

Preliminary 2016 Skill Session 2L/3L Courses

Dates

Monday through Friday, January 4 to 8 and 11 to 15

(Note: College Sports Law and Real Estate Acquisition have unique dates.)

Regular Spring semester courses begin on Monday, January 25

We have a week off between the Skill Session and the start of the regular Spring Semester.

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Courses – Full Descriptions

Course: Agricultural Law Practicum

Instructor: Amanda Urbanek, Adjunct Professor

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/amanda-urbanek/>

Section: Law 631, Section 1

Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 1032

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 12

Note: business law skills

Description: The Agricultural Law Practicum will equip students with a working knowledge of how to practice common matters involving federal agricultural law. Topics include: rural development programs, issues confronting large- and small-scale farms (real estate, taxes, subsidies, crop insurance, contracts with brokers/buyers, wetland and conservation issues, etc.), USDA hearings and appeals, federal food-related programs (SNAP, WIC, SFH, MFH, community grants and loans, REAP, etc.), grant and loan proposals, and Equal Access to Justice issues.

Course: Alternative Dispute Resolution

Instructor: Jim Warren, Adjunct Professor

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/jim-warren/>

Section: Law 631, Section 14

Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 2094

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 12

Note: business law skills

Description: An examination of extrajudicial methods of dispute resolution, including negotiation, mediation, and arbitration. The course will provide practical skills development and an understanding of the legal foundations of alternative dispute resolution.

Course: Civil Rights Litigation

Instructor: Michele Alexandre, Professor of Law

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/michele-alexandre/>

Section: Law 631, Section 6

Times: 1 to 5:30 pm

Room: 2086

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 12

Description: This course charts the anatomy of a civil rights lawsuit. The class will examine race and gender discrimination claims, as well as those based on Section 1983. Students will draft pleadings/documents and will prepare oral arguments to support their claims. Furthermore, students will critically evaluate the areas of law covered in the course, so as to determine how to best serve the needs of all citizens – particularly the underprivileged. Students will not only strengthen their drafting skills, but they will also acquire a deeper understanding of the landscape of civil rights practice. In addition, students will learn to tackle certain ongoing challenges and limitations present in such a civil rights practice. Ultimately, this course is designed to fortify students' knowledge of the protections afforded by our jurisprudence to groups and individuals, and, to arm them with the tools necessary for effective representation of civil rights clients.

Course: College Sports Law Practicum

Instructor: Ron Rychlak, Professor of Law and Faculty Athletics Representative
<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/ronald-j-rychlak/>

Section: Law 631, Section 8

Times: First Week in Oxford:

Monday-Friday, January 4 to 8: 1 pm to 5:30 pm.
Basketball game Saturday, Jan. 9, 7:30 pm.

Second Week in San Antonio, Texas, at student expense:

Travel days, Tuesday, January 12 and Saturday, January 16; Meetings Wednesday-Friday, January 13 to 15, attend NCAA Convention programming, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (students free to leave the Convention Friday afternoon at 4:00 pm).

Room: 2039 LSSB Lounge

Grading: pass/fail

Enrollment: limit 16

Description: In Oxford: Sports law exercises, including sport schedule contract negotiations; drafting a compliance report letter; conducting a mock investigation; reviewing pending NCAA legislation; and handling an on-campus public relations matter. Also meet with Ole Miss Athletics leadership team.

In San Antonio: Travel to NCAA Convention (arriving Tuesday, January 12, and departing Friday or Saturday, January 15 or 16). Focus on NCAA educational matters and the negotiations and passage (or rejection) of pending regulations.

NOTE: Students must register for the NCAA Convention (\$25), pay travel costs to San Antonio, and arrange for housing that will permit them to be at the conference early in the morning and into the evening. There are three official conference hotels that either host NCAA events or provide free transportation to them.

Total anticipated cost: \$800 including food and lodging (based on sharing a room; up to four people per room). For more information on the convention, see <http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/events/convention>

Course: Criminal Trial Practice

Instructor: Jacinta Hall, Adjunct Professor

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/jacinta-hall/>

Section: Law 631, Section 3

Times: 3 pm to 7:30 pm

Room: 2032 Moot Court II

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 12

Note: criminal law skills

Description: Criminal Trial Practice will cover the elements and procedures of jury trial in criminal court. Topics will include communicating with a jury through storytelling, objections, motions, direct and cross examinations, opening and closing arguments. Students will practice components of the trial and will also perform a complete trial.

Course: Deal-Making Fundamentals in the Entertainment Industry

Instructor: Anita Modak-Truran, Adjunct Professor

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/anita-modak-truran/>

Section: Law 631, Section 7

Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 1090

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 16

Note: business law skills

Description: This class prepares students to practice law in film, television, and other creative industries. It offers a comprehensive and innovative approach to the study of entertainment law by immersing students in the mock representation of a film and television company. Through didactic lectures, pitch, negotiation and drafting sessions, and in-class presentations, students will dive deep into a 360-degree experience of the deal. Among other things, students will be exposed to how to work with clients, financing and securities law, investor agreements, employment contracts, how to protect intellectual property rights of your clients and distribution. Students will have a special screening of their final presentations, where they may invite guests.

Course: Elder Law Workshop

Instructor: Rick Courtney, Adjunct Professor

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/rick-courtney/>

Section: Law 631, Section 9

Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 2084

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 12

Note: business law skills

Description: The Elder Law Workshop will prepare you to: understand the legal and social factors affecting older adults and their legal and health concerns; recognize and handle ethical issues in dealing with older persons and persons with disabilities; assist these clients in estate planning, incapacity planning, and long-term care planning; draft effective documents to implement such planning; and advocate for the rights of such persons.

Course: Immigration Law Practice

Instructor: Shannon Cohn, Adjunct Professor

Section: Law 631, Section 4

Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 1115

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 12

Description: This course will serve as an introduction to immigration practice in the United States. The class will present the basic concepts and skills to enable you to determine the needs, limitations, and options available to an international client and unique circumstances and requirements of immigration practice.

Course: International Business Transaction Skills

Instructor: Antonia Eliason, Assistant Professor of Law

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/antonia-eliason/>

Section: Law 631, Section 2

Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 3061

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 14

Note: business law skills

Description: International Business Transaction Skills will equip students to handle complex business transactions. Students will draft a variety of transactional documents. The course will delve into the international aspects of business deals, but will cover skills equally applicable to domestic transactions.

Course: International Law Workshop: International Economic Sanctions

Instructor: Jessica LeCroy, Adjunct Professor

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/jessica-lecroy/>

Section: Law 631, Section 10

Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 1021

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 14

Description: Taught by a career lawyer-diplomat from Mississippi, the course will equip students with the skills they need to apply and react to international economic sanctions that may affect a full array of Mississippi businesses, whether or not those companies engage in export activities. Students will learn how to navigate the complex and dynamic legal regimes and interlocking governmental bureaucracies and institutions involved in the sanctions system. The course will examine the most recent economic sanctions developments (e.g., Russia, Cuba, Iran, Syria, cybersecurity), with a particular emphasis on the skills necessary to help clients comply with legal requirements and interact with the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Guest speakers from government, business and the financial sector, lobbyists and think tanks, international law firms, and in-house counsel will offer practical insights and discuss traditional and non-traditional career opportunities in this field.

Course: Judicial Clerking

Instructor: Keith French

Section: Law 631, Section 13

Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 2082

Grading: pass/fail

Enrollment: limit 14

Description: This course will orient its students with the duties and functions of a judicial law clerk, with a particular emphasis on the work of a trial court clerk. The course will cover law clerk duties including legal research, preparing bench memos, drafting orders and opinions, proofreading the judge's orders and opinions, verifying citations, communicating with counsel regarding case management and procedural requirements, and assisting the judge during courtroom proceedings.

Course: Lawyers as Entrepreneurs

Instructor: Bill Lockett, Adjunct Professor
<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/bill-lockett/>

Section: Law 631, Section 11

Times: 9 am to 2:30 pm (with breaks, including lunch)

Room: 1059 (Business Law Institute)

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 12

Note: business law skills

Description: Lawyers as Entrepreneurs will cover skills useful to address the marketplace realities facing lawyers today. The course will offer prepare students to counsel entrepreneurial clients. Further, the course is designed to assist new lawyers contemplating solo practice, business endeavors, or social entrepreneurial ventures after graduation. The course will include guest speakers with real life experiences as entrepreneurs.

Course: Litigating a Criminal Case

Instructor: Judge David Ishee, Adjunct Professor
<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/judge-david-ishee/>

Section: Law 631, Section 16

Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 2032 (Moot Court II)

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 14

Note: criminal law skills

Description: The course will provide students with hands on experience moving a criminal case through the judicial system. Students will learn how to make initial contact with an arrestee, interview a client, set bond, interview witnesses and law enforcement officials, conduct a preliminary hearing, determine possible defenses, draft and argue motions, and make a record for appeal.

Course: Municipal Law Practice

Instructor: Ben Griffith, Adjunct Professor

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/ben-griffith-2/>

Section: Law 631, Section 12

Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 2092

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 14

Description: Students will be in the driver's seat as they work through typical lawyering tasks faced by a municipal attorney, become familiar with the core functions of research, analysis and drafting memoranda to elected officials at the local government level, and present time-sensitive work product and legal opinions in much the same way as a municipal attorney would communicate with a multimember council, commission or board of aldermen. We will cover five topics each week for two weeks, familiarizing students with the pragmatic side of identifying essential facts and narrowly tailoring the issues through exercises drawn from real-life experience. Each student will develop an awareness of the strong public interest and policy components of municipal practice, while becoming more sure-footed and circumspect in thinking, talking and reacting as he or she would in a typical municipal attorney's office, sometimes on the eve of a City Council meeting and often under the pressure of deadlines from many sources. Your instructor has been immersed in municipal governance and practice for almost 40 years and has worked with cities and other local governments ranging in size from 3000 to 300,000.

Course: Real Estate Acquisition, Development, and Finance

Instructor: Gordon Russell, Adjunct Professor

http://www.krcl.com/index.php?submenu=Attorneys&src=directory&view=Attorney_Profiles&srctype=detail&id=220&ref1=&ref2=R&ref3=

Section: Law 631, Section 19

Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm

NOTE: No class on Friday, January 8. Some makeup time to be scheduled.

Room: 2086

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 14

Note: business law skills

Description: The course will cover the fundamental components and skills associated with commercial real estate acquisition, development, and finance. Using commercial real estate as the focus, the course will also prepare students for high-level transactional practice by sharpening their drafting and client communication skills.

Course: Real Estate Practice

Instructor: Sabrina Howell, Adjunct Professor

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/sabrina-howell/>

Section: Law 631, Section 15

Times: 1 to 5:30 pm

Room: 1032

Grading: pass/fail

Enrollment: limit 12

Note: business law skills

Description: This Real Estate Practice course will provide students with a practical working knowledge of the skills necessary to conduct an effective real estate practice upon the completion law school. The class will cover client interviewing, investigating title, drafting documents, analyzing deeds, leasing, litigation of real estate disputes, partition, and foreclosure.

Course: Religious Liberty Litigation

Instructor: Lisa Roy, Professor of Law

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/lisa-shaw-roy/>

Section: Law 631, Section 5

Times: 8:30 am to 1 pm

Room: 2073 (Dean's Conference Room)

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 12

Description: Religious Liberty Litigation will examine the key components of claims and arguments under the First Amendment and related statutes. Students will draft and argue motions and briefs. Topics covered may include aspects of trial, appellate, and administrative practice.

Course: Sentencing Skills

Instructor: Jack Williams,
Legal Writing Instructor/Acting Assistant Professor of Law
<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/c-jackson-williams/>

Section: Law 631, Section 20

Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 2035 (Moot Court I)

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 12

Note: criminal law skills

Description: This class focuses on federal sentencing law and practice. The skills, however, will transfer to state court sentencing proceedings. Students serve as defense counsel in one case and as the prosecutor in another. As defense counsel, each student will interview a "client" to gather the facts necessary to represent the client, prepare a federal sentencing memorandum, and represent the client in a sentencing hearing. As the prosecutor, each student will represent the United States in a hearing. Students will also observe several sentencing hearings in the district court and will meet with federal prosecutors and public defenders.

Course: How to Start and Build a Law Practice

Instructor: Judge Kenny Griffis, Adjunct Professor
<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/kenny-griffis/>

Section: Law 631, Section 18

Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 2017 (Library)

Grading: pass/fail

Enrollment: limit 12

Textbook: How to Start and Build a Law Practice 5th, by Jay G. Foonberg,
ABA Publishing 978-1590312476

Description: Every lawyer must build and grow a law practice. This course will help the student learn, explore, and understand the basics of law practice. We will have in class discussions, exercises both in and outside of class, and a field trip.

This class will be based on the ABA bestseller How to Start and Build a Law Practice by Jay Foonberg. Students will read Foonberg's book and participate in practical exercises that are focused on how to plan, start, and operate a successful solo or small firm practice.

This course is not just for students who are considering the solo practice, however. Every lawyer must understand the basic economics of law practice. We will focus on realistic, practical, and real-life experience managing and operating a law practice. We will consider how to identify the right location, find clients, set fees, manage your office, and maintain an ethical and responsible practice.

Course: Wills and Trusts Drafting

Instructor: Don Fruge, Professor Emeritus

<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/don-fruge/>

Section: Law 631, Section 17

Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 1033 (Library - Rare Books Room)

Grading: graded

Enrollment: limit 12

Note: business law skills

Prerequisite: Law 516 Wills and Estates

Text: A Lawyer's Guide to Estate Planning, 3d ed., Lara Rae Hunt, ABA Publishing, 978-1-59031-366-4

Description: The course will provide an overview of estate planning. It will include the drafting of wills, both simple and complex, and the drafting of various trust documents used in practice. Class discussions will include taxes imposed upon the transfer of assets, powers of appointment, marital deduction planning, life insurance planning, charitable giving, buy-sale agreements, retirement plans and benefits, valuation of assets, and postmortem estate planning.