

Spring 2022 Course List and Information

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First-Year Courses (J.D. Program)

CIVIL PROCEDURE II 577 (3 hours)

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

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 (2 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.

PROPERTY 504 (4 hours)

Ownership and transfer of interests in land, including present and future estates, tenancies, easements, and covenants; real estate law and practice, with emphasis on mortgages, deeds of trust, and secured interests in real property.

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

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)

Legal research strategies and resources (including electronic resources, CD-ROM, the Internet, and online services) for specialized topics, such as municipal law, legislative history, federal administrative law, and international law.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS I 771 – Transformative Works and Copyright Fair Use (1 hour)

One of the most challenging areas of intellectual property law to practice involves copyright's fair use doctrine. This mini-seminar is designed to inspire spirited class debates on the existing fair use precedent and how it should be applied to the proliferation of transformative works encouraged by today's Internet society. This course will examine well-known parodies like SNL and Weird Al's songs; mashups like those done by the artist Girl Talk; music sampling; Internet memes; and fanworks including fanvids, fanart, and fanfiction. Students should be prepared to engage in enthusiastic discussion and to bring their own examples of transformative works to class with them. The class will meet 6 times for 2 hours each on weekday evenings over the course of the semester.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS II 772 – The Right to Education (2 hour)

Do we have a fundamental right to education in this country? Many people believe that the 1954 *Brown v. Board* decision made education an equal right. While it certainly struck down the "separate but equal" doctrine of racial segregation in the public-school setting, *Brown* did not acknowledge education to be a right and the Supreme Court has consistently refused to acknowledge it as such. This begs this question: should a republican form of government ensure that its citizens have a right to education? In this course, we will discuss what the courts have said regarding the right to education, how scholars are arguing that the right to education is implicit in the Constitution, and why it matters. We will also discuss school funding, charter schools, vouchers, special education, disparities, and other related topics.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS III 773 – English Origins of American Constitutionalism

This short course focuses on the amazing historical/legal developments in England (especially from Elizabeth I up to the time of the American Revolution) and gives students more tools to understand and appreciate the nuance of the American Constitution.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS IV 774 – Depositions (3 hours)

In this course, you will develop the basic skills necessary to taking and defending depositions in a variety of contexts and engaging in negotiations for purposes of the settlement of litigation and "deal-making" in the non-litigation context through a combination of lectures, in-class demonstrations and team exercises. Students will be introduced to and expected to demonstrate deposition questioning techniques and strategies, deposition planning and organization as well as the skills and strategies which form the basis of effective negotiations. (Z credit).

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS V 775 – Criminal Litigation (1 hour)

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.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS VI 776-Patent Litigation and Licensing: What can I do with a U.S. patent?

This short course will cover the unique features of patent litigation, including jurisdictional and venue issues, discovery issues, common defenses, claim construction, summary judgment and trial.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS VII 777 – Mississippi Judicial Practice (2 hours)

The class is designed to introduce students to all facets of law practice in Mississippi Courts (state and federal). Current and former judges will lecture on subjects ranging from ethics in the courtroom, attorney civility, procedural and substantive practice in trial and appellate courts, etc.

ADVANCED LEGAL WRITING 712 (3 hours – Writing)

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

ADVANCED TORTS 754 (2 hours)

This course will cover some or all of the following topics: defamation, privacy, misuse of legal procedure, interferences with advantage relations, statutory torts, civil rights, products liability and other possible areas of Torts not covered in the required first-year course. It is a standard lecture course, with the possibility of some drafting of legal documents and other exercises to develop practice skills. *Note: exam or paper course, at the professor's discretion.*

ADVOCACY COMPETITION 761 (1 hour)

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

BAR EXAM SKILLS 591 (2 hours)

This class will prepare students for the process of studying for the bar exam. It will help them develop successful study schedules and techniques and will help them learn successful strategies for mastering each component of the exam.

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: 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: 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: INNOCENCE PROJECT 692 (3 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 (4 hours - 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)

Students perform legal work in microclinics on family law, wills, expungement, education, housing, and other issues. To obtain credit, students must complete all requirements within the semester in which they are enrolled in the course. (Z credit).

For additional information see: [Pro Bono Initiative 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 Law Clinic](#)

COMPARATIVE NATIONAL SPACE LAW 677 (3 hours – Writing)

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CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II 508 (3 hours)

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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.

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.

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.

CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE 686 (3 hours)

This course's emphasis will be on building trial skills, through the criminal purview. It includes lectures and explanations of the different phases of criminal litigation, while honing the techniques through exercises. You will act in various roles as the prosecutor/defense attorneys, clients, and witnesses. The first part of the course will be spent working through trial skills; i.e. storytelling, objections, motions, direct and cross examinations, opening statements and closing arguments. The second part of the course will be spent working the mock trial case. The final two days of class will consist of the actual mock trial.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY 743 (3 hours)

This course explores the ways in which issues of race intersect with the law. It introduces students to debates within Critical Race Theory ("CRT"), which assumes that race is highly significant in the United States today. This seminar will address the way race is embedded in our legal system and engage in an analysis of issues including: the legal construction of race, structural racism, white privilege, the intersections of "race and..." (sex, gender, class, religion, disability), health, education, the criminal justice system, and more. This course will also engage students in the process of writing CRT scholarship.

Students can expect to learn the foundations of CRT, including significant criticisms of CRT. Ideological labels and political affiliations are immaterial in this course, in the sense that not all CRT scholars see the issues the same way. In this course, respectful disagreement

is valued. Students can expect to thoroughly engage with one another and the professor to prepare them to wrestle with these issues at a higher level.

ELECTION LAW SKILLS 773 (1 HOUR)

This course is designed to equip you with the fundamentals of Election Law from the perspective of a civil litigator who has practiced in this field for over four decades. Together we will take a deep dive into the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and litigation for which it has served as the backbone for almost 55 years

EMERGING ISSUES IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY 756 (3 hours)

With the continued emergence of global economies and digital technologies, the area of intellectual property has received much attention in the last 20 years. In this class we will explore recent challenges to intellectual property and the legal reactions to those challenges from P2P file sharing to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION 640 (3 hours)

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

ENTERTAINMENT LAW 709 (3 hours)

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

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.

FAMILY LAW 560 (3 hours)

The validity and requisites of marriage; the grounds for annulment and divorce; and the rights and duties arising out of the relation of husband and wife, parent and child, guardian and ward.

FEDERAL TRIAL PRACTICE 678 (3 hours – Skills – Note: ABOTA)

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

HEALTHCARE LAW II 741 (3 hours)

Focused study on particular issues in health care law and policy, as selected by the instructor.

IMMIGRATION LAW 663 (3 hours)

A survey of United States immigration law and policy

INCOME TAX 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.

INCOME TAX. OF CORP. AND SHAREHOLDERS 633 (3 hours)

Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders explores the taxation of earnings in a corporate entity. Topics will include the tax ramifications of forming a corporation, making non-liquidating distributions, termination a corporation, and the merger and acquisition of corporations.

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.

INTERNET LAW 729 (3 hours)

The Internet has become an integral part of our daily lives, constantly evolving and changing the ways in which we use it and, indeed, rely upon it. The law has struggled to keep up with the fast-paced indelible changes the Internet has presented to our culture. This course will focus on the ways in which the law has attempted to meet the challenges of the Internet and other emerging technologies, including where it possibly has fallen short. Because the Internet and emerging technologies affect every bit of life, this course will likewise consider a wide range of laws and cases. This course seeks to provide you with a foundation for evaluating how the law affects your online life.

This course will focus both on established legal precedent as well as the practical impact of this precedent on economy, society, and culture, both at home and abroad. Course assignments will be composed of a mixture of cases, law review articles, and readings drawn from current events. In addition, practical participatory exercises will occasionally be used in class to illustrate the application of the legal doctrines learned. Special guest speakers may also be scheduled from time to time.

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

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW 752 (3 hours – Writing)

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

JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW 583 (1 hour)

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 RELIGION 688 (2 hours)

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

LAW AND MEDICINE 695 (3 hours)

The course will cover various topics regarding the rights and responsibilities of health care providers, including physicians, hospitals and managed care organizations. We will concentrate on different types of medical malpractice lawsuits and defenses that seek to control the quality of medical care that health providers give to their patients. In addition to Tort law theories, we will also consider state and federal statutory causes of action. Additionally, the course may explore relevant issues involving the insurance industry, including health care coverage and medical malpractice insurance

LAWYERING SKILLS WORKSHOP 551 (3 hours)

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

LEGAL PROBLEMS OF INDIGENCE 639 (2 hours - Writing)

Problems of indigence under federal and state welfare programs; employer-employee relationship, unemployment compensation; consumer buying and debt; housing; family relationships.

LEGAL PROFESSION 603 (3 hours)

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

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 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).

NATURAL RESOURCES 602 (3hours)

Protection and multiple uses of natural resource system. Topics will include: an overview of federal lands; the role of federal agencies; protected lands, such as the National Park System and the National Wildlife Refuge System; the public trust doctrine; and wildlife management.

NEGOTIATION BOARD 763 (1 hour)

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).

REMEDIES 642 (3 hours)

This course explores the remedies that are available to enforce legal rights and to prevent and compensate for legal wrongs. It focuses on the law of damages, equitable relief (injunctions, constructive trusts), and restitution. It will also consider the common law structure of damages, including extraordinary writs at common law, and will consider declaratory relief, select statutory remedies, and constitutional and statutory limits on damages.

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 II 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. United State and how well these systems allocate water among these competing uses. In light of water supply issues like the ones

SECURED TRANSACTIONS 571 (3 hours)

Theoretical and practical justifications for the creation of security interests in personal property. Emphasis is on Articles 1, 2A, and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and bankruptcy law.

SECURITIES REGULATION 650 (3 hours)

In this course, you will be introduced to fundamental business law concepts (including capital structure, valuation, accounting, dilution, control and underwriting) and the regulation of public companies and learn (1) the principal substantive laws governing the sale of securities by an issuer and (2) the elements of a securities antifraud claim under Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Sections 11 and 12 of the Securities Act.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS II 701 – Complex Litigation Seminar (2 hours)

This is a seminar class that will examine the procedures used to resolve complex civil cases. Essentially, it is an advanced course in Civil Procedure. We will discuss methods of aggregating litigation (joinder, multi-district litigation and class actions) and case management (narrowing issues for trial and streamlining discovery). This is a paper class. There will be no final exam. Each student will write an academic paper addressing an issue in this field. The paper must contain a minimum of 3,000 words excluding endnotes and footnotes. Students will be required to submit a draft and will have the opportunity to revise the paper after receiving feedback from the instructor.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS III 703- Aerospace Business and Law (3 hours)

This course assesses and address the complex legal issues faced by the aerospace industry against the backdrop of fundamental business principles. In addition to reviewing regulations impacting the aviation and space industries, this course will provide students with a foundational understanding of US procurement, fiscal and export control law as well as other laws that directly affect planning in aerospace businesses.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS IV 704 – Real Estate (3 hours)

A course in real estate law and practice, including sales contract and mortgage basics, recording, conveyancing, preparation of instruments of title, title searches, heir property, determination of title and removing clouds on title, and partition actions.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS V- 705- Drone Law and Policy (3 hours)

From military uses to wedding photography, this course will review the birth and swift evolution of the drone industry and assess the benefits and pitfalls of its growth. It will compare and analyze existing and proposed regulatory frameworks in the United States and other jurisdictions taking into particular consideration evolving technology, including eVTOL, privacy, national security and other implications of the use of uncrewed autonomous and remotely operated aerial vehicles.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS VI 706- The Government Lawyer (1 hour)

This class is devoted to an examination of public service through the eyes of career government lawyers. Each week, we will meet with one of our alums who has devoted their professional life to working for local, state, or national government. Readings will focus on texts that inspire and guide public servants, pieces that explicate ethical dilemmas facing government attorneys, and articles that detail the day-to-day reality of government legal practice. This is a one-credit graded class, with the grade resting on class participation and three short papers. Students will gain an appreciation for the complexities of government legal work, an understanding of the independence and mentoring available in government agencies, and a network of contacts in government service.

SPORTS LAW II (Professional Sports) 755 (3 hours)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the application of law to professional sports, focusing mostly on football, baseball, and basketball, the three largest revenue sports. The class covers a wide-range of legal topics including contracts, torts, antitrust, labor law, constitutional law, professional responsibility, and others.

SPORTS LAW REVIEW 611 (1 hour)

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 hour)

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).

U.S. NATIONAL AVIATION LAW 723 (3 hours – Writing)

This course covers domestic aviation laws, regulations and policy and explores all major aspects of aviation law, including, but not limited to: government regulation, liability, aircraft financing, economic regulation of domestic air routes and rates; aviation security and environmental law.

US DOMESTIC SPACE LAW 679- (3 hours – Writing/Take Home Exam Option)

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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.

REMOTE SENSING LAW 655 (3 hours – 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.

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