2015 Skill Session
2L/3L Courses

Dates

Monday through Friday, January 5 to 9 and 12 to 16

(note: College Sports Law Practicum has unique dates, see description)

Regular Spring semester courses begin on Wednesday, January 21

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See full entries below for course descriptions, meeting times, grading, enrollment limits, prerequisites, information on whether a course satisfies a certificate skills requirement, and other information.

Courses – Full Descriptions

Course: **Agricultural Law Practicum**
Instructor: Amanda Urbanek, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/amanda-urbanek/
Section: Law 631, Section 17
Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm
Room: 1032
Grading: graded
Enrollment: limit 12
Note: business law skills
Description: 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: **Chancery Court Practice**
Instructor: Diala Chaney, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/diala-chaney/
Section: Law 631, Section 2
Times: 4 pm to 8:30 pm (with some morning trips to chancery court)
Room: 2032
Grading: graded
Enrollment: limit 13
Description: Chancery Court Practice will cover the basic skills needed for the unique experience of litigating in Mississippi's Chancery Court system. The class will cover the fundamental procedures of Chancery Court, a number of family law matters, some wills and estates issues, and ethical issues in chancery court.

Course: **Civil Trial Practice**
Instructor: Members of ABOTA (American Board of Trial Advocates)
www.abota.org
Section: Law 631, Section 1
Times: TBD
Room: 2035
Grading: pass/fail
Enrollment: limit 20
Prerequisite: Law 600 Evidence
Description: Taught by a team of elite trail lawyers from ABOTA, the Civil Trial Practice class will cover the basics of jury trial litigation. With multiple instructors from both the defense and plaintiffs bar, the course will provide students with a range of perspectives on successful courtroom practice and allow students to learn courtroom tactics from several prominent trial lawyers in the state.

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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 16
Times: First Week in Oxford: Monday-Saturday, Jan. 5 to 10: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Second Week in Washington, DC: Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 14 to 17, at student expense, attend NCAA Convention (students may need to leave on Tuesday, Jan. 13, and return on Sunday, Jan. 18, in order to attend the entire Convention)
Room: 2090
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; drafting proposed NCAA legislation; and handling an on-campus public relations matter. In DC: Travel to NCAA Convention in Washington, DC (arriving Tuesday, 1/13, and departing Saturday/Sunday, 1/17-18). Focus on NCAA educational matters and the negotiations and passage (or rejection) of pending regulations.

NOTE: Students must register for the NCAA Convention, pay travel costs to Washington DC, 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).

Course: **Criminal Trial Practice**
Instructor: Jacinta Hall, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/jacinta-hall/
Section: Law 631, Section 8
Times: 3 pm to 7:30 pm
Room: 2086
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: **Elder Law Workshop**
Instructor: Rick Courtney, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/rick-courtney/
Section: Law 631, Section 3
Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 2094
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: **Employment Law Drafting and Litigating**
Instructor: Victoria Holladay, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/victoria-holladay/
Section: Law 631, Section 19
Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 1092
Grading: graded
Enrollment: limit 12
Note: business law skills
Description: Employment Law Drafting and Litigating will teach students how to both draft employment law documents and litigate employment law cases with a focus on non-compete and non- solicit agreements. The class will begin with drafting an agreement and then move to the litigation of a dispute arising under that agreement – with attention devoted to litigation of a temporary restraining order. The course will also equip students to deliver briefings to both senior partners and clients.

Course: **Entertainment Law Workshop**
Instructor: Mike Frascogna, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/mike-frascogna/
Section: Law 631, Section 5
Times: 10 am to Noon & 1 pm to 3 pm
Room: 1046
Grading: graded
Enrollment: limit 14
Note: business law skills
Description: Entertainment Law Skills offers a dynamic and interactive general survey of the legal principles and business practices of the entertainment industry. Topics include music, film, television, books, online and live performances. The relationship between artists, managers and agents together with the intricate interplay of songwriters, publishers, royalty collection organizations and the royalty income streams are identified and analyzed. Specific areas of entertainment litigation are surveyed. Treatment of the ever-expanding global implications of the entertainment industry is also included. Some of the business and legal considerations facing attorneys practicing in the entertainment area are introduced through a series of project assignments.

Course: **How to Do a Film Deal**
Instructor: Anita Modak-Truran, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/anita-modak-truran/
Section: Law 631, Section 14
Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 1090
Grading: graded
Enrollment: limit 16
Note: business law skills
Description: The practical legal components of film production from concept to theater distribution. Topics include securing rights, negotiating financing, permission to film and portray, employment contracts, music rights, distribution, protecting intellectual property through copyright, etc.

Course: **International Business Transaction Skills**
Instructor: Antonia Eliason, Assistant Professor of Law
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/antonia-eliason/
Section: Law 631, Section 4
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: Making Sanctions Work**
Instructor: Jessica LeCroy, Adjunct Professor
Section: Law 631, Section 12
Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 2082
Grading: graded
Enrollment: limit 14
Description: Taught by a career lawyer-diplomat from Mississippi, the course will teach students how to navigate both doctrinal international law and the governmental bureaucracy to apply and react to international economic sanctions that may affect Mississippi businesses. Using the U.S. sanctions regime against Russia's actions in Ukraine as a case study, students will negotiate, prepare position statements, conduct research, and learn how to navigate the complex interagency process of implementing international legal policy from a local perspective.

Course: **Judicial Clerking**
Instructor: Parker Kline, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/parker-kline/
Section: Law 631, Section 11
Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 2092
Grading: pass/fail
Enrollment: limit 14
Description: This class will orientate students to aspects of judicial clerking on the state and federal level. Participants will learn to navigate the electronic case filing system of the federal courts and gain an understanding of the inner structure of both state and federal courts. Class assignments will include drafting a Memorandum Opinion for submission to a "judge," spotting evidentiary issues, and working with jury instructions.

Course: **Lawyers as Entrepreneurs**
Instructor: Bill Luckett, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/bill-luckett/
Section: Law 631, Section 13
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 economic pressures, technological changes, and marketplace realities facing lawyers today. The course is designed for students contemplating solo practice, consulting, or engaging in both business and social entrepreneurial ventures after graduation.

Course: **Litigating a Criminal Case**
Instructor: Judge David Ishee, Adjunct Professor
Section: Law 631, Section 10
Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm
Room: 1115
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: **Litigating Religious Liberty Cases**
Instructor: Lisa Roy, Professor of Law
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/lisa-shaw-roy/
Section: Law 631, Section 15
Times: 10 am to Noon and 1 pm to 3:00 pm
Room: 2020
Grading: graded
Enrollment: limit 12
Description: Litigating Religious Liberty Cases 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: **Municipal Law Practice**
Instructor: Ben Griffith, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/ben-griffith-2/
Section: Law 631, Section 7
Times: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 2084
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 over 38 years and has worked with cities and other local governments ranging in size from 3000 to 300,000.

Course: **Real Estate Practice**
Instructor: Sabrina Howell, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/sabrina-howell/
Section: Law 631, Section 9
Times: 8:30 am to 1 pm
Room: 1021
Grading: graded
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: **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 18
Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm
Room: 2017
Grading: graded
Enrollment: limit 12
Note: criminal law skills
Description: In this class, students will be introduced to federal and Mississippi sentencing laws and will develop the skill necessary to represent clients in sentencing hearings. Each student will interview a "client" to gather the facts necessary to represent the client in the hearing, prepare a federal sentencing memorandum, and represent the client in both federal and state hearings.

Course: **The Strategic Lawyer**
Instructor: Judge Kenny Griffis, Adjunct Professor
http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/kenny-griffis/
Section: Law 631, Section 20
Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm
Room: 1033 (Rare Books Room)
Grading: pass/fail
Enrollment: limit 12
Recommended: Completion of Law 577 Civil Procedure II & Law 600 Evidence
Description: Every case requires a strategy. Every lawyer must learn how prepare a strategic plan for each case. Every lawyer must be a strategic lawyer. This course will challenge each student to consider how to be a strategic lawyer. We will look at actual Mississippi cases, consider the strategies used, and how different strategies may have resulted in a different outcome. Each student will learn how to develop a case strategy, consider how various alternatives may impact the case, and prepare a strategic plan for a case. We will also consider how to communicate the strategy to the client, and how to update the strategic plan as the case unfolds. This class will also examine several common legal claims from different perspectives, not just as the lawyer for one of the parties. The student will be challenged to consider a tort or breach of contract claim and develop a strategy as the client, the presiding judge, or as a disinterested third party. While a litigator may see no option but a lawsuit, the student will consider the best legal advice based on other considerations (i.e. the cost of legal action, the cost to the business relationship, and the best result).

Course: **Wills and Trusts Drafting**
Instructor: Don Fruge, Professor Emeritus
Section: Law 631, Section 6
Times: 8 am to 12:30 pm
Room: 2073
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.

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