

# LAW - LAW

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## LAW 601 Civil Procedure

### Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.

Rules and doctrines that define the process of civil litigation in American courts; primary emphasis on the U.S. Constitution, federal judicial code and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; topics may include the jurisdiction and competence of courts, conflicts between state and federal law, pleading, discovery, joinder of claims and parties, disposition without trial, trial and post-trial process, appellate review, and the effects of judgment.

## LAW 602 Constitutional Law

### Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.

Provisions in the U.S. Constitution governing the form of government and powers of the federal judiciary, legislature and executive; relations between the federal government and states; limitations on governmental power over individuals inherent in constitutional provisions relating to due process and equal protection; restrictions on private action mandated or permitted by these constitutional provisions.

## LAW 603 Contracts

### Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.

Enforceability of promises; creation of contractual obligations; performance and breach; impact of the contract on the legal relationships of nonparties; examination of contract doctrine in personal service, sales of goods and construction contracts.

## LAW 604 Criminal Law

### Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.

Examination of the sources and goals of criminal law; concepts of actus reus and mens rea; characteristics of specific offenses; inchoate crimes; accomplice liability; general defenses.

## LAW 605 Property

### Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.

Introduction to personal property and real property laws; estates and future interests in land; landlord-tenant problems; issues relating to private and public land use.

## LAW 606 Torts

### Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.

Basic principles of civil liability for harm to persons or property; includes intentional torts, negligence, strict liability, defenses, and damages; additional topics may be included.

## LAW 607 Business Associations I

### Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Basic principles of varying business entities used to conduct ventures for profit; fundamental agency principles, partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations; how business organizations are formed; powers and responsibilities of their respective partners, members, officers or directors; shareholder's rights and liabilities; primary focus on corporation and corporate law; includes pre-incorporation issues, the corporate formation process, and corporate capital and financing; business entity taxation concepts may be covered as well; foundational and practical knowledge of how business organizations work; assessing which type of business organization is best suited for a particular client's objectives; legal formalities necessary in forming said organization; understanding the rights, duties and obligations for those affiliated.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017.

## LAW 608 Business Associations II

### Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Further examination of corporate law beyond basic concepts studied in LAW 7056; rules and legal principles that govern large corporations and their constituents; mergers and acquisitions; issuance of corporate debt; executive compensation; the proxy solicitation process; shareholder proposals and other mechanisms of shareholder democracy; indemnification of officers and directors; corporate charitable giving and political speech; role of Special Litigation Committees in derivative suits; securities law related issues such as securities fraud, insider trading, and ethical issues in the representation of public corporations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7056 or Business Associations (four credit-hour course offered prior to fall 2013).

## LAW 609 Criminal Procedure

### Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Issues relating to constitutional constraints on the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

## LAW 610 Wills and Estates

### Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Principles of testate and intestate succession; drafting, execution and construction of attested and holographic wills; testamentary capacity, undue influence and fraud; revocation of wills; distribution of intestacy; nonprobate transfers of property; ethical issues that arise during estate planning; significant focus on Texas law.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

## LAW 611 Evidence

### Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.

Examination of the problems of proof; study of the admission and exclusion of evidence on the basis of relevancy, policy and protection of the individual or state; examination of witnesses; substitutes for evidence; procedural considerations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

## LAW 612 Professional Responsibility

### Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Rules regulating the practice of law.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

## LAW 613 Advanced Torts

### Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.

Advanced topics of tort law based on material covered in LAW 7042; includes products liability, defamation, invasion of privacy and business torts; misrepresentation and interference with contractual relations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7042.

## LAW 614 Art Crimes

### Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Exploration of art theft, fraud, forgery, looting, art-napping, and other crimes; study of legal protections and enforcement mechanisms that exist in the domestic and international realms to solve art crimes, catch the criminals, provide remedies to the victims, and seek to protect cultural treasures.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full- or part-time program.

**LAW 615 Accounting for Lawyers****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Fundamental understanding of accounting principles; importance of accounting issues to the practice of law; introduction to critical techniques of financial analysis, including time value of money, leverage, return metrics and business valuation.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 616 Administrative Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the legal principles and procedures an unelected bureaucracy must conform to achieve legitimacy; problems inherent in a relatively disunited body of law derived from disparate sources; concentration on the Constitution and other federal law as the primary sources of organizing principles for administrative law and procedure; topics may include constitutional underpinnings of the federal bureaucracy, judicial review of agency fact finding and legal interpretation, extra-statutory administrative common law, grounds for dividing administrative actions into adjudication and rule making, essential components of due process in agency adjudication, and availability of judicial review of agency action.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 617 Adoption Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Aspects of adoption law; consent of birthparents; termination of parental rights; Indian Child Welfare Act; transracial and transcultural adoption; international adoption; access to information; effects of adoption; actions for wrongful adoption.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 618 Ethics for the Criminal Law Practitioner****Credits 1 to 2. 1 to 2 Lecture Hours.**

Unique ethical and moral dilemmas that arise in criminal law from both defense counsel and prosecutor perspectives; bridging the gap between traditional substantive professional responsibility and the application of criminal law practice standards; problem-solving approach.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7021.

**LAW 619 Agency and Partnership****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Study of common law of principal and agent; law of unincorporated business entities, including general and limited partnerships and limited liability companies.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 620 Antitrust****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.****LAW 621 Patent Litigation****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Protecting patent claims from infringement; how the patent system works; emphasis on biggest issues most likely to encounter in a variety of practices; integration of materials from the 2013 America Invents Act.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 622 Banking Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.****LAW 623 Bankruptcy****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of law relating to individual and business liquidations; reorganizations under the Bankruptcy Code.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7032.

**LAW 624 Children and the Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the three-sided relationship between children, their parents (or other conservators), and the state; examination of complex problems inherent in the questions of when a state should, must, or should not interfere in the parent-child relationship; defining what that relationship includes and the ways it is evolving in the United States today; examination of the parent-child relationship through the many forms of Suits Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship (SAPCR), common to most states today in their statutes/codes; excludes questions of tort liability of parents to or for their children.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 625 Civil Rights Litigation****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Federal claims against local or state officials alleging violations of the U.S. Constitution; relevant to lawyers representing school districts, prisons, law enforcement and state government agencies as well as individuals served by these entities.

**LAW 626 Trusts and Fiduciary Responsibilities****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Comprehensive study of the law of trusts: includes creation, administration, amendment and termination of trusts; powers, rights and duties of settlors, trustees and beneficiaries; fiduciary duties and liability of trustees; creditors rights; emphasis on Texas law.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 627 Complex Litigation****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

A study of the procedural rules and doctrines relating to the litigation of complex cases involving multiple parties and/or claims. Particular emphasis will be placed on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that relate to class action litigation, joinder of parties and claims, and transfer and consolidation of action.

**LAW 628 Conflict of Laws****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

A study of legal problems arising when a legal dispute touches more than one state; topics include choice of law, jurisdiction over the parties, and the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgements and decrees in situations involving torts, contracts, property, marriage, divorce, and various procedural problems.

**LAW 629 Construction Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of construction law and legal relationships; causes of action between owners, contractors, subcontractors, engineers, architects and their insurers, and construction contracts; emphasis on practical aspects of construction practice; reenactment of real construction dispute cases.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017.

**LAW 630 Consumer Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Current state of the law as it applies to consumer transactions; debt collection practices; credit disclosure and regulation; product liability; the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act; work of the Federal Trade Commission; truth in lending laws; fair credit laws.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7042.

**LAW 631 Copyright****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of federal and international laws protecting the innovative endeavors of authors; history of copyright law; fair use of copyrighted materials; what can be copyrighted; interaction of copyright law with other concepts of unfair competition and intellectual property.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 632 Advanced Issues in Criminal Justice****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Critical analysis of processes, other than trials, used in the U.S. criminal justice system to resolve criminal cases; includes plea bargaining, therapeutic justice, restorative justice and juvenile justice; examines the policy goals supporting continuing, starting or expanding the use of these processes to resolve criminal cases.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010 and LAW 7065.

**LAW 633 Art Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to legal practice known as art law; examination of legal and ethical issues relating to the creation, discovery, ownership, transfer and use of works of visual art, from ancient to contemporary; stakeholders include artists and their subjects, individual and corporate collectors, museums, dealers, auction houses, cultural institutions, treasure hunters, scholars, indigenous groups, sovereign nations, and the general public; examination, discussion, and debate of applicable civil and criminal laws and regulations, case law, international treaties and codes of ethics, as well as contracts and other documents used in art law practice.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 634 Advanced Copyright Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.****LAW 635 Post-Conviction Actual Innocence Claims****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practical applications of the law in petitioning the judiciary for relief based on facts garnered through an initial post-conviction investigation; understanding a post-conviction claim of actual innocence; how the U.S. Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals have analyzed and dealt with such claims in both death penalty and nondeath cases.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7021.

**LAW 636 Internet Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of transference or absence of brick-and-mortar legal principles to new methods of communications; recent developments in cyberspace law; survey of legal issues on the internet; policy and pragmatic application of jurisdictional principals; intellectual property laws; privacy rights; computer crime; proprietary information; freedom of speech issues; full-scale analysis and explication of the question "Is Google really God?"

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 637 Education Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Dynamics of the legal rights, responsibilities and relationships between parents, students, teachers and administrators; understanding the balance between these rights and the smooth, efficient operation of schools; separation of church and state; the instructional program and the balance between the substantive rights of parents and the compelling interest of the state in educating children; student on-campus First Amendment expression rights; student privacy rights; application of the Fourth Amendment; rights of students with disabilities; common law student rights; teacher certification requirements; contractual issues arising from employment relationships.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7010.

**LAW 638 Employment Discrimination****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of federal law concerning discrimination in employment on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, age, and disability; includes Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age of Discrimination in Employment Act, the Reconstruction Era Civil Rights Act, the Equal Pay Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 639 Employment Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of law of employer-employee relations in a nonunion context; examination of issues such as employment at will, retaliatory discharge, and wage and hour laws; introduction to employment relationship laws.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 640 European Union Law****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Examination of the EU's multilevel system of governance, its principles of law, and the reach of its powers, both economic and political; includes the free movement of goods and people, and the EU's power in the global trade and development.

**LAW 641 Adventures in IP Group Practice****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.****LAW 642 Entertainment Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of basic legal concepts that govern transactions in the entertainment industry; constitutional protections of entertainment speech; the rights of individuals who restrict it; copyright fundamentals; contract issues peculiar to the field; prevailing standards and practices of "the Business."

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017.

**LAW 643 Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.****LAW 644 Environmental Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of various approaches for dealing with adverse environmental effects, including private litigation, regulation, and financial incentives; survey of air and water pollution, solid and hazardous waste problems, and the National Environmental Policy Act; judicial review of legislative and administrative action; special problems raised by the U.S. federal form of government; administrative regulatory process in pollution control.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 645 Estate and Gift Tax****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of income, gift, estate, and generation-skipping transfer taxes relevant to the estate planning process; introduction to planning and drafting principles for complex estates.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7076 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 646 Family Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of legal problems related to the establishment, dissolution, reorganization, and evolving definitions of the family and family-like relationships in America; includes premarital arrangements, marriage (formal and informal), divorce, parent-child relationship, division of marital property, spousal and child support, domestic violence within the family, and same-sex unions. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 647 Federal Courts****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of the constitutional and practical doctrines that define the judicial power of the U.S.; particular emphasis on the role of federal courts in the American system of government; the federal courts' relationship to the other branches of the federal government and their relationship to the separate state systems of government; includes constitutional cases and controversies requirement, congressional control of the federal courts, Supreme Court review of state court decisions, the power of the federal courts to create federal law, abstention, suits against state governments, and the enforcement of federal rights.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 648 Agricultural Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of major areas of agricultural law; practical approach including discussions and hands-on assignments; legal issues relating to animal agriculture, food safety, landowner rights, the interaction between agriculture and energy production, agricultural leases, agricultural policy and estate and succession planning for farm families.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 649 Due Diligence for the Professional****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Practical skills in performing due diligence in business and financial transactions; analyze documents such as financial statements to uncover red flags for fraud; receive a certification from the International Organization of Due Diligence.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 650 Non-Profit Organizations****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Laws, policies, and ideals affecting the creation, operation, and governance of nonprofit organizations; complex issues raised from nonprofit organizations' role in society involving constitutional, trust and property, corporate, and tax law; obtaining tax-exempt status; restrictions on lobbying and political activity; tax on unrelated business income; eligibility for charitable contributions; state regulation of charitable solicitations; oversight of nonprofit governance; charitable immunity.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7042.

**LAW 651 Criminal Procedure Trial Rights****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Constitutionally mandated judicial processes for determining the guilt or innocence of those accused of crime and selecting an appropriate penalty; topics may include bail and pretrial detention, the prosecutor's charging decision, pretrial publicity, the defendant's competency to stand trial, jury selection, trial by jury, the defendant's right of confrontation and compulsory process, the right to effective assistance of counsel, sentencing, direct attacks on criminal convictions, and double jeopardy.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 652 Gender and the Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the historical, comparative, statutory, and especially constitutional dimensions of law's regulation of sexuality and gender; primarily case law, supplemented with statutory law and articles; topics include the critiques and defenses of marriage; the legal and social implications of categories such as bisexuality, intersexuality, and transsexuality; the relationship between feminist, gay and queer politics; and the impact of sexual orientation and gender challenges on the workplace, military policy, family law, and education.

**LAW 653 First Amendment****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment; addresses the First Amendment's effect on government attempts to regulate content of speech and to restrict speech by regulating one's method of speaking; the right of free speech in various physical settings; freedoms of assembly and press, free exercise of religion, and the prohibition on governmental establishment of religion.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7010.

**LAW 654 Government Contracts****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of federal government contract law; includes contract formation issues, appropriations requirements, contract types, simplified, sealed bid and negotiated procurement methods, competition requirements, contract pricing, protests of awards, contract administration issues and changes, terminations, claims and litigation in federal forums, government fraud remedies and contractor debarments.

**LAW 655 Health Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Key concepts in health law, such as the structure of health care organizations, quality of health care, and liability of health care providers; access to health care; financing mechanisms of health care, including Medicare and Medicaid; regulation and oversight of managed health care; examination of developments in health care law concerning reproduction, bioethics, and human genetics.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7042.

**LAW 656 Federal Income Taxation****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the basic principles of federal income tax; concentration on individuals, businesses, and investors as taxpayers; use of the Internal Revenue Code and federal tax regulations emphasized.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.



**LAW 657 Health Care, Technology and the Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to legal issues that healthcare businesses encounter when using technology to enhance the patient-physician experience; examination of the regulation of patient privacy and security, medical software and mobile applications, electronic medical records, robotic surgery, fraud and abuse, corporate practice of medicine and use of the Internet to deliver medicine across state lines.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program.**LAW 658 Immigration Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Basic immigration statutes, including cases and doctrines that control immigration and naturalization; explores the treatment of undocumented immigrants and those seeking protection from persecution.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.**LAW 659 Water Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Legal control of water resources; includes riparian rights, the water permit system, groundwater issues, water as a regional and shared resource, beneficial uses versus waste, underground conservation districts, and navigability.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.**LAW 660 Intellectual Property Licensing Practicum****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Addresses issues raised by licensing intellectual property; motivations for licensing; types of agreements used in licensing transactions; provisions commonly used in licensing contracts; practical scenarios applied in class; grades based on class participation and presentations, in-class exercises, role-plays and written assignments.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7203, LAW 7350, LAW 7452, or LAW 7550.**LAW 661 Intellectual Property Survey****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Overview of the basic principles of intellectual property law; includes coverage of trade secret, trademark, patent, and copyright fundamentals.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; 28 completed hours.**LAW 662 International Intellectual Property****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Presents a study of the international fabric of patent, copyright, and trademark law under both domestic laws and international treaties. Students will examine the foundation of international intellectual property policies underlying medicinal herbs, counterfeit goods, genetic material, and traditional knowledge; examines heightened tensions on international intellectual property law due to flow of information and content across borders; harmonizing diverse legal frameworks.

**LAW 663 International Litigation****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of disputes touching more than one jurisdiction; includes selecting the proper forum, discovery, parallel law suits, choice of law, sovereign immunity, the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, and arbitration.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.**LAW 664 Public International Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to key doctrines of international law; fundamental principles and doctrines related to the sources of and bases for international law and international jurisdiction; law governing treaties and state succession; topics may include the use of force, protection of human rights and international criminal issues.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.**LAW 665 International Business Transactions****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of the legal issues encountered in private international business transactions through international trade, exploitation of intellectual property rights and direct foreign investment; topics generally include the international sale of goods; bills of lading; letters of credit; government regulation of imports and exports; technology transfer and intellectual property protection; cross border taxation; forms of agreements, industrial works contracts, employment laws; forms and regulation of foreign direct investment; international corruption and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; examines how customary international law, treaties and free trade agreements play a role in these transactions.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7056 or Business Associations (four credit-hour course offered prior to fall 2013).**LAW 666 Copyright and New Media****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

The effects and implications of copyrights law for new media; includes a thorough review of basic copyright law.

**LAW 667 Chinese Business Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.****LAW 668 International Human Rights****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the legal, political, and cultural components of human rights law; evaluation of United Nations human rights treaties and analyze attempts to implement these treaties, both nationally and internationally; international system of justice and international judicial bodies; regional human rights systems, humanitarian law, and the laws of war; consideration of whether human rights are legal rights, with particular focus on the concepts of universality, religious traditions, and cultural values.

**LAW 669 Local Government Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Study of Texas municipal governments and their relationship to state, county, and other governmental units, including the federal government; internal organization and structure; purposes and authority; police powers; governmental immunity; liability in contract and quasi-contract; authority of municipal corporations to regulate land use and other property rights; municipal liability for injury to property and people; and open government regulations.

**LAW 670****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.****LAW 671 International Environmental Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.****LAW 672 Juvenile Justice****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Review of the juvenile's substantive and procedural rights.

**LAW 673 Labor Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the National Labor Relations Act and its implementation.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 674 Land Use****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of private and public means of controlling land use; emphasis on the areas of planning and zoning, including the emerging problem of exclusionary land use controls; includes subdivision controls, restrictive deed covenants, eminent domain proceedings, and urban renewal.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 675 Pre-Suit Patent Litigation****Credits 1 to 2. 1 to 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of issues patent litigators should consider prior to filing a complaint for patent infringement; includes the market for patent enforcement; substantive assessment of cases; valuation of cases and economics of patent litigation; best practices for patent case assessment and pre-litigation ethical considerations; complaint drafting.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7452, LAW 7131, or LAW 7350.

**LAW 676 Corporate Reorganization Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Problems of an insolvent business; focuses on chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and tracks the progress of a debtor filing for relief under that chapter through confirmation of a plan of reorganization; comparison of alternative remedies, such as the out of court workout, and will study strategy and tactics that are used in practice; group role play of a typical chapter 11 case.

**LAW 677 Energy Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to energy law and regulation in the United States; basic principles of public utility regulation; the division of jurisdiction between federal and state governments; key regulatory statutes and case law governing energy resources such as water, coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear and renewable energy; analysis of the environmental, regulatory, land use and economic concerns as they relate to each energy source; introduction to electricity and electric power competition in the United States.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 678 Special Problems in Corporate Law: Offshore Financial Transactions, Cayman Islands****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Combined classroom and field experience in the Cayman Islands including examination of international business, tax strategies, and related policy issues; goals motivating U.S. corporations to organize offshore business entities and policy and legal issues related to the use of such entities; interaction with professionals and policymakers from the Cayman Islands.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7057, LAW 7362, LAW 7516, or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 679 Law Practice Management****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Review of the professional, ethical, and management requirements for starting and operating a law practice; statutory and regulatory aspects of practice; labor and employment; partnerships and professional corporations; trust and IOLTA accounts; advertising and solicitations; management skills and technology related to time, billing, accounting docketing, legal research, document preparation, filing, and client development.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 680 Legislation****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the state and federal legislative systems; examination of the relationship between the legislative, executive, and judicial process; philosophies of legislative operations and judicial interpretation; statutory and constitutional issues involved in interpreting and applying legislation; principles of drafting legislation; tracking actual legislative sessions and introduced bills; activity of a student-selected member of choice in the Texas Legislature; conducting a mock session of the Legislature to include committee activity, floor debate, voting, and post-legislative activities via extracurricular meetings.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 681 Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Detailed reports on specific topics within the field of law.

**LAW 682 Legislation and Regulation****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the role of statutes and administrative regulations in the practice of law, including their creation, amendment, and interpretation; includes the interpretive and lawmaking roles of the three branches of government; statutory interpretation; delegation and administrative agency practice; regulatory governance; foundation for courses in legislation, administrative law, constitutional law and a wide range of specialized courses that rely on statutory and regulatory law including bankruptcy, commercial law, environmental law, intellectual property, securities regulation, and tax law.

**LAW 683 Marital Property****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the property rights of husband and wife under the Texas community property system, including coverage of the law relating to homestead.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; 28 completed hours.

**LAW 684 Externship****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Learning opportunities provided through placements in approved legal settings; designed to increase understanding of the range of skills necessary for effective lawyering; improve abilities to perform lawyering skills (e.g., applying an area of law to an actual case); begin to identify and reflect upon the strengths and weaknesses as a practicing student attorney; develop productive working relationships with supervisors, clients, support staff, and peers; reflect on placement experiences through journals and class discussions; placement can be in either courts, public interest organizations, corporate or government offices, or law firms; timesheets and journals submitted every two weeks; classroom component consists of in-class meetings and online discussions. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

**LAW 685 Independent Study****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Specialized reading or research in an area of interest under a full-time faculty member's supervision. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses.

**LAW 686 Mergers and Acquisitions****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of legal issues related to corporate mergers and acquisitions; mechanics and structure of merger and acquisition transactions, shareholder rights, fiduciary duties, federal securities laws, accounting and tax issues, anti-takeover defenses and antitrust considerations.

**LAW 687 National Security Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of criminal and civil statutes, Supreme Court cases, executive orders and government policies that impact U.S. national security; relevant to prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys and lawyers representing state and federal agencies, law enforcement, technology companies, as well as individuals served by these entities.

**LAW 688 Natural Resources Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

National Forest Management Act, the Clean Water Act, natural resource conservation acts, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other acts and issues relating to the use, management, and preservation of natural resources.

**LAW 689 Special Topics In...****Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.**

Special topics in identified areas of law. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 691 Research****Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.**

Research for thesis or dissertation.

**LAW 694 Insurance Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of fundamental legal principles relating to the construction of various types of liability and first-party insurance contracts; includes insurance regulation, application for coverage and acceptance of risk, rules of construction, bad faith, and insurance litigation strategy.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7042.

**LAW 696 Oil and Gas****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of oil and gas law; interests that may be created in oil and gas; transfer and conveyance of such interests; rights of operators and landowners; provisions in the oil and gas lease; rights of assignees; regulations dealing with exploration, production, and conservation.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 698 Environmental Oil and Gas Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of federal, state, and local environmental laws that impact the oil and gas industry; current laws that apply to hydraulic fracturing activities as well as current studies and enforcement actions concerning the same; and analyzes typical claims and defenses asserted in recent hydraulic fracturing litigation.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part time program; LAW 7444.

**LAW 699 Patent Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

The study of how proprietary interests in technology are protected by patent law, with a focus on issues relating to validity, the nature of the subject matter protected, and enforcement of proprietary rights.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 700 Payment Systems****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of commercial paper, bank deposits, and collections under UCC Articles 3 and 4; includes negotiability and the rights and obligations of parties to commercial paper, defenses to liability, relationship of banks and customers, check collection, and suretyship.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7042.

**LAW 7001 Analysis, Research, and Writing I****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of skills essential to law practice and the solution of legal problems; essential analytical skills; methods of legal research through hands-on library experience; two legal memoranda and a trial brief to be completed.

**LAW 7002 Analysis, Research, and Writing II****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Analysis, Research, and Writing II. Study of skills essential to law practice and the solution of legal problems; essential analytical skills; methods of legal research through hands-on library experience; two legal memoranda and a trial brief to be completed.

**LAW 7005 Civil Procedure****Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.**

Rules and doctrines that define the process of civil litigation in American courts; primary emphasis on the U.S. Constitution, federal judicial code and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; topics may include the jurisdiction and competence of courts, conflicts between state and federal law, pleading, discovery, joinder of claims and parties, disposition without trial, trial and post-trial process, appellate review, and the effects of judgment.

**LAW 701 Preparing for the Bar Exam****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Overview of the contents of the bar exam; critical skills and strategies necessary for success on each day of the exam; covers selections from several MBE and essay-tested subjects; simulation of portions of the bar exam with performance feedback.

**LAW 7010 Constitutional Law****Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.**

Provisions in the U.S. Constitution governing the form of government and powers of the federal judiciary, legislature and executive; relations between the federal government and states; limitations on governmental power over individuals inherent in constitutional provisions relating to due process and equal protection; restrictions on private action mandated or permitted by these constitutional provisions.

**LAW 7017 Contracts****Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.**

Enforceability of promises; creation of contractual obligations; performance and breach; impact of the contract on the legal relationships of nonparties; examination of contract doctrine in personal service, sales of goods and construction contracts.

**LAW 702 Real Estate Transactions****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

**LAW 7021 Criminal Law****Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of the sources and goals of criminal law; concepts of actus reus and mens rea; characteristics of specific offenses; inchoate crimes; accomplice liability; general defenses.

**LAW 703 Real Estate Financing****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the basic elements involving real estate financing; understanding of the legal framework and practical considerations affecting real estate finance transactions; secured lending, mortgage law, installment land contracts, foreclosures, lien priorities, title insurance and practical issues when representing a lender or borrower on commercial or single family transactions; commercial leasing, ground leases and real estate development.

**LAW 7032 Property****Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to personal property and real property laws; estates and future interests in land; landlord-tenant problems; issues relating to private and public land use.

**LAW 704 Remedies****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Review of the forms of legal and equitable relief a court is equipped to grant by way of redress to those who have been or may be injured; alternative choices and tactical advantages of each; may also cover the scope of judges' powers of contempt.

**Prerequisite:** 56 completed hours.

**LAW 7042 Torts****Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.**

Basic principles of civil liability for harm to persons or property; includes intentional torts, negligence, strict liability, defenses, and damages; additional topics may be included.

**LAW 705 Secured Transactions****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of personal and commercial financing by loans and credit sales under agreements creating security interests in the debtors' personal property (Article 9 of the UCC and relevant provisions of the Bankruptcy Code).

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7032.

**LAW 7056 Business Associations I****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Basic principles of varying business entities used to conduct ventures for profit; fundamental agency principles, partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations; how business organizations are formed; powers and responsibilities of their respective partners, members, officers or directors; shareholder's rights and liabilities; primary focus on corporation and corporate law; includes pre-incorporation issues, the corporate formation process, and corporate capital and financing; business entity taxation concepts may be covered as well; foundational and practical knowledge of how business organizations work; assessing which type of business organization is best suited for a particular client's objectives; legal formalities necessary in forming said organization; understanding the rights, duties and obligations for those affiliated.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017.

**LAW 7057 Business Associations II****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Further examination of corporate law beyond basic concepts studied in LAW 7056; rules and legal principles that govern large corporations and their constituents; mergers and acquisitions; issuance of corporate debt; executive compensation; the proxy solicitation process; shareholder proposals and other mechanisms of shareholder democracy; indemnification of officers and directors; corporate charitable giving and political speech; role of Special Litigation Committees in derivative suits; securities law related issues such as securities fraud, insider trading, and ethical issues in the representation of public corporations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7056 or Business Associations (four credit-hour course offered prior to fall 2013).

**LAW 706 Securities Regulation****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Review of federal and state regulation of the public distribution, offer, and sale of corporate securities; study of the Securities Act of 1933 and portions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; types of securities and underwriting techniques; key definitions and exemptions in the statutes; state securities law with emphasis on the securities registration and anti-fraud aspects of the Texas Securities Act.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7056 or Business Associations (four credit-hour courses offered prior to fall 2013).

**LAW 7065 Criminal Procedure****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Issues relating to constitutional constraints on the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 707 Securities Law Enforcement****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the SEC's enforcement of federal securities laws and related efforts by FINRA and the DOJ; introduction to how the SEC enforces federal securities laws; aspects of the enforcement process; investigative techniques; the Wells process; SEC's litigation efforts in both federal courts and administrative proceedings.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program; LAW 7056.

**LAW 7076 Wills and Estates****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Principles of testate and intestate succession; drafting, execution and construction of attested and holographic wills; testamentary capacity, undue influence and fraud; revocation of wills; distribution of intestacy; nonprobate transfers of property; ethical issues that arise during estate planning; significant focus on Texas law.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 708 Taxation of Business Entities****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the federal income tax treatment of C corporations and pass-through entities such as partnerships, S corporations, and limited liability companies; examines on a comparative basis the formation, operation, and sales and liquidation of these entities; corporate reorganizations and related transactions also covered.



**LAW 7080 Evidence****Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of the problems of proof; study of the admission and exclusion of evidence on the basis of relevancy, policy and protection of the individual or state; examination of witnesses; substitutes for evidence; procedural considerations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 709 Alternative Dispute Resolutions****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.****LAW 7091 Professional Responsibility****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Rules regulating the practice of law.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 710 Texas Criminal Procedure****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of laws regulating Texas criminal process; arrest to post-conviction review; emphasis on unique characteristics.

**LAW 7104 Advanced Torts****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Advanced topics of tort law based on material covered in LAW 7042; includes products liability, defamation, invasion of privacy and business torts; misrepresentation and interference with contractual relations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7042.

**LAW 7108 Accounting for Lawyers****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Fundamental understanding of accounting principles; importance of accounting issues to the practice of law; introduction to critical techniques of financial analysis, including time value of money, leverage, return metrics and business valuation.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 711 Texas Real Property****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of Texas real property law through Texas case and statutory law; includes conveyances of real property (including contracts and deeds), liens, adverse possession, and servitudes (i.e., easements, real covenants, and equitable servitudes).

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 7110 Professional Identity****Credits 0 to 2. 0 to 2 Lecture Hours.**

Development of skills in areas relating to everyday legal practice; including professionalism, leadership, interpersonal communication, teamwork, leveraging diversity, creating inclusive climates, cross-cultural and cross-generational lawyering, mentoring and public service.

**LAW 7112 The Art of Lawyering****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Development and honing of analytic and problem-solving skills required for optimal success in law school, the bar exam, and law practice; completion of individual and small group practical assignments with detailed feedback to enhance law education.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7113 Administrative Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Legal principles and procedures an unelected bureaucracy must conform to achieve legitimacy; problems inherent in a relatively disunited body of law derived from disparate sources; concentration on the Constitution and other federal law as the primary sources for administrative law and procedure; may include constitutional underpinnings of the federal bureaucracy, judicial review of agency fact finding and legal interpretation, extra-statutory administrative common law, grounds for dividing administrative actions into adjudication and rule making, essential components of due process in agency adjudication, and availability of judicial review of agency action.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7114 Adoption Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Aspects of adoption law; consent of birthparents; termination of parental rights; Indian Child Welfare Act; transracial and transcultural adoption; international adoption; access to information; effects of adoption; actions for wrongful adoption.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7116 Low Income Tax Clinic****Credits 2 to 4. 2 to 4 Other Hours.**

Directly assist clients and have primary responsibility for assigned cases; authorized in trial at Tax Court under the supervision of the supervising attorney; provides valuable experience and skills relevant to tax practice and applicable in other regulatory settings; assist qualifying taxpayers with representation during IRS audits, challenging an audit through the IRS appeals process, challenging an audit in the U.S. Tax court and negotiating installment payment agreements for amount owed to the IRS.

**Prerequisite:** LAW 7091 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7117 Federal Tax Practice and Procedure****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Procedure and practical aspects of a tax practice, focusing primarily on all stages of a federal tax controversy; audits, appeals, litigations and collection; aspects of practice before an administrative agency and the professional/ethical obligations associated with tax transactional or controversy work.

**Prerequisites:** LAW 7002, LAW 7017, LAW 7021, and LAW 7309.

**LAW 712 Texas Pretrial Procedure****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Texas law in civil cases pertaining to processes before trial; jurisdictions, venue, initiating legal proceedings, obtaining factual information from parties and nonparties, and terminating litigation prior to trial.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 7120 Ethics for the Criminal Law Practitioner****Credits 1 to 2. 1 to 2 Lecture Hours.**

Unique ethical and moral dilemmas that arise in criminal law from both defense counsel and prosecutor perspectives; bridging the gap between traditional substantive professional responsibility and the application of criminal law practice standards; problem-solving approach.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7021.

**LAW 7122 Agency and Partnership****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Study of common law of principal and agent; law of unincorporated business entities, including general and limited partnerships and limited liability companies.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 713 Texas Trials and Appeals****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Texas law in civil cases pertaining to trial and appellate procedure concerning the jury; presentation of the case; motions for instructed verdict; the court's charge; the verdict; trial before the court; post-trial motions and procedures; final and appealable judgments; appellate jurisdiction; perfection of appeal; courts of appeal; Supreme Court of Texas; original proceedings in appellate courts.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 7131 Patent Litigation****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Protecting patent claims from infringement; how the patent system works; emphasis on biggest issues most likely to encounter in a variety of practices; integration of materials from the 2013 America Invents Act.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 714 Trademark and Unfair Competition Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Principles of unfair competition law; examination of the creation, maintenance, and enforcement of trademark rights; related doctrines of rights of publicity, trade dress, trade secrets, and false advertising; exploration of public policies and economy underlying trademark law.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7145 Bankruptcy****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of law relating to individual and business liquidations; reorganizations under the Bankruptcy Code.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7032.

**LAW 715 Business Fundamentals for Lawyers****Credits 1 to 2. 1 to 2 Lecture Hours.**

Business concepts and processes important to law practice for business lawyers; financial statements, business strategy, supply chains, HR management, finance, and marketing operations; includes business problem simulations.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7154 Children and the Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the three-sided relationship between children, their parents (or other conservators), and the state; examination of complex problems inherent in the questions of when a state should, must, or should not interfere in the parent-child relationship; defining what that relationship includes and the ways it is evolving in the United States today; examination of the parent-child relationship through the many forms of Suits Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship (SAPCR), common to most states today in their statutes/codes; excludes questions of tort liability of parents to or for their children.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 716 Sales and Leases****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the sale and lease of goods and the principal commercial law governing such transactions; includes Articles 2 and 2A of the uniform Commercial Code as well as the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods; sale and lease contract formation; establishment of express and implied contract terms; creation and disclaimer of warranties; risk of loss; remedies for breach.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017.

**LAW 7162 Civil Rights Litigation****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Federal claims against local or state officials alleging violations of the U.S. Constitution; relevant to lawyers representing school districts, prisons, law enforcement and state government agencies as well as individuals served by these entities.

**LAW 717 White Collar Crime****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the substantive and procedural problems connected with the federal prosecution and defense of white collar crime; examination of selected federal statutes, including the Racketeer-Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO); mail and wire fraud, securities fraud, money laundering, corporate criminal liability, and grand jury investigations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7021.

**LAW 7174 Trusts and Fiduciary Responsibilities****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Comprehensive study of the law of trusts: includes creation, administration, amendment and termination of trusts; powers, rights and duties of settlors, trustees and beneficiaries; fiduciary duties and liability of trustees; creditors rights; emphasis on Texas law.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 718 Women & the Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Women & the Law. A study of legal issues that particularly affect women and how the law, in its choices regarding these issues, has helped to form women's position in American society. Issues discussed will include spousal abuse, rape, employment discrimination, marriage and divorce, child custody, reproductive rights, and privacy.

**LAW 7188 Construction Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of construction law and legal relationships; causes of action between owners, contractors, subcontractors, engineers, architects and their insurers, and construction contracts; emphasis on practical aspects of construction practice; reenactment of real construction dispute cases.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017.

**LAW 719 Elder Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Overview of the law relating to aging individuals and an older American society; includes employment and disability discrimination, retirement, property management, guardianship and protection, health care financing, health care decision-making, housing, and family issues unique to grandparents; Texas law on particular subjects covered when possible.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7195 Consumer Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Current state of the law as it applies to consumer transactions; debt collection practices; credit disclosure and regulation; product liability; the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act; work of the Federal Trade Commission; truth in lending laws; fair credit laws.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7042.

**LAW 720 Animal Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Overview of the changing relationship between society and animals; examination of the development of both civil and criminal law as it relates to animals; exploration of the philosophical issues that drive the law's evolution; describes the law as an expression of how we share the environment with animals.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7203 Copyright****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of federal and international laws protecting the innovative endeavors of authors; history of copyright law; fair use of copyrighted materials; what can be copyrighted; interaction of copyright law with other concepts of unfair competition and intellectual property.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7204 Advanced Issues in Criminal Justice****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Critical analysis of processes, other than trials, used in the U.S. criminal justice system to resolve criminal cases; includes plea bargaining, therapeutic justice, restorative justice and juvenile justice; examines the policy goals supporting continuing, starting or expanding the use of these processes to resolve criminal cases.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010 and LAW 7065.

**LAW 7205 Art Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the growing area of legal practice known as art law; examination of legal and ethical issues relating to the creation, discovery, ownership, transfer and use of works of visual art, from ancient to contemporary; stakeholders include artists and their subjects, individual and corporate collectors, museums, dealers, auction houses, cultural institutions, treasure hunters, scholars, indigenous groups, sovereign nations, and the general public; examination, discussion, and debate of applicable civil and criminal laws and regulations, case law, international treaties and codes of ethics, as well as contracts and other documents used in art law practice.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7208 Art, Cultural Heritage and the Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

International and domestic legal issues and disputes pertaining to the creation, ownership, use and preservation of works of visual art and objects of cultural heritage.

**Prerequisite:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 721 Corporate Governance****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

An advanced course dealing with the legal, financial, ethical, theoretical, and practical issues involved in the management and control of large publicly held business entities; may include discussions of various methods of corporate governance, including state corporate laws, federal securities laws, criminal laws, and stock exchange regulations, with particular focus on the complex relationships among shareholders, management, employees, and the public.

**LAW 7217 Post-Conviction Actual Innocence Claims****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practical applications of the law in petitioning the judiciary for relief based on facts garnered through an initial post-conviction investigation; understanding a post-conviction claim of actual innocence; how the U.S. Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals have analyzed and dealt with such claims in both death penalty and nondeath cases.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7021.

**LAW 722 Guardianship Practicum****Credits 1 to 2. 1 to 2 Lecture Hours.**

Overview of Texas guardianship law; determination of need for guardianship, less restrictive alternatives to a guardianship and what alternatives entail; drafting applications and orders for a guardianship of the person and/or estate with supporting documents; drafting inventory, appraisements, list of claims, annual accountings, reports of attorneys or guardians ad litem and final accountings for guardianships of the estate; practical look at representation of an applicant for guardianship; representing the proposed incapacitated person.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7222 International Trade Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of the impact of trade by providing an insight into the questions of Trade Policy; focus on trade agreements of the World Trade Organization; tariffs, subsidies and their effect on trade in goods and services.

**Prerequisite:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7222S Advanced Dispute Resolution Survey: Negotiation, Mediation, and Arbitration****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Three main tools of Alternative Dispute Resolution including negotiation, mediation and arbitration; theoretical and practical aspects of all three tools.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7223 Internet Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of transference or absence of brick-and-mortar legal principles to new methods of communications; recent developments in cyberspace law; survey of legal issues on the internet; policy and pragmatic application of jurisdictional principals; intellectual property laws; privacy rights; computer crime; proprietary information; freedom of speech issues; full-scale analysis and explication of the question "Is Google really God?"

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7225 Anti-Terrorism and Criminal Enforcement****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Federal criminal investigation and prosecution of anti-terrorism crimes; criminal law-related legislation dealing with terrorism; detention and adjudication-related issues; techniques of investigation and information-gathering methods used in anti-terrorism criminal enforcement; civil liberties implications.

**Prerequisites:** LAW 7021; one year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7227 Education Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Legal rights, responsibilities and relationships between parents, students, teachers and administrators; balancing these rights with the operation of schools; separation of church and state; balancing the instructional program with substantive rights of parents and the interest of the state; student on-campus First Amendment expression rights; student privacy rights; application of the Fourth Amendment; rights of students with disabilities; common law student rights; teacher certification requirements; contractual issues arising from employment relationships.

**Prerequisites:** LAW 7010; one year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7228 ePayments Law and Business****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of electronic payments with emphasis on the business models and legal superstructures that have facilitated the growth of ePayments in the digital age; electronic transfers of value and resolution of transactional disputes; evaluation of range of systems from established credit-and-debit card networks to cutting-edge emergent payment systems.

**Prerequisites:** LAW 7017; one year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 723 Electronic Research Practicum****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.****LAW 724 Texas Criminal Law Practicum****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Simulation of a hypothetical case from arrest through post-conviction remedies; prosecuting and defense attorney perspectives; topics may include legal limits on criminal investigation, the grand jury process, setting bail, negotiating pleas bargains, drafting pretrial motions, the discovery process, trial rights, and tactics, habeas corpus, and appeals.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7021 and LAW 7065.

**LAW 7248 Employment Discrimination****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of federal law concerning employment discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, age, and disability; includes Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age of Discrimination in Employment Act, the Reconstruction Era Civil Rights Act, the Equal Pay Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 725 Advanced Criminal Prosecution: 4th, 5th and 6th Amendment Practicum****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Expansion upon the doctrines of search and seizure, double jeopardy, protection against self-incrimination and the right to counsel; taught through a motion practice and habeas corpus method; ideal for those considering criminal prosecution or defense.

**LAW 7259 Information Privacy Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of issues related to the concept of information privacy; examination of the collection, use, protection and disclosure of personal and other information by government entities and private sector actors, both domestically and cross-jurisdictionally; considers multiple regulatory schemes, including constitutional, tort, contract, property, statutory, administrative and international rules.

**Prerequisite:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 726 Settlement Advocacy Practicum****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Advocacy training for the settlement of civil lawsuits; enhances effectiveness in problem solving; includes role-playing exercises.

**LAW 7260 Employment Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of law of employer-employee relations in a nonunion context; employment at will, retaliatory discharge and wage and hour laws; introduction to employment relationship laws.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7263 The Information Society Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the complex interrelationships between technological, economic, cultural, political and legal influences that shape the information society.

**Prerequisite:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.

**LAW 7267 Government, Ethics and the Public Sector****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Review of federal and state governance; exploration of the extern's role in the policymaking process; introduction to ethical issues within government; research of a topic related to placement.

**Prerequisites:** Approval of instructor; public policy residency externship program.

**LAW 7268 Entertainment Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of basic legal concepts that govern transactions in the entertainment industry; constitutional protections of entertainment speech; rights of individuals who restrict it; copyright fundamentals; contract issues peculiar to the field; prevailing standards and practices of "the Business."

**Prerequisites:** LAW 7017; one year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 727 Texas Legal Research Practicum****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Advanced legal research methodologies, costs and strategies within the context of Texas law; includes the Texas court system, legislation and legislative history, regulations and regulatory history, agency decisions and websites, treatises, electronic databases, free online resources, court rules, jury instructions, practice materials, and strategies for conducting thorough research.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002.

**LAW 7277 Environmental Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of various approaches for dealing with adverse environmental effects, including private litigation, regulation, and financial incentives; survey of air and water pollution, solid and hazardous waste problems, and the National Environmental Policy Act; judicial review of legislative and administrative action; special problems raised by the U.S. federal form of government; administrative regulatory process in pollution control.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.



**LAW 728 LARW III: Estate Planning and Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Discussion of hypothetical clinical problems; extensive drafting and professor collaboration; comprehensive planning and drafting of estate planning documents to effectuate the plan.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7076; LAW 7174 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 729 LARW III: Contract Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Contemporary commercial drafting of contracts; transactional practice useful for litigators; includes translation of a client's business deal into contract language; the organizational paradigm for a formal contract; drafting definitions, covenants, representations, and warranties; deconstructing and marking up contracts; transactional and formbook research; proper use of boilerplate provisions.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7017.

**LAW 7290 Estate and Gift Tax****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of income, gift, estate, and generation-skipping transfer taxes relevant to the estate planning process; introduction to planning and drafting principles for complex estates.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7076 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 730 LARWIII: Patent Law Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the practice of patent prosecution; obtaining a patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office; follows process from the initial client interview through the issuance of a patent and through post-issuance filings.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7452.

**LAW 7301 Family Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of legal problems related to the establishment, dissolution, reorganization, and evolving definitions of the family and family-like relationships in America; includes premarital arrangements, marriage (formal and informal), divorce, parent-child relationship, division of marital property, spousal and child support, domestic violence within the family, and same-sex unions. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7302 Federal Courts****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of the constitutional and practical doctrines that define the judicial power of the U.S.; emphasis on the role of federal courts in the American system of government; the federal courts' relationship to the other branches of the federal government and their relationship to the separate state systems of government; includes constitutional cases and controversies requirement, congressional control of the federal courts, Supreme Court review of state court decisions, the power of the federal courts to create federal law, abstention, suits against state governments, and the enforcement of federal rights.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 7303 Agricultural Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of major areas of agricultural law; practical approach including discussions and hands-on assignments; legal issues relating to animal agriculture, food safety, landowner rights, the interaction between agriculture and energy production, agricultural leases, agricultural policy and estate and succession planning for farm families.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7304 Due Diligence for the Professional****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Practical skills in performing due diligence in business and financial transactions; analyze documents such as financial statements to uncover red flags for fraud; receive a certification from the International Organization of Due Diligence.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 731 LARW III: Litigation Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practice in drafting of litigation documents expected to be prepared in typical civil litigation cases; utilization of a state trial court forum and the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure; includes conducting client interviews; drafting petitions, answers, and affirmative defenses; propounding written discovery; objecting to and answering written discovery; preparing and arguing motions; preparing other litigation-related documents.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7005.

**LAW 7310 Non-Profit Organizations****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Laws, policies, and ideals affecting the creation, operation, and governance of nonprofit organizations; complex issues raised from nonprofit organizations' role in society involving constitutional, trust and property, corporate, and tax law; obtaining tax-exempt status; restrictions on lobbying and political activity; tax on unrelated business income; eligibility for charitable contributions; state regulation of charitable solicitations; oversight of nonprofit governance; charitable immunity.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7042.

**LAW 7313 Criminal Procedure Trial Rights****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Constitutionally mandated judicial processes for determining the guilt or innocence of those accused of crime and selecting an appropriate penalty; topics may include bail and pretrial detention, the prosecutor's charging decision, pretrial publicity, the defendant's competency to stand trial, jury selection, trial by jury, the defendant's right of confrontation and compulsory process, the right to effective assistance of counsel, sentencing, direct attacks on criminal convictions, and double jeopardy.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7316 First Amendment****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment; addresses the First Amendment's effect on government attempts to regulate content of speech and to restrict speech by regulating one's method of speaking; the right of free speech in various physical settings; freedoms of assembly and press, free exercise of religion, and the prohibition on governmental establishment of religion.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7010.

**LAW 7317 Government Contracts****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of federal government contract law; includes contract formation issues, appropriations requirements, contract types, simplified, sealed bid and negotiated procurement methods, competition requirements, contract pricing, protests of awards, contract administration issues and changes, terminations, claims and litigation in federal forums, government fraud remedies and contractor debarments.

**LAW 7318 Health Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Key concepts in health law, such as the structure of health care organizations, quality of health care, and liability of health care providers; access to health care; financing mechanisms of health care, including Medicare and Medicaid; regulation and oversight of managed health care; examination of developments in health care law concerning reproduction, bioethics, and human genetics.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7042.

**LAW 7319 Federal Income Taxation****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the basic principles of federal income tax; concentration on individuals, businesses, and investors as taxpayers; use of the Internal Revenue Code and federal tax regulations emphasized.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 732 LARW III: Real Estate Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practice in drafting commonly used real estate documents; emphasis on Texas practice; personal and commercial transactions.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7032.

**LAW 7320 Health Care, Technology and the Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to legal issues that healthcare businesses encounter when using technology to enhance the patient-physician experience; examination of the regulation of patient privacy and security, medical software and mobile applications, electronic medical records, robotic surgery, fraud and abuse, corporate practice of medicine and use of the Internet to deliver medicine across state lines.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 733 LARW III: Trademark Practice****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the practice of trademark prosecution; registering trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office; development of practical, analytical, and counseling skills in the area of trademark prosecution.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002; LAW 7550 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7332 Immigration Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Basic immigration statutes, including cases and doctrines that control immigration and naturalization; explores the treatment of undocumented immigrants and those seeking protection from persecution.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7339 Water Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Legal control of water resources; includes riparian rights, the water permit system, groundwater issues, water as a regional and shared resource, beneficial uses versus waste, underground conservation districts, and navigability.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 734 LARW III: Appellate Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Development of analytical and persuasion skills; emphasis on appellate brief writing and oral advocacy in the appellate court setting; participation in significant oral argument exercises.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002.

**LAW 7341 Intellectual Property Licensing Practicum****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Addresses issues raised by licensing intellectual property; motivations for licensing; types of agreements used in licensing transactions; provisions commonly used in licensing contracts; practical scenarios applied in class.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7203, LAW 7350, LAW 7452, or LAW 7550.

**LAW 735 LARW III: Family Law Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practice in drafting documents for family law litigation; aspects of litigation examined from pre-trial to appeal.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7301.

**LAW 7350 Intellectual Property Survey****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Overview of the basic principles of intellectual property law; includes coverage of trade secret, trademark, patent, and copyright fundamentals.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; 28 completed hours.

**LAW 7351 International Intellectual Property****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the international fabric of patent, copyright, and trademark law under both domestic laws and international treaties; examination of the foundation of international intellectual property policies underlying medicinal herbs, counterfeit goods, genetic material, and traditional knowledge; examination of heightened tensions on international intellectual property law due to flow of information and content across borders; harmonizing diverse legal frameworks.

**LAW 736 LARW III: Estate Administration Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

LARW III: Estate Administration Drafting. How to open, conduct and close an administration of a decedent's estate under Texas law; independent and dependent administrations; probate of the decedent's will; powers, rights, and duties of the personal representative; payment of creditor's claim; informal probate procedures; practical look at how to represent a client who is serving as the personal representative of a decedent's estate or who is a beneficiary of a decedent's estate.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7076.

**LAW 7368 International Litigation****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of disputes touching more than one jurisdiction; includes selecting the proper forum, discovery, parallel law suits, choice of law, sovereign immunity, the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, and arbitration.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 7369 Public International Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to key doctrines of international law; fundamental principles and doctrines related to the sources of and bases for international law and international jurisdiction; law governing treaties and state succession; topics may include the use of force, protection of human rights and international criminal issues.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 737 LARW III: Drafting for the General Practitioner****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the drafting of legal documents common to the general practitioner; general knowledge of and proficiency with the typical documents lawyers are asked to draft; practice of drafting techniques common to the various types of legal documents; "small firm" simulations involving a variety of legal matters including contract drafting, will drafting, negotiation, and settlement of a dispute; development of writing and oral advocacy skills already learned through the production of client letters, lawyer-to-lawyer email communications, and oral settlement negotiations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002.

**LAW 7371 International Business Transactions****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of the legal issues encountered in private international business transactions through international trade, exploitation of intellectual property rights and direct foreign investment; international sale of goods; bills of lading; letters of credit; government regulation of imports and exports; technology transfer and intellectual property protection; cross border taxation; forms of agreements, industrial works contracts, employment laws; forms and regulation of foreign direct investment; international corruption and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; examination of how customary international law, treaties and free trade agreements play a role in these transactions.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7056 or Business Associations (four credit-hour course offered prior to fall 2013).

**LAW 738 LAWR III: How the Deals Get Done****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Transactional law practice using a hypothetical start-up business to help deal with the transactional issues in this context; combination of theory and practice to prepare for typical matters confronted in a transactional law practice.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002; LAW 7056 or Business Associations (four credit-hour course offered prior to Fall 2013).

**LAW 7383 Juvenile Justice****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Review of the juvenile's substantive and procedural rights.

**LAW 7383S The Business Negotiator****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Development and strengthening of negotiation skills mostly in the context of business and transactions work; negotiation strategies and techniques expanded for deals, contracts, and relationships via lectures, role-plays and simulations; deal making in both U.S. and global context, including culture, ideology, and foreign governments and laws.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7389 Labor Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the National Labor Relations Act and its implementation.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 739 LARW III: Business Collections****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Writing and analysis skills for business collection lawsuits; drafting a demand letter, petition, answer, interrogatories, judgment order, application for writ of garnishment and motions for substituted service; default judgment and summary judgment; introduction to negotiation, settlement and trial advocacy skills.

**Prerequisite:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7017.

**LAW 7390S Labor Negotiations Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Process of contract negotiations in the labor setting in both the private and public sectors; includes who has the right to bargain contracts, what can be bargained, bargaining in good faith and legal remedies; bargaining techniques including data-driven proposals also covered; labor bargaining simulations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017.

**LAW 740 LARW III: Criminal Procedure****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practice of concepts studied in LAW 7005; draft motions to suppress and habeas corpus petitions challenging timely topics.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 7401 Land Use Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of private and public means of controlling land use; emphasis on planning and zoning, including the emerging problem of exclusionary land use controls; subdivision controls, restrictive deed covenants, eminent domain proceedings, and urban renewal.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 7402 Pre-Suit Patent Litigation****Credits 1 to 2. 1 to 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of issues patent litigators should consider prior to filing a complaint for patent infringement; includes the market for patent enforcement; substantive assessment of cases; valuation of cases and economics of patent litigation; best practices for patent case assessment and pre-litigation ethical considerations; complaint drafting.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7452, LAW 7131, or LAW 7350.

**LAW 7408 Energy Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to energy law and regulation in the United States; basic principles of public utility regulation; the division of jurisdiction between federal and state governments; key regulatory statutes and case law governing energy resources such as water, coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear and renewable energy; analysis of the environmental, regulatory, land use and economic concerns as they relate to each energy source; introduction to electricity and electric power competition in the United States.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.**LAW 7409 Special Problems in Corporate Law: Offshore Financial Transactions, Cayman Islands****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Combined classroom and field experience in the Cayman Islands includes examination of international business, tax strategies, and related policy issues; goals motivating U.S. corporations to organize offshore business entities and policy and legal issues related to the use of such entities; interaction with professionals and policymakers from the Cayman Islands.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7057, LAW 7362, LAW 7516, or concurrent enrollment.**LAW 741 Independent Study****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Specialized reading or research in an area of interest under a full-time faculty member's supervision. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses.**LAW 7412 Law Practice Management****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Review of the professional, ethical, and management requirements for starting and operating a law practice; statutory and regulatory aspects of practice; labor and employment; partnerships and professional corporations; trust and IOLTA accounts; advertising and solicitations; management skills and technology related to time, billing, accounting docketing, legal research, document preparation, filing, and client development.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.**LAW 7414 Legislative Process****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of three areas of legislating: drafting/statutory construction, research and support groups, and procedures (committees/calendars/floor management); Committee Operations/debate/passage of bills; use of Texas legislative rules handbooks to guide from introduction to passage of legislation; election of a Speaker and Lt. Governor.

**Prerequisite:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.**LAW 7416 Legislation****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the state and federal legislative systems; examination of the relationship between the legislative, executive, and judicial process; philosophies of legislative operations and judicial interpretation; statutory and constitutional issues involved in interpreting and applying legislation; principles of drafting legislation; tracking actual legislative sessions and introduced bills; activity of a student-selected member of choice in the Texas Legislature; conducting a mock session of the Legislature to include committee activity, floor debate, voting, and post-legislative activities via extracurricular meetings.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.**LAW 7418 Legislation and Regulation****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the role of statutes and administrative regulations in the practice of law, including their creation, amendment, and interpretation; includes the interpretive and lawmaking roles of the three branches of government; statutory interpretation; delegation and administrative agency practice; regulatory governance; foundation for courses in legislation, administrative law, constitutional law and a wide range of specialized courses that rely on statutory and regulatory law including bankruptcy, commercial law, environmental law, intellectual property, securities regulation, and tax law.

**LAW 742 Entrepreneurship Law Clinic****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Other Hours.**

Work with entrepreneurs on transactional matters in connection with the founding and/or development of a small business; emphasis on legal issues involved in starting a business including choice of entity, entity formation and founding agreements. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7056.**LAW 7426 The Lawyer in Government****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the diverse political, ethical and substantive issues that public policy lawyers encounter daily; critical thinking and analysis of public discourse and policymaking in context of externships; distill exploration into written work product and class discussion.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.**LAW 7428 Marital Property****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the property rights of husband and wife under the Texas community property system, including coverage of the law relating to homestead.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; 28 completed hours.**LAW 743 Innocence Project****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Investigation of claims of actual innocence on behalf of Texas inmates; document/transcript review; examining new evidence and locating and re-interviewing witnesses; work closely with Innocence Project of Texas attorneys if cases move into litigation; weekly classroom component explores causes and cures of wrongful convictions. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program.**LAW 7432 International Petroleum Transactions****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of laws, legal issues and principal contracts utilized in the international oil and gas industry in the exploration for and production and marketing of oil and gas; practical knowledge of international oil and gas legal issues by working with actual international oil and gas contracts.

**Prerequisites:** LAW 7017; one year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.**LAW 7435 Mergers and Acquisitions****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of legal issues related to corporate mergers and acquisitions; mechanics and structure of merger and acquisition transactions, shareholder rights, fiduciary duties, federal securities laws, accounting and tax issues, anti-takeover defenses and antitrust considerations.



**LAW 7437 National Security Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of criminal and civil statutes, Supreme Court cases, executive orders and government policies that impact U.S. national security; relevant to prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys and lawyers representing state and federal agencies, law enforcement, technology companies, as well as individuals served by these entities.

**LAW 7438 Natural Resources Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

National Forest Management Act, the Clean Water Act, natural resource conservation acts, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other acts and issues relating to the use, management, and preservation of natural resources.

**LAW 744 Courthouse Perspectives****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Practical, hands-on study of various courts in the Tarrant County area; includes the Court of Appeals, District Courts (civil, criminal, and family), County Courts (civil, criminal, and probate), and Justice of the Peace Courts; understanding the function, jurisdiction, and personnel of each court; daily lecture at the Court of Appeals by Justice McCoy, followed by visits to the various courts; introduction to judges, court coordinators, and court reporters; possible observation of proceedings in each court visited; emphasis on proper courtroom etiquette and procedural training on topics such as how to actually file a document with a court.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7440 Insurance Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of fundamental legal principles relating to the construction of various types of liability and first-party insurance contracts; includes insurance regulation, application for coverage and acceptance of risk, rules of construction, bad faith, and insurance litigation strategy.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7042.

**LAW 7442 Law and Economics****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Laws as incentives for changing behavior and instruments for policy objectives; theory to predict effects of legal rules on behavior; efficiency and distribution concerns to evaluate legal policy; basic economics, including Coase Theorem, and classical topics such as property, contracts, torts and criminal law.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7444 Oil and Gas****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of oil and gas law; interests that may be created in oil and gas; transfer and conveyance of such interests; rights of operators and landowners; provisions in the oil and gas lease; rights of assignees; regulations dealing with exploration, production, and conservation.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 7445 Environmental Oil and Gas Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of federal, state, and local environmental laws that impact the oil and gas industry; current laws that apply to hydraulic fracturing activities as well as current studies and enforcement actions concerning the same; typical claims and defenses asserted in recent hydraulic fracturing litigation.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part time program; LAW 7444.

**LAW 745 Advanced Dispute Resolution Survey: Negotiation, Mediation, and Arbitration****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the main three tools of Alternative Dispute Resolution including negotiation, mediation, and arbitration; theoretical and practical aspects of all three tools via lecture, simulations and exercises.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7452 Patent Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of how proprietary interests in technology are protected by patent law; focus on issues relating to validity, the nature of the subject matter protected, and enforcement of proprietary rights.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7454 Payment Systems****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of commercial paper, bank deposits, and collections under UCC Articles 3 and 4; includes negotiability and the rights and obligations of parties to commercial paper, defenses to liability, relationship of banks and customers, check collection, and suretyship.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7042.

**LAW 7458 Preparing for the Bar Exam****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Overview of the contents of the bar exam; critical skills and strategies necessary for success on each day of the exam; covers selections from several MBE and essay-tested subjects; simulation of portions of the bar exam with performance feedback.

**LAW 746 Interviewing and Counseling Practicum****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.****LAW 747 Public International Dispute Resolution****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of how public disputes that endanger peace are resolved internationally; will focus on disputes between countries and disputes within countries that result in some sort of international intervention; provide a basic understanding of the international organizations which work at a diplomatic level to resolve disputes including the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the European Union; examination of bilateral public international dispute resolution; examination of specific case studies, such as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Afghanistan and Kosovo.

**LAW 7477 Real Estate Financing****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the basic elements involving real estate financing; understanding of the legal framework and practical considerations affecting real estate finance transactions; secured lending, mortgage law, installment land contracts, foreclosures, lien priorities, title insurance and practical issues when representing a lender or borrower on commercial or single family transactions; commercial leasing, ground leases and real estate development.

**LAW 748 The Business Negotiator****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Development and strengthening of negotiation skills mostly in the context of business and transactions work; negotiation strategies and techniques expanded for deals, contracts, and relationships via lectures, role-plays and simulations; deal making in both U.S. and global context, including culture, ideology, and foreign governments and laws.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7483 Military Justice****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of statutes, policies and rules governing military justice process from investigation through trial and appellate process; military criminal procedure and law governing court-martial proceedings; relationship of military courts to civilian courts; use of military commissions for trying enemy combatants for war crimes and other offenses.

**Prerequisites:** LAW 7021; one year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7484 Remedies****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Review of the forms of legal and equitable relief a court is equipped to grant by way of redress to those who have been or may be injured; alternative choices and tactical advantages of each; may also cover the scope of judges' powers of contempt.

**Prerequisite:** 56 completed hours.

**LAW 7487 Spanish for Lawyers****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Preparation of the Spanish proficient for the practice of immigration law, criminal law or family law; discussion of legal concepts and procedures related to representation of Spanish-speaking clients; review of Spanish vocabulary through simulations of interviewing, counseling and representing Spanish-speaking clients.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7021; LAW 7301 or LAW 7332 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7488 Secured Transactions****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of personal and commercial financing by loans and credit sales under agreements creating security interests in the debtors' personal property (Article 9 of the UCC and relevant provisions of the Bankruptcy Code).

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017 and LAW 7032.

**LAW 749 Labor Negotiations Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Process of contract negotiations in the labor setting in both the private and public sectors; includes who has the right to bargain contracts, what can be bargained, bargaining in good faith and legal remedies; bargaining techniques including data-driven proposals also covered; labor bargaining simulations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017.

**LAW 7492 Securities Regulation****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Review of federal and state regulation of the public distribution, offer, and sale of corporate securities; study of the Securities Act of 1933 and portions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; types of securities and underwriting techniques; key definitions and exemptions in the statutes; state securities law with emphasis on the securities registration and anti-fraud aspects of the Texas Securities Act.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7056 or Business Associations (four credit-hour courses offered prior to fall 2013).

**LAW 7493 Securities Law Enforcement****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the SEC's enforcement of federal securities laws and related efforts by FINRA and the DOJ; introduction to how the SEC enforces federal securities laws; aspects of the enforcement process; investigative techniques; the Wells process; SEC's litigation efforts in both federal courts and administrative proceedings.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program; LAW 7056.

**LAW 750 Sports Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Thorough look at both the academic (e.g., labor and antitrust) and practical (e.g., contracts and agents) aspects of professional sports and the emerging field of sports law; rules governing Olympic competition, the NCAA, and other amateur athletics.

**LAW 7500S Sports Law****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Thorough look at both the academic (e.g., labor and antitrust) and practical (e.g., contracts and agents) aspects of professional sports and the emerging field of sports law; rules governing Olympic competition, the NCAA, and other amateur athletics.

**LAW 751 Negotiation Theory and Practice Practicum****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Development of negotiation skills; simulations and negotiation exercises provide first-hand experience in applying interest-based negotiation techniques; examination of the skills, constraints, and dynamics of negotiation; theoretical framework for understanding negotiation practice in a variety of contexts through readings from the fields of law, psychology, business, and communication.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7516 Taxation of Business Entities****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the federal income tax treatment of C corporations and pass-through entities such as partnerships, S corporations, and limited liability companies; examines on a comparative basis the formation, operation, and sales and liquidation of these entities; corporate reorganizations and related transactions also covered.

**LAW 752 Trial Advocacy Practicum****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of civil and criminal trials through lectures, demonstrations, and simulations; examination of each trial segment separately; accompanying exercises conducted from attorney and witness perspectives; presentation of an entire case through verdict via mock trial at a local courthouse.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010; LAW 7080 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 753 Family Mediation Clinic****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Development of mediation skills through lecture and role-play; attendance of some classes in the courtrooms of two family judges; observe and mediate real family disputes at local mediation centers; family mediation certificate given on completion of this course and LAW 7881S. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7532 Texas Criminal Procedure****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of laws regulating Texas criminal process; arrest to post-conviction review; emphasis on unique characteristics.

**LAW 7533 Texas Real Property****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of Texas real property law through Texas case and statutory law; includes conveyances of real property (including contracts and deeds), liens, adverse possession, and servitudes (i.e., easements, real covenants, and equitable servitudes).

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7032.

**LAW 754 Wills and Estates Clinic****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Real-world experience in handling the estate planning needs of low-income clients; under the supervision of licensed attorneys, interview clients, draft documents including wills, powers of attorney, health care advance directives and other instruments; may handle probate matters.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7076.

**LAW 7540 Texas Pretrial Procedure****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of Texas law in civil cases pertaining to processes before trial; includes jurisdictions, venue, initiating legal proceedings, obtaining factual information from parties and nonparties, and terminating litigation prior to trial.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 7548 Texas Trials and Appeals****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of Texas law in civil cases pertaining to trial and appellate procedure concerning the jury; presentation of the case; motions for instructed verdict; the court's charge; the verdict; trial before the court; post-trial motions and procedures; final and appealable judgments; appellate jurisdiction; perfection of appeal; courts of appeal; Supreme Court of Texas; original proceedings in appellate courts.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 755 Employment Mediation Clinic****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Further development beyond basic mediation training with opportunities to co-mediate workplace disputes that arise at the Federal Aviation Administration or other agencies; co-mediate three to five disputes, with the assistance of an experienced and trained mediator; review available background documents, meet with co-mediator, and prepare for the mediation. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7550 Trademark and Unfair Competition Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Principles of unfair competition law; examination of the creation, maintenance, and enforcement of trademark rights; related doctrines of rights of publicity, trade dress, trade secrets, and false advertising; exploration of public policies and economy underlying trademark law.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7552 Business Fundamentals for Lawyers****Credits 1 to 2. 1 to 2 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to business concepts and processes important to law practice; covers areas critical to business lawyers, such as financial statements, business strategy, supply chains, HR management, finance, and marketing operations; includes business problem simulations.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7557 Sales and Leases****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the sale and lease of goods and the principal commercial law governing such transactions; includes Articles 2 and 2A of the uniform Commercial Code as well as the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods; sale and lease contract formation; establishment of express and implied contract terms; creation and disclaimer of warranties; risk of loss; remedies for breach.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7017.

**LAW 756 Family Law and Benefits Clinic****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Represent indigent clients in court under direct faculty supervision; classroom component covers substantive law, essential practical skills, and discussion of client cases. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

**LAW 757 Intellectual Property and Technology Clinic****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Emphasis on general trademark and patent issues; includes counseling clients, conducting registerability or patentability searches and preparing trademark or patentability opinions for clinic clients, drafting and filing of trademark or patent applications and response to Office Actions.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program; LAW 7350 or LAW 7550 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7579 White Collar Crime****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of the substantive and procedural problems connected with the federal prosecution and defense of white collar crime; examination of selected federal statutes, including the Racketeer-Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO); mail and wire fraud, securities fraud, money laundering, corporate criminal liability, and grand jury investigations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7021.

**LAW 758 Mediation Clinic****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Mediation training following standards promulgated by the Texas Mediation Trainers Roundtable; classroom training and role-playing participation; mediator and disputant perspectives; clinic portion of the training consists of mediations or observations at Dispute Resolution Centers and other locations. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7588 Elder Law****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Overview of the law relating to aging individuals and an older American society; includes employment and disability discrimination, retirement, property management, guardianship and protection, health care financing, health care decision-making, housing, and family issues unique to grandparents; Texas law on particular subjects covered when possible.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 759 Deposition Skills Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Deposition practice and the strategy behind taking depositions; fundamental depositions skills; rules pertaining to depositions in federal and state court; how to properly notice a deposition; how to depose parties, fact witnesses, and experts; deposition performance class offers opportunity to take and defend a deposition.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 760 Civil Motion Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Civil motion practice; research of written motions and responses filed in actual nonactive lawsuits; argument of motions and responses, within appropriate time constraints, in front of a sitting district court judge in Tarrant County; understanding of the law related to each motion; emphasis on oral argument skills and development of a level of comfort arguing motions in an actual classroom.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7603 ADR in the Workplace Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Study of workplace dispute resolution; focus on the legal status and practical application of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in the workplace; includes labor arbitration, individual employment arbitration, mediation of employment disputes; review of litigation of employment disputes to explore the pros and cons of using ADR versus litigation; simulations of arbitration and mediation of these disputes.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.

**LAW 7604 Animal Law****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Overview of the changing relationship between society and animals; examination of the development of civil and criminal law relating to animals; exploration of philosophical issues that drive the law's evolution; law as an expression of how we share the environment with animals.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7606 Bioethics and the Law Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examines the legal, ethical, and policy aspects of current issues in bioethics; includes patient autonomy, the right to refuse treatment, euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, genetics, reproductive technologies, fetal treatment and research, human experimentation, and organ transplantation.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.

**LAW 761 Scientific Criminal Evidence Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Theory and practice of using scientific evidence in criminal trials; topics may include the value and use of DNA, mental health, polygraphs, and autopsy evidence; emphasis on understanding, preparing for, and conducting "Daubert hearings" which involve challenges to the admissibility of scientific expert testimony; includes lectures by professor and guest speakers, as well as role-playing of both prosecutors and defense lawyers.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7080 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7615 Death Penalty Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the law of capital punishment; guiding legal principles and parameters of this form of criminal sanction; includes narrowing capital punishment to certain crimes and particular types of defendants, the role of race in the death penalty, death qualified juries, and the function of "guided discretion" in the use of the sanction.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.

**LAW 7616 Advanced Issues in Criminal Justice Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of plea bargaining of criminal cases; emerging trends in the criminal justice system, such as restorative justice, therapeutic courts and drug courts; examination of issues relating to juvenile justice including alternative proceedings and the theory and policy underlying the treatment of juvenile offenders; various forms of criminal case resolution and the underlying policy goals.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010; LAW 7065.

**LAW 762 Civil Evidence Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Practical subjects related to courtroom evidence; instruction, demonstration, and practice in offering common forms of evidence in civil and criminal trials; common objections and responses to courtroom evidence; depositions, statements, and sworn testimony; preserving the record and offers of proof.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7080 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7622 Domestic Violence Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of domestic violence in the criminal justice system and family law; exposure to the issue of domestic violence; observation of one domestic violence trial or lengthy hearing.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.

**LAW 7626 Advanced Topics in Property Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Explores the concept of property, its theoretical dimensions and usefulness in resolving difficult legal and social problems; builds upon material covered in first-year property courses; focuses on four or five substantive areas that will rotate from semester to semester; topics may include history and development of property rights, property theory, property rights in the body, housing discrimination, eminent domain and taking law, property in cyberspace, comparative property law, and land use involving religious groups.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.

**LAW 7627 National Security Law Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of terrorism and its effects on the lives of Americans; balancing national defense with ideals of justice and liberty; legal and political framework for national security law, war powers, the rapidly evolving topic of counterterrorism, the challenges of the intelligence community and the protection of state secrets.

**Prerequisite:** All lockstep courses.

**LAW 763 Pretrial Motion Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Learn about and draft three pre-trial motions: Motion to Transfer Venue, Motion to Compel Discovery, and Special Appearance 120a; argue motions in class.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7631 Advanced Topics in Negotiation Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Series of topics involved in the theories, strategies and techniques of effective negotiation; topics may include avoiding being exploited, utilizing competitive negotiation moves, increasing collaboration, biases and cognitive illusions, emotions during the negotiation, principles of influence and persuasion, power in negotiation, culture and gender in negotiation, ethical considerations and critiques of settlement advocacy.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.



**LAW 7634 Oil, Gas and Natural Resource Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Explores natural resources law, the body of legal rules and processes that govern the ownership, human use, management, and protection of natural resources including oil and gas and other minerals, wildlife, rivers, national parks, and forests; history, politics and economics of natural resources law; practical aspects of practicing in this area; tools needed to find and understand the laws relevant to particular resources.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7636 Gender and the Law Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Explores the historical, comparative, statutory, and constitutional dimensions of law's regulation of sexuality and gender; examination of case law, supplemented with statutory law and articles; critiques and defenses of marriage; legal and social implications of categories such as bisexuality, intersexuality, and transsexuality; relationship between feminist, gay and queer politics; impact of sexual orientation and gender challenges on the workplace, military policy, family law, and education.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7638 Islamic Middle East Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of secular and Islamic law that serve as the basis of legal systems in various Middle Eastern nations; history and practice of Islamic law; origins of Islamic law; development of the classical schools of thought; nature of pre-modern and legal institutions; analysis of various methodologies represented in Islamic legal literature; identifying modern manifestations of these methodologies in contemporary Muslim discourses; how Islamic law intersects with secular laws in the context of modern family law, finance, and human rights.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7639 Law and Science Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of the interrelation of the law with science in varying contexts including the courts, legislative and agency action, and societal norms and expectations; exploration of the impact science has on the law and how the law affects scientific research and progress; the application of science in legal circumstances as well as the law to various scientific topics; topics may include the role of the public, government, and private sectors in scientific development; the role of courts and the law in managing scientific information; legal and scientific standards and methodologies; risk assessment; scientific misconduct; environmental regulations.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7641 The Politics of Supreme Court Decision Making Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Consideration of the Supreme Court as a political entity, not merely a court or decision-making body; study of individual justices, different judicial periods and courts (i.e., the Warren Court, the Burger Court, the Roberts Court); evaluation of how the political nature of decision making affects lawyers and their clients.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses.**LAW 7643 Jurisprudence Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to legal philosophy; includes major jurisprudential issues, the definition of law, the concept of justice, the relation of law and morality, and the function of legal analysis including modern American legal philosophies.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7646 Sentencing Law and Policy Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

The sentencing phase of an offender's contact with the criminal justice system; exploration of the dynamics of the creation, use and impact of sentencing law and policy through the experiences of the key stakeholders at the state and federal level.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7647 Fatherhood and the Law Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of fatherhood and the changes over the centuries and despite these changes much of the law presupposes that fathers are generally disinterested in being parents; addresses how these attitudes affect laws concerning abortion, adoption, child custody and support and a host of other issues affecting fathers.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7648 International Water Law Seminar****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

International law and policy relating to uses of and rights to freshwater resources; availability, distribution and scarcity of global freshwater; sovereignty over natural resources; conflict, conflict resolution and dispute prevention; ethics and human right to water; water and environment; development, exploitation and conservation of transboundary freshwater resources.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7649 Marijuana Law, Policy and Business Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of legal, policy and business issues raised by the growth of medical and recreational marijuana businesses; problems and benefits of legalization; examination of various approaches to regulation and taxation of businesses; practical problems involved in an industry that is illegal at the federal level.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7650 Law and Literature Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examines the nature, practice, and institutions of law as depicted in a variety of literary texts; explores how techniques associated with literary criticism may be applied to selected legal texts.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7655 Law and Psychology Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Study of the intersection between law and psychology; emphasis on the application of forensic psychology in the criminal justice system; includes the evidentiary standard governing the admissibility of scientific evidence, false confessions, eyewitness testimony, repressed memories, and sex offenders.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010.**LAW 7666 Race and the Law Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Impact of race and ethnicity on the American legal system from a historical and contemporary standpoint; examination of the role of race in criminal justice, immigration, family affairs, business, education and national security context; preparation to represent diverse clients.

**LAW 7675 Supreme Court Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Interactive portrayal of U.S. Supreme Court members; reading briefs in selected cases presently before the Supreme Court; discussing cases; writing opinions deciding the cases.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses; LAW 7010 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7676 Texas Search and Seizure Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Examination of the Fourth Amendment and the Texas Constitution, Article 1 Section 9; the expectation of privacy, probable cause, search and arrest warrants, warrantless action, the exclusionary rule, Terry stops, and post 9/11 considerations; participation in a practical application of the law of search and seizure.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010; LAW 7065 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7682 International Environmental Law Seminar****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Contemporary perspective of domestic and international law applicable to transboundary and global environmental issues; relationship of environmental law with international relations, trade, development, resource exploitation and conservation and human rights; role of international and non-governmental organizations in the development of international and domestic environmental laws and policies; may include case studies of disputes and investigations; requires a paper to qualify for rigorous writing requirement.

**Prerequisites:** LAW 7001, LAW 7002, LAW 7021, LAW 7042, LAW 7418, LAW 7005, LAW 7017 and LAW 7032.

**LAW 7704 Guardianship Practicum****Credits 1 to 2. 1 to 2 Lecture Hours.**

Overview of Texas guardianship law; how to determine if a guardianship is needed, if there are less restrictive alternatives to a guardianship, and what those alternatives entail; drafting applications and orders for a guardianship of the person and/or estate along with all supporting documents; drafting inventory, appraisements, list of claims, annual accountings, reports of attorneys or guardians ad litem, and final accountings for guardianships of the estate; practical look at how to represent an applicant for guardianship; representing the proposed incapacitated person.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7707 Criminal Procedure Practicum****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practice of the concepts first studied in LAW 7065; drafting of motions to suppress and habeas corpus petitions challenging timely topics.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7065.

**LAW 7707S Negotiation Theory and Practice Practicum****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Development of negotiation skills; simulations and negotiation exercises provide first-hand experience in applying interest-based negotiation techniques; examination of the skills, constraints, and dynamics of negotiation; theoretical framework for understanding negotiation practice in a variety of contexts through readings from the fields of law, psychology, business, and communication.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7725 Texas Criminal Law Practicum****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Simulation of a hypothetical case from arrest through post-conviction remedies; prosecuting and defense attorney perspectives; topics may include legal limits on criminal investigation, the grand jury process, setting bail, negotiating pleas bargains, drafting pretrial motions, the discovery process, trial rights, and tactics, habeas corpus, and appeals.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7021 and LAW 7065.

**LAW 7727 Business Law Seminar****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Exploration of various areas of business law; includes corporate, commercial, securities, tax, and regulatory law in both domestic and international settings; reflection on the fact that complex business problems often involve the intersection of several bodies of law.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010; LAW 7056 or Business Associations (four credit-hour course taught before fall 2013).

**LAW 7775S Trial Advocacy Practicum****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Study of civil and criminal trials through lectures, demonstrations, and simulations; examination of each trial segment separately; accompanying exercises conducted from attorney and witness perspectives; presentation of an entire case through verdict via mock trial at a local courthouse.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses except LAW 7010; LAW 7080 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7776 Texas Legal Research Practicum****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Advanced legal research methodologies, costs and strategies within the context of Texas law; includes the Texas court system, legislation and legislative history, regulations and regulatory history, agency decisions and websites, treatises, electronic databases, free online resources, court rules, jury instructions, practice materials, and strategies for conducting thorough research.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002.

**LAW 7779 LARW III: Estate Planning and Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Discussion of hypothetical clinical problems; extensive drafting and professor collaboration; comprehensive planning and drafting of estate planning documents to effectuate the plan.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7076; LAW 7174 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7780 LARWIII: Contract Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Contemporary commercial drafting of contracts; transactional practice useful for litigators; includes translation of a client's business deal into contract language; the organizational paradigm for a formal contract; drafting definitions, covenants, representations, and warranties; deconstructing and marking up contracts; transactional and formbook research; proper use of boilerplate provisions.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7017.

**LAW 7781 LARWIII: Patent Law Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the practice of patent prosecution; obtaining a patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office; follows process from the initial client interview through the issuance of a patent and through post-issuance filings.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7452.

**LAW 7782 LARW III: Litigation Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practice in drafting of litigation documents expected to be prepared in typical civil litigation cases; utilization of a state trial court forum and the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure; includes conducting client interviews; drafting petitions, answers, and affirmative defenses; propounding written discovery; objecting to and answering written discovery; preparing and arguing motions; preparing other litigation-related documents.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7005.

**LAW 7783 LARW III: Real Estate Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practice in drafting commonly used real estate documents; emphasis on Texas practice; personal and commercial transactions.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7032.

**LAW 7784 LARW III: Trademark Practice****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the practice of trademark prosecution; registering trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office; development of practical, analytical, and counseling skills in the area of trademark prosecution.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002; LAW 7550 or concurrent enrollment.

**LAW 7785 LARW III: Appellate Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Development of analytical and persuasion skills; emphasis on appellate brief writing and oral advocacy in the appellate court setting; participation in significant oral argument exercises.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002.

**LAW 7786 LARW III: Family Law Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practice in drafting documents for family law litigation; aspects of litigation examined from pre-trial to appeal.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7301.

**LAW 7787 LARW III: Estate Administration Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

LARW III: Estate Administration Drafting. How to open, conduct and close an administration of a decedent's estate under Texas law; includes independent and dependent administrations; probate of the decedent's will; powers, rights, and duties of the personal representative; payment of creditor's claim; informal probate procedures; practical look at how to represent a client who is serving as the personal representative of a decedent's estate or who is a beneficiary of a decedent's estate.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7076.

**LAW 7789 LARW III: Drafting for the General Practitioner****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the drafting of legal documents that are common to the general practitioner; general knowledge of and proficiency with the typical documents lawyers are asked to draft; practice of drafting techniques common to the various types of legal documents lawyers encounter; "small firm" simulations involving a variety of legal matters including contract drafting, will drafting, negotiation, and settlement of a dispute; development of writing and oral advocacy skills already learned through the production of client letters, lawyer-to-lawyer email communications, and oral settlement negotiations.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002.

**LAW 7790 LARW III: How the Deals Get Done****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Transactional law practice using a hypothetical start-up business to help deal with the transactional issues in this context; combination of theory and practice to prepare for typical matters confronted in a transactional law practice.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002; LAW 7056 or Business Associations (four credit-hour course offered prior to Fall 2013).

**LAW 7791 LARW III: Business Collections****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Writing and analysis skills for business collection lawsuits; drafting a demand letter, petition, answer, interrogatories, judgment order, application for writ of garnishment and motions for substituted service; default judgment and summary judgment; introduction to negotiation, settlement and trial advocacy skills.

**Prerequisite:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001, LAW 7002, and LAW 7017.

**LAW 7792 LARW III: Criminal Procedure****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Practice of concepts studied in LAW 7005; draft motions to suppress and habeas corpus petitions challenging timely topics.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.

**LAW 7793 LARW III: Public Policy Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to the various forms of written (and oral) communication encountered in the public policymaking process, particularly in regulated industries; overview of "public policy" and the various communication strategies and skills necessary to participate in the policymaking process.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001 and LAW 7002.

**LAW 7816 Independent Study****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Specialized reading or research in an area of interest under a full-time faculty member's supervision. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisites:** All lockstep courses.

**LAW 7835 Externship****Credits 1 to 6. 1 to 6 Other Hours.**

Learning opportunities provided through placements in approved legal settings; designed to increase understanding of the range of skills necessary for effective lawyering; improve abilities to perform lawyering skills (e.g., applying an area of law to an actual case); begin to identify and reflect upon the strengths and weaknesses as a practicing student attorney; develop productive working relationships with supervisors, clients, support staff, and peers; reflect on placement experiences through journals and class discussions; placement can be in either courts, public interest organizations, corporate or government offices, or law firms; timesheets and journals submitted every two weeks; classroom component consists of in-class meetings and online discussions. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

**LAW 7836 Externship****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Learning opportunities provided through placements in approved legal settings; designed to increase understanding of the range of skills necessary for effective lawyering; improve abilities to perform lawyering skills (e.g., applying an area of law to an actual case); begin to identify and reflect upon the strengths and weaknesses as a practicing student attorney; develop productive working relationships with supervisors, clients, support staff, and peers; reflect on placement experiences through journals and class discussions; placement can be in either courts, public interest organizations, corporate or government offices, or law firms; timesheets and journals submitted every two weeks; classroom component consists of in-class meetings and online discussions. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

**LAW 7837 Externship****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Learning opportunities provided through placements in approved legal settings; designed to increase understanding of the range of skills necessary for effective lawyering; improve abilities to perform lawyering skills (e.g., applying an area of law to an actual case); begin to identify and reflect upon the strengths and weaknesses as a practicing student attorney; develop productive working relationships with supervisors, clients, support staff, and peers; reflect on placement experiences through journals and class discussions; placement can be in either courts, public interest organizations, corporate or government offices, or law firms; timesheets and journals submitted every two weeks; classroom component consists of in-class meetings and online discussions. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

**LAW 7838 Externship****Credits 4. 4 Lecture Hours.**

Learning opportunities provided through placements in approved legal settings; designed to increase understanding of the range of skills necessary for effective lawyering; improve abilities to perform lawyering skills (e.g., applying an area of law to an actual case); begin to identify and reflect upon the strengths and weaknesses as a practicing student attorney; develop productive working relationships with supervisors, clients, support staff, and peers; reflect on placement experiences through journals and class discussions; placement can be in either courts, public interest organizations, corporate or government offices, or law firms; timesheets and journals submitted every two weeks; classroom component consists of in-class meetings and online discussions. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

**LAW 7839 Residency Externship****Credits 9 to 12. 9 to 12 Lecture Hours.**

Immersion experience; work full-time in legislature, state or federal government offices, nonprofit organizations, or in-house counsel; work with professor on substantive, procedural and ethical topics relating to externship; development of experience and understanding, in particular policy and legal areas.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

**LAW 7841****Credits 5. 5 Lecture Hours.**

Externship. Learning opportunities through placements in approved legal settings which can be applied to real world settings; placements in courts, public interest organizations, corporate or government offices, or law firms; earn one, two or three pass/fail credit hours for every 60, 120 or 180 hours of fieldwork completed, respectively; timesheets and journals are kept and submitted throughout the semester; completion of a classroom component the first time registered for an externship; classroom component consists of in-class meetings and online discussions; online discussions consist of responding to topics posted by professor and responding to peer postings; minor outside reading and/or activity. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

**LAW 7850S Family Mediation Clinic****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Development of mediation skills through lecture and role-play; attendance of some classes in the courtrooms of two family judges; observe and mediate real family disputes at local mediation centers; family mediation certificate given on completion of this course and LAW 7881S. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7851S Wills and Estates Clinic****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Real-world experience in handling the estate planning needs of low-income clients; under the supervision of licensed attorneys, interview clients, draft documents including wills, powers of attorney, health care advance directives and other instruments; may handle probate matters.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7076.

**LAW 7862S Employment Mediation Clinic****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Further development beyond basic mediation training with opportunities to co-mediate workplace disputes that arise at the Federal Aviation Administration or other agencies; co-mediate three to five disputes, with the assistance of an experienced and trained mediator; review available background documents, meet with co-mediator, and prepare for the mediation. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7863S Criminal Prosecution Clinic****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Education and training on the law, legal ethics, and skills involved in state criminal prosecutions; exposure to unique duties and responsibilities of criminal prosecutors as both advocates and ministers of justice; includes substantive, procedural, and ethics-related law relevant to the daily work of prosecutors; lawyering skills employed by prosecutors;

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; completion of at least 45 credit hours; LAW 7080; LAW 7532, LAW 7724, LAW 7725, or concurrent enrollment.



**LAW 7865S Family Law and Veterans Advocacy Clinic****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Practice law while in law school; indigent clients represented in court under direct faculty supervision; classroom component meets twice weekly to study the substantive law, learn essential practical skills, and discuss client cases. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.**LAW 7867 Entrepreneurship Law Clinic****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Other Hours.**

Work with entrepreneurs on transactional matters in connection with the founding and/or development of a small business; emphasis on legal issues involved in starting a business including choice of entity, entity formation and founding agreements. May be taken three times for credit. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7056.**LAW 7868S Intellectual Property and Technology Clinic****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Emphasis on general trademark and patent issues; includes counseling clients, conducting registerability or patentability searches and preparing trademark or patentability opinions for clinic clients, drafting and filing of trademark or patent applications and response to Office Actions.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program; LAW 7350 or LAW 7550 or concurrent enrollment.**LAW 7869 Innocence Project****Credits 2 to 3. 2 to 3 Lecture Hours.**

Investigation of claims of actual innocence on behalf of Texas inmates; document/transcript review; examining new evidence and locating and re-interviewing witnesses; work closely with Innocence Project of Texas attorneys if cases move into litigation; weekly classroom component explores causes and cures of wrongful convictions. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in full-time or part-time program.**LAW 7881S Mediation Clinic****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Mediation training following standards promulgated by the Texas Mediation Trainers Roundtable; classroom training and role-playing participation; mediator and disputant perspectives; clinic portion of the training consists of mediations or observations at Dispute Resolution Centers and other locations. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.**LAW 7887S Deposition Skills Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Deposition practice and the strategy behind taking depositions; fundamental depositions skills; rules pertaining to depositions in federal and state court; how to properly notice a deposition; how to depose parties, fact witnesses, and experts; deposition performance class offers opportunity to take and defend a deposition.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005.**LAW 7888S Civil Motion Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Civil motion practice; research of written motions and responses filed in actual nonactive lawsuits; argument of motions and responses, within appropriate time constraints, in front of a sitting district court judge in Tarrant County; understanding of the law related to each motion; emphasis on oral argument skills and development of a level of comfort arguing motions in an actual classroom.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005 or concurrent enrollment.**LAW 7889S Scientific Criminal Evidence Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Theory and practice of using scientific evidence in criminal trials; topics may include the value and use of DNA, mental health, polygraphs, and autopsy evidence; emphasis on understanding, preparing for, and conducting "Daubert hearings" which involve challenges to the admissibility of scientific expert testimony; includes lectures by professor and guest speakers, as well as role-playing of both prosecutors and defense lawyers.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7080 or concurrent enrollment.**LAW 7890 Courthouse Perspectives****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Practical, hands-on study of various courts in the Tarrant County area; includes the Court of Appeals, District Courts (civil, criminal, and family), County Courts (civil, criminal, and probate), and Justice of the Peace Courts; understanding the function, jurisdiction, and personnel of each court; daily lecture at the Court of Appeals by Justice McCoy, followed by visits to the various courts; introduction to judges, court coordinators, and court reporters; possible observation of proceedings in each court visited; emphasis on proper courtroom etiquette and procedural training on topics such as how to actually file a document with a court.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.**LAW 7891S Civil Evidence Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Practical subjects related to courtroom evidence; instruction, demonstration, and practice in offering common forms of evidence in civil and criminal trials; common objections and responses to courtroom evidence; depositions, statements, and sworn testimony; preserving the record and offers of proof.

**Prerequisites:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7080 or concurrent enrollment.**LAW 7892S Pretrial Motion Workshop****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Learn about and draft three pre-trial motions: Motion to Transfer Venue, Motion to Compel Discovery, and Special Appearance 120a; argue motions in class.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7005 or concurrent enrollment.**LAW 7894 LARW III: Environmental Litigation Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Introduction to a realistic view of the pretrial litigation process in a typical environmental lawsuit; utilization of a state district court forum and the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure; conduction of research and litigation documents drafting from the clients' first contact through the pretrial process.

**Prerequisite:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7001; LAW 7002; LAW 7005.

**LAW 7895 LARW III: Oil and Gas Drafting****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Drafting effective and clear oil and gas contracts; review of basic components and building blocks of contracts; translating the business deal into an oil and gas contract; proposing solutions for problems encountered by counsel in the oil and gas industry.

**Prerequisites:** One year in law school in the full-time or part-time program; LAW 7444.

**LAW 7900 Special Topics****Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.**

Special topics in identified areas of law. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.

**LAW 7910 Academic Support Teaching Assistant****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Teaching assistants for the Academic Support Program assigned to work with first-year students in small study groups; helping students with the basic skills necessary to succeed in law school; hold weekly office hours in which they meet with students on an individual basis. May be repeated for credit.

**LAW 7920 LARW Teaching Assistant****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Teaching assistants work with the first-year Legal Analysis Research and Writing (LARW) classes; help both the professor and the students; attending and monitoring first-year LARW classes, distributing handouts, collecting assignments, reviewing citation exercises and research assignments, having weekly office hours, and meeting with students as needed.

**LAW 7930 Law Review****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Encourages legal scholarship on issues of interest to academicians, practitioners, and law students; student editors publish the Texas A&M Law Review with faculty cooperation. May be repeated for credit.

**LAW 7931 Law Review Board****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Encourages legal scholarship on issues of interest to academicians, practitioners, and law students; Board of Editors responsible for the operation, supervision, editing, and publication of the Law Review with faculty cooperation. May be repeated for credit.

**LAW 7932 Journal of Property Law Board****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Scholarly publication Journal of Property Law dedicated to promoting academic discussions of real property law; exploration of the relationships arising from ownership, possession, and use of real property; Board of Editors responsible for the operation, supervision, editing, and publication of the Journal of Property Law with faculty cooperation.

**LAW 7933 Journal of Property Law****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Scholarly publication Journal of Property Law dedicated to promoting academic discussions of real property law: exploration of the relationships arising from ownership, possession, and use of real property. Participation limited to those who meet specific academic requirements and selected through a writing competition.

**LAW 7957S ADR Competition****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Development of advocacy skills via competition against students from other law schools across the nation. May be repeated for credit.

**LAW 7960S Mock Trial Competition****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Development of advocacy skills via competition against students from other law schools at the state and national level. May be repeated for credit.

**LAW 7961S Mock Trial Competition****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Development of advocacy skills via competition against students from other law schools at the state and national level. May be repeated for credit.

**LAW 7963S Mock Trial Competition****Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

May be repeated for credit.

**LAW 7970S Moot Court Competition****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Development of advocacy skills via competition against students from other law schools at the state and national level. May be repeated for credit.

**LAW 7971S Moot Court Competition****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Development of advocacy skills via competition against students from other law schools at the state and national level. May be repeated for credit.

**LAW 7972 Moot Court Competition Brief Writer****Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.**

Development of advocacy skills via competition against students from other law schools at the state and national level. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

**LAW 7973 Moot Court Competition Brief Writer****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**

Development of advocacy skills via competition against students from other law schools at the state and national level. May be repeated for credit.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

**LAW 799 Law Transfer Institutions****Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.**