

Spring 2015 Course List and Information

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First-Year Courses (J.D. Program)

SPRING SKILLS SESSION COURSE (1/5/2015 TO 1/16/2015)

CONTRACT NEGOTIATION AND DRAFTING I 590 (3 hours - Skills)

The first semester of a coordinated two-semester coverage of intergovernmental relations in the federal system, powers of Congress, and the limitations imposed upon the powers of both federal and state governments for the protection of individual rights.

REGULAR SPRING COURSES (1/21 TO 4/24/2015; FINALS 4/27 TO 5/7/2015)

CIVIL PROCEDURE I 503 (3 hours)

The basic course on the structure and power of American courts, focusing on personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction, and venue.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I 507 (3 hours)

The first semester of a coordinated two-semester coverage of intergovernmental relations in the federal system, powers of Congress, and the limitations imposed upon the powers of both federal and state governments for the protection of individual rights.

CRIMINAL LAW 568 (3 hours)

The sources of criminal law, analysis of criminal intent, conditions of criminal responsibility and particular crimes and procedure in criminal actions.

LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING II 515 (3 hours)

Continued study and practice of refined and expanded legal research and writing skills, applying them to more complex legal problems, primarily using federal law materials and focusing on persuasive legal writing.

ELECTIVE (STUDENTS SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING):

CIVIL PROCEDURE II 577 (3 hours)

The rules of pleading, procedure, and practice in the federal courts.

CORPORATIONS 601 (3 hours)

A survey of the law of business associations, focusing on corporations and their formation, structure, finance and governance; close corporation problems; regulation of corporate disclosures and proxy solicitations under federal securities law; securities fraud and insider trading.

EVIDENCE 600 (3 hours)

The function of the court and jury; the competency, privilege and examination of witnesses; the exclusionary rules of evidence and exceptions.

Second- and Third-Year Courses (J.D. Program)

REGULAR SPRING COURSES (1/21 TO 4/24/2015; FINALS 4/27 TO 5/7/2015)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW 605 (3 hours)

Powers and procedures of administrative agencies and reviewing courts at the federal and state levels, including federal and state administrative procedures acts.

ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH 720 (2 hours - Skills)

Legal and non-legal research strategies and resources (including materials in electronic and print formats) for specialized topics, such as federal and state statutory, case and administrative law, municipal law, legislative history, foreign and international law.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS I 771 – Essential Business Concepts for Lawyers - Accountancy (1 hour - Skills)

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS II 772 – Essential Business Concepts for Lawyers - Economics of the Firm (1 hour - Skills)

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS III 773 – Essential Business Concepts for Lawyers - Analytical Methods (1 hour - Skills)

The complete business lawyer must master essential business concepts as well as core legal doctrines. In this course, students will learn the basics of accounting (balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement), finance (time value of money, modern portfolio theory and valuation), the economics of the firm (financial instruments, capital structure, raising capital, and capital markets) and selected analytical methods (decision analysis and game theory) as they are applied in legal practice. The course will comprise four modules, any one or combination of which can be taken for 1 to 3 credits. Students' grades will be based on class participation and a separate exam on each module. (Students can opt for Z or graded credit).

ADVANCED LEGAL WRITING 712 (3 hours - Writing)

A lecture/lab course to expand skills acquired in first-year legal research and writing courses.

ADVOCACY COMPETITION 761 (1 – 4 hours)

Participation in an external skills competition or similar program (including appellate advocacy, mock trial, negotiation, and other advocacy or skills activities). (Z credit).

BANKRUPTCY REORGANIZATION SEMINAR 622 (3 hours)

Examination of the legal, practical, and theoretical aspects of reorganizing the financial affairs of business entities and individuals under Chapters 11, 12, and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. Prerequisite: Bankruptcy 558.

BIOETHICS 665 (3 hours - Writing)

A three-hour course that covers a broad range of bioethics issues, including stem cell research, fetal tissue research, genetic testing, genetic engineering, human experimentation, the right-to-die, the right to demand medical treatment, physician-assisted suicide, reproductive rights, surrogate reproduction, medical informed consent, feminism issues regarding medical treatments, racism involving medical treatments, and other standard bioethics issues relating to patients' due process, liberty, interest, and right of privacy.

CHILDREN IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM 646 (3 hours)

Study of the law as it relates to minors in the public and private sectors.

CLINICS

The University of Mississippi Clinical Programs teach essential practice skills and professional responsibility through a reflective clinical practice that provides high-quality representation to underserved clients. To accomplish the dual goals of educating students and increasing access to justice, the programs offer a wide range of clinical practice areas, each focused on an area of demonstrated legal need and each offering unique skills training experiences. The programs aim to graduate students with real-world experience, an understanding of ethical obligations, and a commitment to furthering broad access to the legal system.

For additional information see: [Clinics Program Information](#)

CLINICS: ADVANCED 765 (3-5 hours - Skills)

Students perform advanced work in a clinic during an additional semester.

CLINICS: CHILD ADVOCACY 690 (5 hours - Skills)

Students are appointed by the Court to investigate allegations of neglect and abuse and to make written recommendations to the Court regarding the best interests of the child. Students in the Child Advocacy Clinic conduct in-depth investigations by performing home visits, reviewing medical and school records, and interviewing fact witnesses. This section is offered for 5 hours of graded credit and is supervised by attorney David Calder.

For additional information see: [Child Advocacy Clinic](#)

CLINICS: CRIMINAL APPEALS 697 (4 hours – Skills or Writing)

A clinical program in which third-year students will directly participate in pro bono representation of indigents, through litigation of criminal appeals before the Mississippi Supreme Court, under the supervision of the clinic director.

For additional information see: [Criminal Appeals Clinic](#)

CLINICS: ELDER LAW 766 (4 hours - Skills)

Students write wills, prepare health care directives and Powers of Attorney, advise clients on nursing home and Medicaid regulations, and provide advice at meal centers and nursing homes. This section is supervised by Catherine V. Kilgore, Director of the Elder Law Project at North Mississippi Rural Legal Services.

For additional information see: [Elder Law Clinic](#)

CLINICS: EXTERNSHIP 654 (3-12 hours - Skills)

Work as legal assistants with prosecutors, defenders, judges, or attorneys in public service agencies with established internship programs. Prerequisites: Evidence 600. (Z credit).

For additional information see: [Externship](#)

CLINICS: HOUSING 691 (5 hours - Skills)

§5 - Low-Income Housing Clinic (5 hours). Students bring and defend cases, negotiate, and give advice in order to assist individuals and families facing conflicts with their landlord, eviction, foreclosure, or housing discrimination. Students take responsibility for the management of their own cases, meet with clients, interview witnesses, draft motions and pleadings, and appear in court. This section is offered for 5 hours of graded credit and is supervised by Clinic Director Desiree Hensley.

For additional information see: [Housing Clinic](#)

CLINICS: INNOCENCE PROJECT 692 (4 hours - Skills)

Civil Clinic is an in-house clinical program with a general classroom component and separate clinical units. Students may enroll only once unless they receive special permission from the clinical director.

For additional information see: [Mississippi Innocence Project](#)

CLINICS: MACARTHUR JUSTICE CLINIC 733 (3 hour2 - Skills)

Students serve on a legal team pursuing impact litigation addressing criminal justice and civil rights issues in Mississippi. Students also assist with policy and legislative initiatives.

For additional information see: [MacArthur Justice Clinic](#)

CLINICS: PRO BONO INITIATIVE 713 (1 hour)

Credit for 50 or more hours of pro bono work, such as working for approved pro bono organization or project. (Z credit).

For additional information see: [Pro Bono Service](#)

CLINICS: STREET LAW 767 (3 hours - Skills)

Students conduct client interviews at the Oxford Food Pantry storeroom, where they gain invaluable experience in interviewing and counseling clients of the Food Pantry regarding public benefits, housing, family law, consumer law, property, wills and other civil issues. This section is offered for 3 hours of graded credit and is supervised by Minnie Howard, Managing Attorney at North Mississippi Rural Legal Services.

For additional information see: [Street Law Clinic](#)

CLINICS: TAX 768 (3 hours - Skills)

Students assist low- and moderate-income taxpayers with completing tax returns ranging from simple to business and international.

For additional information see: [Tax Clinic](#)

CLINICS: TRANSACTIONAL 725 (3 hours - Skills)

Students offer services to low-income entrepreneurs and non-profit organizations to foster economic development, increase access to capital, promote job growth, and enable sustainable home ownership, particularly in the Mississippi Delta. The types of work involved in the clinic may include: entity formation and choice of entity counseling, contract negotiation and preparation, corporate and commercial financing, shareholder agreements, business acquisitions and sales, commercial leasing, licensing, permitting, and zoning advice, trademark and copyright advice, registration and intellectual property licensing, corporate governance and compliance, tax exempt applications and various other kinds of business-related transactional legal work. The clinic is supervised by Marie Cope and Cameron Abel, an attorney at the Tollison Law Firm in Oxford, MS.

For additional information see: [Transactional Clinic](#)

COMPARATIVE NATIONAL SPACE LAW 677 (3 hours – §2 – Writing)

Survey the comparative national regulatory frameworks governing space activities, with a particular focus on the legal frameworks that govern private and governmental entities engaged in commercial space activities.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT PRACTICUM 764 (3 hours – No regular scheduled class meetings - Skills)

The Student Conflict & Conduct Management Practicum will allow selected law students to work within the Dean of Students Office as a mediator/advisor in undergraduate pre-hearing and administrative hearing processes. Law students will assist that office in handling the 500+ caseload per semester by learning the requisite legal and educational foundation and receiving proper training to meet with undergraduate students with student conduct issues. (Z credit **\$1**; Graded credit for Advanced Practicum **\$2**).

Note: Enrollment in this class requires the instructor's approval, contact Macey Edmondson at maceye@olemiss.edu.

For additional information see: [Mediation Practicum](#)

CORPORATE FINANCE LAW 606 (3 hours)

The law governing corporate finance and acquisitions, including enterprise valuation, capital structure, dividend policy, mergers, takeovers, and takeover defenses.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE I: INVESTIGATION 635 (3 hours)

A study of constitutional restrictions on criminal investigative practice, which typically precede institution of formal judicial proceedings, with special emphasis upon search and seizure, interrogation, right to counsel at the pretrial stage, and operation of the exclusionary rule.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE II: ADJUDICATION 714 (3 hours)

A study of issues surrounding state and federal criminal litigation beginning with the decision to commence formal judicial proceedings.

DISABILITY LAW AND POLICY 717 (3 hours - Writing)

Examines the various sources of American disability antidiscrimination law.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION 640 (3 hours)

Employment discrimination as regulated by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal statutes.

ENERGY LAW 746 (2 hours)

The study of electricity regulation and electricity rate-making. The course will also examine regulation of the energy sources, including coal, natural gas, and renewables.

ENTERTAINMENT LAW 709 (3 hours)

This course examines legal issues relevant to the entertainment industry, including television/cable/radio, film, music, publishing, and theater.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOXIC TORTS 747 (3 hours)

A study of common law tort theories addressing harm to persons, property, or the environment by environmental contamination or exposure, and preemption by existing environmental statutes.

EVIDENCE 600 (3 hours)

The function of the court and jury; the competency, privilege and examination of witnesses; the exclusionary rules of evidence and exceptions.

FEDERAL HABEAS CORPUS LAW 716 (2 hours)

This is a seminar overview of the federal habeas corpus writ, both historically and after the enactment of the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996.

FEDERAL TAXATION OF GRATUITOUS TRANSFERS 626 (3 hours)

Federal estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

FEDERAL TRIAL PRACTICE 678 (3 hours - Skills)

Use of federal discovery procedures, pretrial proceedings, and motions. Trial of mock cases, civil and criminal, under federal rules. Pre- or corequisites: Evidence 600. (Z credit).

GAMING LAW 661 (3 hours - Writing)

This course will focus on laws that regulate, prohibit, or permit gambling in various forms.

INCOME TAXATION OF CORPORATIONS AND SHAREHOLDERS 633 (3 hours)

Tax considerations in corporate formations, distributions, redemptions, liquidations, and reorganizations. Prerequisite: Income Taxation of Individuals 613.

INCOME TAXATION II 702 (3 hours)

Advanced topics in the federal income taxation of individuals, including tax treatment of significant property transactions; consideration of timing of income and deductions; time value of money concepts; characterization issues; and additional treatment of special deduction limitation provisions. Prerequisite: Income Taxation of Individuals 613.

INDIVIDUAL STUDY I 615 (1-3 hours)

Research and writing on an assigned topic under supervision of a faculty member, or participation on moot court or mock trial teams at regional or national competitions under supervision of a faculty member. (Z credit).

For additional information see: [Individual Study Application and Policy](#)

INDIVIDUAL STUDY II 715 (1-3 hours)

Legal research and analysis on a particular topic assigned by the faculty, and the preparation of a written article. Prerequisite: permission of the supervising faculty member and the Curriculum Committee of the law faculty. Note: Student must apply 6 weeks prior to the semester start date.

For additional information see: [Individual Study Application and Policy](#)

INSURANCE 559 (3 hours)

The nature, form, interpretation, and application of the various kinds of insurance contracts.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW 719 (3 hours – Writing)

Examines the growing body of international law relating to the protection of rights enjoyed by all human beings.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW 680 (3 hours – Writing – §2)

This course explores issues of public and private international law applicable to activities in outer space. Specific topics covered include the nature and sources of international space law, international space law treaties, the relationship of international space law to U.S. domestic law, the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and the International Telecommunications Union. Legal theory and principles used in the advancement of civil, military, and commercial space activities are identified.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW 752 (3 hours – Writing – §2)

Issues of the transnational flow of information which include both technical and social concerns that States have when international communication is involved.

Note: Course prerequisite requires students to be enrolled in the LL.M. program. If you are interested in this course, please send request to Law Registrar, Eddie Upton to add you to this class.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE 575 (3 hours – Writing/Take Home Exam)

Legal problems encountered in commerce across national lines; emphasis on problems of U.S. firms and individuals transacting business in foreign countries or with foreign associates and customers.

INT'L AVIATION FINANCING AND LEASING LAW 753 (3 hours – Writing – §2)

This course covers the primary legal and practical aspects of international aviation finance and leasing Law, and focuses on special international and national private air law (lex specialis) that applies to cross-border financing and leasing of aircraft objects. This course also addresses the relevant international disputes that currently arise in the international aviation finance practice.

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JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW 583 (1-4 hours)

The Journal of Space Law is an academic review of national and international scope, focusing on the many aspects of space, remote sensing, and aerospace law. Research, writing, and editing assignments, and other duties necessary to the operation of the Journal of Space Law. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities) except editor-in-chief only may earn one additional (fifth) hour for service in summer term. (Z credit).

LAW AND MEDICINE 695 (2 hours - Writing)

Medical malpractice litigation with emphasis on the physician as a defendant or as a witness.

LAW AND RELIGION 688 (3 hours)

A seminar course covering the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT 531 (3 hours - Writing)

Examination of rules of international law applicable to armed conflicts, with emphasis on contemporary case studies; includes the law on resort to force (*jus ad bellum*) and the law on conduct of hostilities (*jus in bello*).

LAWYERING SKILLS WORKSHOP 551 (3 hours - Skills)

A simulation-based practice course, including exercises in interviewing and counseling, fact investigation, case assessment, negotiation, motion practice, trial practice, and ethics.

LEGAL PROFESSION 603 (3 hours)

Historical background of the legal profession, its proper functions in society, and ethical conduct in the practice of law.

LEGISLATION 510 (2 hours)

The legislative process, national and state; the principles of statutory construction; and techniques of bill drafting.

MISSISSIPPI CIVIL PRACTICE 579 (3 hours)

Civil practice and procedure in the courts of Mississippi.

MISSISSIPPI LAW JOURNAL 610 (1-5 hours)

Research, writing, and editing assignments and other duties necessary to the operation of the *Mississippi Law Journal*. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities) except editor-in-chief only may earn one additional (fifth) hour for service in summer term. (Z credit).

MOOT COURT BOARD 666 (1-4 hour)

Administration and supervision of the moot court system. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities). (Z credit).

NEGOTIATION BOARD 763 (1 – 4 Hours)

Participation in and administration of the Negotiation Board. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities). (Z credit).

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL AIR LAW 751 (3 hours – §2 – Writing)

Covers the unification of private international air law through the adoption of international conventions.

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REMEDIES 642 (3 hours)

Legal and equitable remedies, including the law of damages, restitution, and injunctive relief.

REMOTE SENSING LAW 655 (3 hours – §2 – Writing)

Remote sensing is a valuable technology in science, foreign policy, national security, and commerce. This course provides an overview of international and domestic remote sensing law and identifies issues in the United States and the international community.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT I 760 (1 – 4 Hours)

Research assistance for a faculty member. Requires completion of application form by student and supervising instructor. Please see Law Registrar for details. (Z credit). See Law Registrar for details.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT I 762 (1 – 4 Hours)

Research assistance for a faculty member. Requires completion of application form by student and supervising instructor. Application due significantly in advance of enrollment. See Law Registrar for details.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS I 698 –Trademark Law (3 hours)

This course will examine the law of trademarks, with a focus on the practical considerations that challenge trademark practitioners, including both the realms of trademark registration and litigation.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS II 701 –Health Care Law III (3 hours)

This Course is a seminar focused on the fraud and abuse laws that have been set in place to govern the interactions between all healthcare providers and the federal payors – Medicare and Medicaid. These laws are detailed and complicated, and impact the activities of healthcare providers in myriad ways on a daily basis – from recruiting and contracting with physicians, to leasing space, to purchasing equipment, to actual treatment of patients and billing of claims for reimbursement to Medicare and Medicaid. Every healthcare lawyer must, in short order, gain intimate familiarity with these laws, their exceptions and safe harbors, and the various implementing Government regulations and pronouncements. This Course will give students with an interest in a healthcare practice the foundational knowledge they will need to begin representing healthcare providers as clients. It will, more importantly, provide them with a base of knowledge that will make them an immediate asset to firms looking for associates to assist in this ever growing area of the law.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS III 703 – Environmental Law Seminar Issues in the Gulf of Mexico Region (3 hours)

This course will examine current environmental issues facing the Gulf of Mexico Region. We will cover topics such as energy production, coastal development and management (including issues with flooding and subsidence), water management and ecological, wildlife and fisheries issues. We will also examine current environmental disputes in the region.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS VI 706 –Legal Scholarship Research (1 hour – Skills)

Legal Scholarship Research is intended to serve as a companion course to upper-level courses with a significant writing component. The course will survey the resources and techniques used to conduct scholarly research, both online and in print. In-class, hands-on work will be designed to help each student conduct the research needed for his or her particular project. For more information, please contact Professor Gilliland at gillilan@olemiss.edu or 662/915-6836.

SPORTS LAW REVIEW 611 (1 - 4 hours)

Research, writing, and editing assignments and other duties necessary to the operation of the Sports Law Review. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total (five for EIC) for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities). (Z credit).

TRIAL ADVOCACY BOARD 664 (1 – 4 Hours)

Participation in the administration of the Trial Advocacy Board. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities). (Z credit).

WILLS AND ESTATES 516 (3 hours)

The execution, revocation, construction, and probate of wills and the administration of trusts and estates.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION 618 (3 hours)

Compensation for employment injuries, with primary emphasis on the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Act.

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MASTER'S THESIS I 797 (1 hour)

Preparation of thesis proposal.

MASTER'S THESIS II 798 (1 hour)

Literature review.

MASTER'S THESIS III 799 (6 hours)

Drafting and completion of Thesis.

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