

Skill Session 2014 – 2L/3L Courses

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Youth Court Practicum	Calder

See full entries below – listed alphabetically by instructor – for course descriptions, meeting time, grading, enrollment limit, prerequisites, and notes.

Courses – Alphabetical By Instructor

Instructor: David Calder, Clinical Professor
<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/david-calder/>
Course: Youth Court Practicum
Section: 1
Time: 4 pm to 8:30 pm
Room: 3061
Grading: graded
Enrollment: 12
Notes: criminal law skills
Description: Practice in the procedures and rules of youth court.

Instructor: Hon. George Carlson, Adjunct Professor
and Retired Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court
http://courts.ms.gov/appellate_courts/sc/bios/justicecarlson.html
Course: Appellate Practice: How to Litigate at Trial to Succeed on Appeal
Section: 2
Time: 8 am to 12:30 pm
Room: 2032 (Moot Court II)
Grading: graded
Enrollment: 12
Description: The purpose of this course is to teach the students how to avoid the many pitfalls involved in appellate litigation. This course will not attempt to teach the students the intricate details of how to write an appellate brief or prepare for oral arguments, although there will be general discussion about appellate briefs and oral arguments. The professor served as a state trial judge for nineteen years and as an appellate judge for eleven years, and he will offer insight into how to represent clients effectively on appeal to the Mississippi appellate courts.

Instructor: Diala Chaney, Adjunct Professor & Mississippi Department of Human Services
Course: Chancery Court Practice
Section: 3
Time: 3 pm to 7:30 pm (with some morning trips to chancery court)
Room: 2032 (Moot Court II)
Grading: letter graded
Enrollment: 12
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.

Instructor: Tom Clancy, Research Professor
& Director of the National Center for Justice and Rule of Law
<http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/thomas-k-clancy/>
Course: Motions to Suppress Based on the Fourth Amendment
Section: 4
Time: 4 pm to 8:30 pm
Room: 3001B
Grading: graded
Enrollment: 12
Prerequisite: Law 635 Criminal Procedure I
Notes: criminal trial skills
Description: Practice researching, preparing, and arguing motions to suppress evidence in criminal cases based on police searches and seizures.

Instructor: Rick Courtney, Adjunct Professor
& Partner at Frascogna Courtney in Jackson, MS
<http://frascourtlaw.com/rcourtney.html>
Course: Elder Law Workshop
Section: 5
Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 1115
Grading: graded
Enrollment: 14
Notes: 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.

Instructor: Jack Dunbar, Adjunct Professor & Partner at Holcomb Dunbar in Oxford, MS
<http://www.holcombdunbar.com/Dunbar-Jack-F.html>
Course: Efficient Lawyering Through Alternative Dispute Resolution
Section: 6
Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 1046
Grading: pass/fail
Enrollment: 14
Notes: business law skills
Description: Practice using problem-solving approaches to resolve disputes rather than gladiatorial litigation. Course will provide training on negotiation, client counseling, selection and preparation of mediator, the mediation process, arbitration, and other topics.

Instructor: Brooks Eason, Adjunct Professor
& Shareholder at Baker Donelson in Jackson, MS
<http://www.bakerdonelson.com/paul-brooks-eason/>

Course: Trying an Employment Discrimination Case

Section: 7

Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 1092

Grading: pass/fail

Enrollment: 12

Notes: business law skills

Description The course will cover the process of litigating an employment discrimination case from start to finish but will focus on preparing for trial and trial. Students will discuss fact investigation and discovery, summary judgment motions, and preparation for trial (including motions in limine, jury instructions, trial notebook, witness preparation, etc.), and will prepare for and conduct the principal activities of a jury trial (including opening, witness exams, and closing).

Instructor: Mike Frascogna, Adjunct Professor
& Partner at Frascogna Courtney in Jackson, MS
<http://frascourtlaw.com/frascogna.html>

Course: Entertainment Law Workshop

Section: 8

Time: Monday through Thursday: 10 am to 12 noon & 2 pm to 4 pm
Friday: 9 am to 1 pm

Room: 1090

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 14

Notes: business law skills

Description: The course 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.

Instructor: Katie Gilchrist, Adjunct Professor & Partner at Adams and Reese in Jackson, MS
<http://www.adamsandreese.com/kathryn-r-gilchrist/>

Course: Health Care Law Workshop

Section: 9

Time: mix of morning and evening sessions

Room: 1059 (Business Law Institute)

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 12

Prerequisite: Law 726 Health Care Law

Notes: business law skills

Description: This course will expose the students to detailed review of potential fraud and abuse and overpayment issues faced by healthcare provider clients, the internal audit process, government investigation, and the overpayment hearing and appeals process. Students will conduct initial client meetings, prepare audit reports, participate in meetings with Government investigators, and prepare for and conduct an overpayment appeal administrative hearing.

Instructor: Hon. T. Kenny Griffis, Jr., Adjunct Professor
& Presiding Judge, Mississippi Court of Appeals
http://courts.ms.gov/appellate_courts/coa/bios/judgegriffis.html

Course: How to Identify and Solve Real Problems in Civil Litigation

Section: 10

Time: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 2017 (Library)

Grading: pass/fail

Enrollment: 12

Description: What do you expect in your first two weeks as a lawyer? This course will introduce you to civil litigation, just as if you joined a small law firm. You will be assigned cases and asked to identify and solve real problems in civil litigation. The instruction part of the course will focus on the interaction of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure, the Mississippi Rules of Evidence and the Uniform Rules of Chancery, Circuit and County Court. The classroom discussions will try to “connect the dots” or “put the pieces together” for the new lawyer. The skills development part of the course will assign you several cases. These cases are taken from actual Mississippi cases. You will be asked to study the case, develop a detailed action plan, consider various legal strategies, prepare pleadings, solve written exercises, and possibly even deliver an argument. You will have to decide between matters that are urgent and routine. Some of the cases will present difficult problems that will challenge you to develop a strategic response. At the end of the session, you will be asked to argue motion that may resolve the case.

Instructor: Ben Griffith, Adjunct Professor & Partner at Griffith & Griffith in Cleveland, MS
<http://www.griffithlaw.net/about.partners.html>

Course: Municipal Law Practice

Section: 11

Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm (except: on 1/15 class will meet: 5 pm to 9:30 pm)

Room: 1021 (Library)

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 14

Notes: business law skills

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.

Instructor: Jacinta Hall, Adjunct Professor
& Attorney, Hinds County Public Defender in Jackson, MS

Course: Criminal Trial Practice

Section: 12

Time: 4 pm to 8:30 pm

Room: 1032 (Library)

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 14

Notes: criminal law skills

Description: Practice with the 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.

Instructor: Victoria Holladay, Adjunct Professor & Partner at Ford Harrison, Memphis, TN
<http://www.fordharrison.com/VictoriaHolladay>

Course: Employment Law Drafting and Litigating

Section: 13

Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 2084

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 12

Notes: business law skills

Description: The class 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.

Instructor: Hon. David Houston, Adjunct Professor,
Retired Federal Bankruptcy Judge N.D. Miss, &
Partner at Mitchell McNutt & Sams in Tupelo, MS
<http://www.mitchellmcnutt.com/attorneys/bio.php/42>

Course: Bankruptcy Practicum

Section: 14

Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 2094

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 14

Prerequisite: Law 558 Bankruptcy

Notes: business law skills

Description: The course will focus on how to present a case in bankruptcy court.

Instructor: Sabrina Howell, Adjunct Professor
& Sabrina D. Howell, Attorney-at-Law in Granada, MS

Course: Real Estate Practice

Section: 15

Time: 8:30 am to 1 pm

Room: 2086

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 14

Notes: business law skills

Description: This 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.

Instructor: Bill Lockett, Adjunct Professor & Partner at Lockett Tyner in Clarksdale, MS
<http://www.locketttyner.com/william-o-lockett-jr.html>

Course: Lawyers as Entrepreneurs

Section: 16

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

Room: 2020 (Library)

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 12

Notes: 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.

Instructor: Parker Kline, Adjunct Professor
& Staff Attorney for Hon. Sharion Aycock, U.S. District Court, in Aberdeen, MS

Course: Judicial Clerking

Section: 17

Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 1032 (Library)

Grading: pass/fail

Enrollment: 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.

Instructor: Anita Modak-Truran, Adjunct Professor
& Partner at Butler Snow in Jackson, MS
http://www.butlersnow.com/anita_modak-truran.aspx

Course: How to Do a Film Deal

Section: 18

Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 2073 (Dean's Conference Room)

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 12

Notes: 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.

Instructor: David O'Donnell, Adjunct Professor
& Partner at Clayton O'Donnell in Oxford, MS
<http://www.claytonodonnell.com/david.html>
Course: Depositions
Section: 19
Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 2082
Grading: pass/fail
Enrollment: 12
Description: Intensive practice taking and defending depositions.

Instructor: Hon. Denise Owens, Adjunct Professor & Judge, Chancery Court, Hinds County
Course: Chancery Court Trial Practice
Section: 20
Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 2035 (Moot Court I)
Grading: graded
Enrollment: 12
Description: This course is designed to teach students the basic elements of trying a Chancery Court case. The aim of this course is to prepare students to face challenges that occur during the course of Chancery Court litigation. This course will focus on two main areas in Chancery Court practice: 1) divorces involving minor children; 2) guardianship issues, and 2) probate matters involving land disputes.

Instructor: Bill Quin, Adjunct Professor
& Partner at McCraney Montagnet Quin Noble in Ridgeland, MS
<http://www.mmqnlaw.com/attorneys/william-m-quin-ii>
Course: Litigating a Complex Personal Injury Case for the Plaintiff:
The Nuts-and-Bolts of Case Strategy, Tactics, and Implementation
in a Plaintiff's Practice
Section: 21
Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Room: 2092
Grading: graded
Enrollment: 12
Description: This class will teach students how to draft a complaint, draft written discovery, prepare to take and take a deposition, and engage in motion practice – all with an eye toward a successful resolution of the case. Students will also learn how to evaluate and re-evaluate a case in practical terms from the outset of litigation through the eve of trial.

Instructor: Bill Reed, Adjunct Professor & Partner at Baker Donelson in Jackson, MS
<http://www.bakerdonelson.com/william-n-reed/>

Course: Discovery Boot Camp

Section: 22

Time: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 2035 (Moot Court I)

Grading: pass/fail

Enrollment: 12

Description: Intensive work on the elements of discovery: initial disclosures, discovery plan, interrogatories and responses, requests for documents, requests for admissions, and taking/defending depositions of both lay and expert witnesses.

Instructor: David Rozier, Adjunct Professor & Partner at Rozier Hayes in Oxford, MS
<http://www.rohalaw.com/attorneys.html>

Course: Eminent Domain Practicum

Section: 23

Time: 1 pm to 5:30 PM

Room: 2090

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 14

Notes: business law skills

Description: How to litigate an eminent domain case from start to finish. Topics include: consultation with client, identification of issues, third party resources (appraiser, engineer, project manager, title abstractor, etc.), drafting complaint and answer, hearing on immediate possession, valuation, trial on valuation, resolution of collateral matters, and closing the case file.

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

Course: College Sports Law Practicum

Section: 24

Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Will meet on Saturday, January 11, but not on Friday, January 17. May include possible overnight trip to SEC in Birmingham, AL, at student expense. Some sessions, primarily in the second week, may be held in the morning at athletic department buildings on campus.

Room: 2039 (LSSB Office)

Grading: pass/fail

Enrollment: 14

Description: 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.

Instructor: Amanda Urbanek, Adjunct Professor & Attorney, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Course: Agricultural Law Practicum

Section: 25

Time: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Room: 1115

Grading: graded

Enrollment: 12

Notes: business law skills

Description: Class designed to 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.

Instructor: Matt Vines, Adjunct Professor

& Partner at Page Kruger & Holland in Jackson, MS

http://www.pagekruger.com/attorneys/w_vines.php

Course: Civil Litigation Practice

Section: 26

Time: 1 pm to 5:30 pm

Room: 2017 (Library)

Grading: pass/fail

Enrollment: 12

Description: This is an intermediate to advanced civil litigation practice course taught in a clinical setting. The first week of the course focuses primarily on the art of drafting basic litigation forms such as pleadings, discovery, motions and jury instructions. The second week of the course provides an advanced introduction to deposition practice during which time substantial amounts of class time will involve placing the students in "real-life" scenarios in which they participate as lawyers taking and defending depositions.