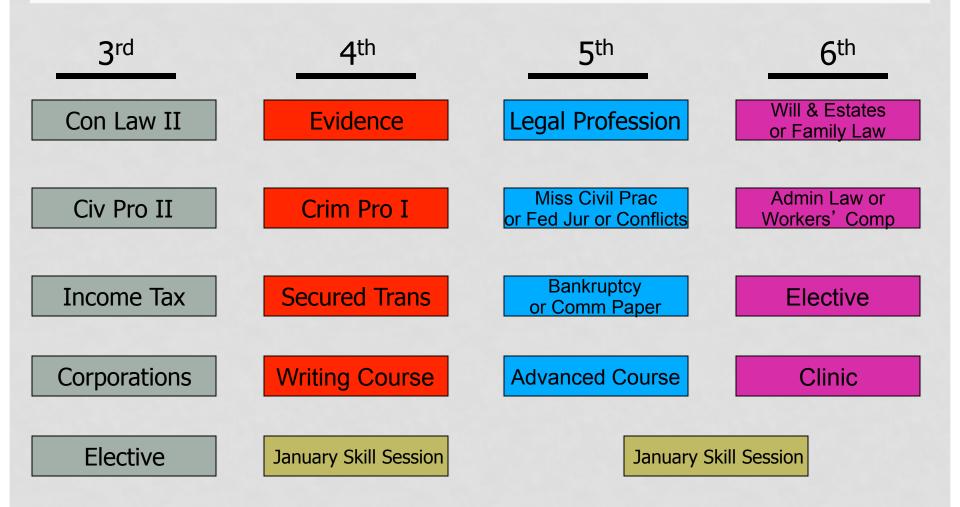
#### Core Courses

Criminal Appeals Clinic Crim. Pro. I: Investigations\* Crim. Pro. II: Adjudication\* Evidence Criminal Trial Practice Prosecution Function Prosecutorial Externship

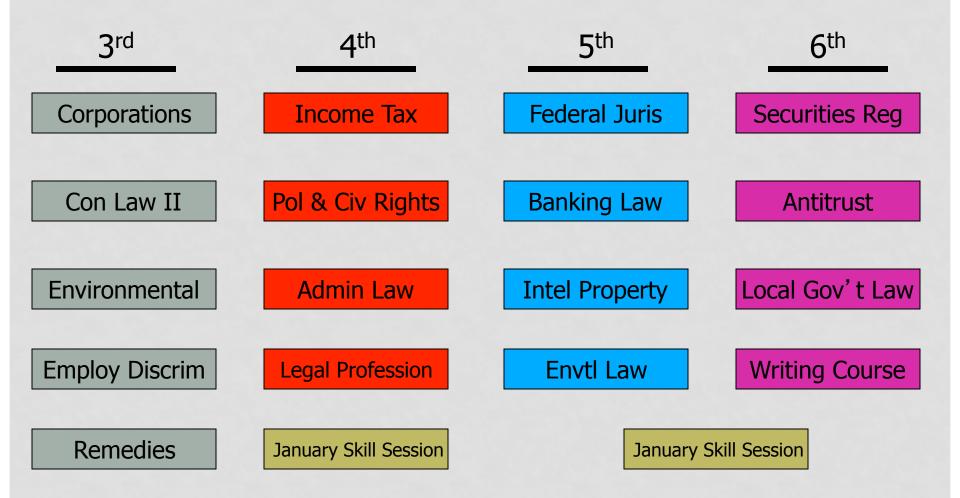
#### Supplemental Courses

Advanced Search and Seizure Capital Punishment Criminal Appeals Clinic Cybercrime Federal Habeas Corpus Federal Jurisdiction Interviewing and Counseling Legislation Problems in Evidence Public Service Internship Sentencing White Collar Crime Youth Court Seminar

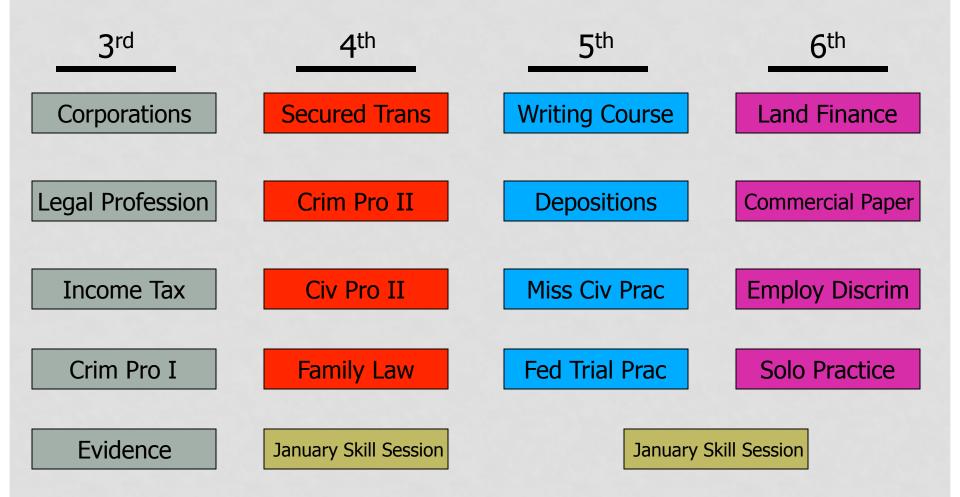
# **Reasonably Prudent Program**



# FUTURE GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY



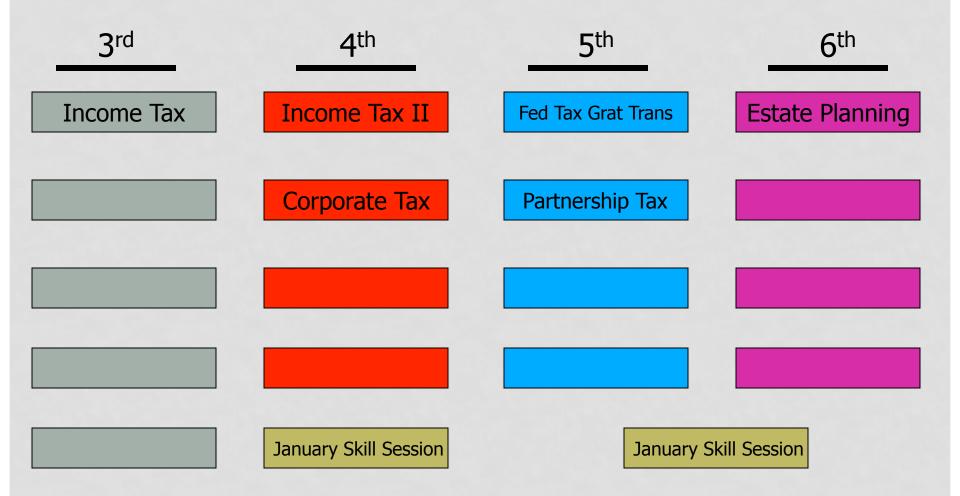
# FUTURE SOLO PRACTITIONER



# **EMPHASIS ON SKILLS**



# SEQUENCING: TAX



# SEQUENCING: CRIMINAL CLINIC

