

LAWA - Law
Upper Level Required (LAW)

LAWA 9000 LEGAL ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

[2-3 hours] An introduction to legal and ethical principles governing lawyers, the legal profession and the practice of law. The course considers the principal ways in which lawyers are regulated through bar admission, professional codes, lawyer disciplinary actions and civil liability. The course explores the lawyer-client relationship and the scope and limits of duties to the client, the legal system and third parties. Prerequisite: Completion of basic first-year courses

LAWA 9120 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II

[3 hours] Constitutional Law II will cover issues of individual rights protected by the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. It will also cover First Amendment protections against governmental restrictions of speech and the press, with some coverage of First Amendment protections of religion.

LAWA 9310 EVIDENCE

[3-4 hours] The rules and policies governing a trial court's fact-finding process, as exemplified by the Federal Rules of Evidence. Topics cover the full range of evidentiary issues at trial, including the content of admissible proof, the matter of presenting it and the respective roles of the judge and jury.

LAWD - Law
Basic First Year Required (LAW)

LAWD 9010 CIVIL PROCEDURE I

[2-4 hours] The rules controlling the jurisdiction of courts and the management of civil litigation. State and federal systems are covered.

LAWD 9020 CIVIL PROCEDURE II

[2-4 hours] Continued study of the rules controlling the jurisdiction of courts and the management of civil litigation. State and federal systems are covered.

LAWD 9110 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I

[3 hours] Constitutional Law I will cover structural issues focusing on the Supreme Court's interpretation of the nature and distribution of power within the federal government, the relationship between the federal government and the states in regulating commerce, and the meaning and scope of the due process and equal protection clauses of the fourteenth amendment. Constitutional Law II will cover Equal Protection and First Amendment.

LAWD 9210 CONTRACTS I

[3 hours] A survey of the law of contracts including the creation, modification and termination of contract rights and obligations, the roles of reliance and restitution, capacity, conditions, third party rights and duties, and the effect of changed circumstances or mistake. Performance and breach of contractual obligations and remedies for breach are also examined in detail. The course includes a survey of the law relating to sales of goods under Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

LAWD 9220 CONTRACTS II

[3 hours] A continued survey of the law of contracts including the creation, modification and termination of contract rights and obligations, the roles of reliance and restitution, capacity, conditions, third party rights and duties, and the effect of changed circumstances or mistake. Performance and breach of contractual obligations and remedies for breach are also examined in detail. The course includes a survey of the law relating to sales of goods under Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

LAWD 9300 CRIMINAL LAW

[3 hours] Substantive criminal law, focusing on general principles of liability and defenses, the definitional elements of certain crimes, particularly homicide, and principles of accessorial liability.

LAWD 9410 PROPERTY I

[2-4 hours] An introduction to the law of personal property and comprehensive coverage of the law of real property as it relates to estates and interests in land, landlord-tenant relationships, real estate transactions, private agreements respecting the use of land and public controls upon property use.

LAWD 9420 PROPERTY II

[2-4 hours] Continued study of the law of personal property and comprehensive coverage of the law of real property as it relates to estates and interests in land, landlord-tenant relationships, real estate transactions, private agreements respecting the use of land and public controls upon property use. Prerequisite: Property I

LAWD 9510 TORTS

[4 hours] Torts explores civil claims for a variety of intentional harms and offenses to people and property, negligent harms and theories of strict liability (including products liability). The course studies both traditional principles and modern concepts.

LAWD 9750 LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY I

[2-3 hours] A foundation course providing intensive instruction in three major areas: using research resources and techniques of research; developing skills of legal analysis; presenting legal analysis in predictive and persuasive formats, both written and oral. Instruction is through class meetings, small group meetings and individual conferences.

LAWD 9760 LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY II

[1-2 hours] A continuation of Legal Research, Writing and Appellate Advocacy I, this course provides intensive instruction in three major areas: using research resources and techniques of research; developing skills of legal analysis; presenting legal analysis in predictive and persuasive formats, both written and oral. Instruction is through class meetings, small group meetings and individual conferences. Prerequisite: LAWD 9750

LAWG - Law**Standard Program (Tested on Many Bars) (LAW)****LAWG 9010 BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS**

[3-4 hours] Business Associations focuses on the legal entities commonly used to operate business enterprises, with an emphasis on closely held businesses. The course explores the major issues involved in formation and operation of agency relationships, corporations and limited liability companies. These include creation of business entities; financing for the small business; sharing in earnings; the roles of corporate officers, directors and shareholders; roles of LLC managers and members; doctrines of limited liability; fiduciary duties; and special statutory treatment of closely held corporations.

LAWG 9030 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

[3 hours] The law and operation of administrative agencies, including agency adjudication, rulemaking and other forms of policy implementation. The course covers agencies' place in the constitutional structure, legislative and executive controls on agency action, and judicial review of agency fact-finding, statutory interpretation, and exercise of discretion. The course examines state agencies as well as federal agencies and the federal Administrative Procedure Act.

LAWG 9110 COMMERCIAL PAPER

[2-3 hours] A study of payment systems. Initial emphasis is upon commercial paper (Article 3 of the Uniform Commercial Code) and bank deposits and collections (Article 4 of the Uniform Commercial Code), followed by credit cards (Truth in Lending, Consumer Credit Protection, and Fair Credit Billing Acts), commercial funds transfer (Article 4A of the Uniform Commercial Code) and consumer electronic funds transfer (Electronic Funds Transfers Act).
Prerequisite: There are no prerequisites for this course.

LAWG 9210 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-INVESTIGATIONS

[2-3 hours] A study of the constitutional and statutory limitations on the conduct of criminal investigations and related matters. Includes a discussion of the Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures, the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination and the Sixth Amendment right to counsel.

LAWG 9500 FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION

[4 hours] After a brief consideration of the federal income taxation system, this course examines the conceptual problems in defining "income." A detailed treatment of the more significant personal and business deductions, exemptions and credits follows. Statutory methodology and policy considerations (including the "tax expenditure" concept) are developed integrally with substantive topics. In addition, the course considers the tax treatment of gains and losses from the disposition of property, including the capital gains preference and deferral of taxation. Tax shelters and attempts by Congress and the Internal Revenue Service to limit their utilization may be explored as well.

LAWG 9610 SECURED TRANSACTIONS

[3 hours] The creation, enforcement, perfection and priority of security interests in personal property under Article Nine of the Uniform Commercial Code and the federal Bankruptcy Code.

LAWG 9710 TRUSTS AND ESTATES

[3-4 hours] The study of decedents' estates and trust law. Intestate succession, the law of wills, estate administration, formation and administration of trusts and future interests are studied. Common law approaches are contrasted with Ohio and Uniform Probate Code practices. Prerequisite: It is recommended that students complete Property I and II before enrolling in this course

**LAWI - Law
Law Electives (LAW)****LAWI 9000 INTERNATIONAL COMPARATIVE LAW**

[2-3 hours] This course introduces students to the major legal systems of the world. The first third of the course provides an overview of the major families of law encountered in various nations of the world today: common law (as exemplified by California and England); civil law (France and Germany); religious law (Egypt); traditional/tribal law (Botswana); and the extra-legal approach seen in various Asian countries (China). The rest of the course examines how each of these systems handles the same types of common legal situation: inheritance and succession, criminal behavior and contracts.

LAWI 9010 ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

[2-3 hours] An introduction for students without prior accounting experience to the terms and concepts necessary to an understanding of the financial affairs of a client and to the variety of legal contexts in which the lawyer is likely to encounter accounting problems. Students will learn to perform basic financial analysis.

LAWI 9020 E-COMMERCE

[1-3 hours] This course will examine critical information technologies that provide a basis for electronic commerce. Topics include problems surrounding electronic commerce such as security, privacy, content selection and rating, intellectual property rights, authentication, encryption, acceptable use policies, UETA, UCITA and E-Sign.

LAWI 9040 CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

[2-3 hours] Civil and Political Rights focuses on a broad array of legal issues and rights in this area of law. Beginning with a history of the area, the course includes topics such as voting rights, religion, education, discrimination, police misconduct and prisoners' rights. Current issues are discussed using news articles and videos.

LAWI 9060 SALES AND LEASES OF GOODS

[2-3 hours] A detailed study of sales of goods under Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code and a survey of both Article 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code (leases of goods) and the U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Topics include contract formation and interpretation, warranties, express and implied terms, risk of loss, performance obligations and breach, and remedies for breach. Consideration may also be given to other state and federal laws affecting sales and leases of goods. Prerequisite: Contracts I and II

LAWI 9070 ANTITRUST

[2-3 hours] This course will cover the role of competition in a modern market economy, federal antitrust law, regulation and policies. Topics covered include horizontal restraints (price fixing, conspiracy, data dissemination, concerted refusals to deal, etc.); monopolization, attempts to monopolize, and oligopoly; problems concerning the relationship of antitrust to patent law; vertical restraints (restricted distribution, tying arrangements, exclusive dealing etc); mergers (horizontal, vertical and conglomerate); selected Robinson-Patman Act problems, remedies and enforcement.

LAWI 9080 GENDER AND THE LAW

[2-3 hours] This course covers issues of gender in the law; including family, employment, domestic violence and anti-discrimination law. These issues are examined on both a theoretical and practical level, with a primary focus on jurisprudential approaches to issues of women in the law.

LAWI 9100 INTERNATIONAL LAW

[2-3 hours] This course focuses on the legal processes of the international community. The creation of law among nation states, the law-making activities of international organizations, the enforcement (and non-enforcement) of international law in both national and international forums, the limits of national jurisdiction, the responsibility of states for the injuries to the persons or property of aliens and the rules governing international agreements are surveyed. Particular attention is given to the law of treaties and the role of lawyers in foreign policy decision making.

LAWI 9120 ENGLISH LEGAL HISTORY

[2-3 hours] A survey of the roots of American law, procedures, and such doctrines as real property, descents, contracts and corporations in the history of the English Common Law.

LAWI 9130 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE TAX

[2-3 hours] An examination of the federal income tax treatment of business enterprises (including corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies) and their owners. The course considers the tax consequences of entity-owner transactions (formation and property contributions, distributions, redemptions and liquidations) as well as entity-level transactions (business operations, mergers, acquisitions and other business combinations). Prerequisite: Federal Income Tax or consent of the instructor.

LAWI 9140 BUSINESS PLANNING

[2-3 hours] The course considers problems and transactions of business enterprises in a practical fashion. Projects requiring planning, drafting and negotiating, principally on behalf of smaller and closely held businesses, are an integral part of the course. Contractual arrangements typically examined include buy-sell agreements, close corporation/shareholder agreements and limited liability company operating agreements. Recommended: A prior course in federal taxation Prerequisite: Business Associations or permission of the instructor

LAWI 9150 BIOETHICS AND LAW

[2-3 hours] This course addresses the evolving relationship between medicine, law and ethics. The course focuses on individual topics including the definition of death, decision-making about death and dying, physician-assisted suicide, access to health care, research involving human subjects and genetic engineering.

LAWI 9160 REAL ESTATE FINANCE

[2-3 hours] The legal problems related to private financing and development of land. Emphasis is on the structuring of real estate transactions, tax considerations and problems of developers, lenders and other participants.

LAWI 9170 CONFLICT OF LAWS

[2-3 hours] The problems encountered when a transaction or occurrence has a significant relationship to two or more states or countries. The jurisdiction of courts, the effect to be given to out-of-state judgments and the rules of decision in multi-state cases are studied. Both traditional rules and theories and modern developments are analyzed.

LAWI 9180 COMMUNICATIONS LAW

[2-3 hours] The class explores in detail legal and practical issues arising in connection with various media: newspaper, television and radio stations, cable television and other video providers, and the Internet, including Internet-service providers, web-hosting companies, and web-publishing. We will identify, analyze, and critique the legal doctrines – constitutional, statutory, and common-law – that apply to these media, either individually or collectively. We also study how those doctrines have evolved and will continue to change, as the means of mass communication evolve and converge.

LAWI 9200 JURISPRUDENCE

[2-3 hours] Jurisprudence is the philosophy of law. The two primary goals of this class are 1) to give students a basic background and understanding of important legal thinkers and theory and 2) to stimulate critical thinking through assigned readings and rollicking in-class discussions about concepts of law from Plato to present day. We will philosophically analyze concepts of precedence, interpretation, rights, civil disobedience, semantics, and virtues such as justice, desert and compassion.

LAWI 9210 COPYRIGHT LAW

[2-3 hours] A substantive examination of the Copyright Act. This course will cover the fundamentals of copyright law and practice and the challenges to the existing copyright regime by new technologies. Recommended: Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law.

LAWI 9230 CORPORATE FINANCE

[2-3 hours] An advanced exploration of the legal and financial problems encountered in financing corporations, with emphasis on the corporate capital structure, including the rights of holders of various equity and debt securities; the valuation of businesses, as well as corporate equity and debt securities; and mergers and acquisitions, including tender offers. Prerequisite: Business Associations or consent of the instructor.

LAWI 9240 LAW AND ECONOMICS

[2-3 hours] This course applies economic reasoning to legal problems. Topics include a modern economic analysis of contract, tort, property and other areas of law depending on student interest and available time. This course does not require an economics background.

LAWI 9270 CREDITOR/DEBTOR LAW

[2-3 hours] Explores creditors' rights under state law including judgment liens, execution liens, fraudulent conveyances, set off, assignments to benefit creditors and statutory liens. Debtor defenses under state and federal law including constitutional protections, exemptions and counterclaims are evaluated. Following this overview of general creditor execution, the majority of the course is devoted to resolution of claims in federal bankruptcy law. Recommended: Completion of or concomitant enrollment in Secured Transactions

LAWI 9280 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-ADJUDICATIONS

[2-3 hours] A study of the criminal processes from arrest through sentencing and appeal. Topics covered include bail, preliminary hearing, grand jury, plea bargaining and guilty pleas, discovery, fair trial-free press, jury trial, sentencing and double jeopardy. Recommended: Criminal Procedure-Investigations and Evidence.

LAWI 9290 CYBERSPACE LAW

[2-3 hours] This course will explore issues related to the regulation of cyberspace. It is not a course in computer law copyright, trademark, patent, or other forms of intellectual property law, except as intellectual property law is sui generis in cyberspace. Instead, it is an effort to understand the peculiar problems of Internet regulation. Subject areas will vary as the field develops, but will include such areas as tort liability, freedom of expression, crime and security, privacy, intellectual property rights and protection, regulation, jurisdiction and standards of ethics and propriety. A technical or scientific background is not required. Recommended: Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law.

LAWI 9300 EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

[2-3 hours] This course focuses on the main federal statutes prohibiting employment discrimination and the policies underlying these laws, with the majority of time spent on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Americans With Disabilities Act. Additional topics and subtopics include sexual harassment, discrimination based on sexual orientation, defenses and reasonable accommodation of religion.

LAWI 9310 EMPLOYMENT LAW

[2-3 hours] This course focuses on the major state and federal employment laws affecting individual employees, excluding laws on unions and employment discrimination. Coverage includes the legal regulation of the hiring and firing process, testing and privacy issues, wage and hour laws, occupational health and safety, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, covenants not to compete, and related topics.

LAWI 9330 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

[2-4 hours] This course introduces students to U.S. environmental law by examining common law environmental standards, major federal statutes and the policy goals underlying such statutes. Statutes to be examined include the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. By comparing and contrasting different environmental statutes, students will obtain an understanding of the current environmental framework as well as alternative approaches that may be employed to protect the environment. Students will also have an opportunity to hone their skills in legal research and to advise the client of their choice - industry, environmental interest group or government regulator - regarding compliance options and liabilities.

LAWI 9340 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESEARCH

[1 hour] This course introduces students to print and digital information resources for researching patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret law. Recommended: Trust and Estates.

LAWI 9350 ESTATE PLANNING

[1-3 hours] This course focuses on the practical aspects of will and trust drafting. Emphasis is placed on the application of estate planning and wealth preservation techniques to commonly encountered estate planning problems. Recommended: Trust and Estates. Prerequisite: Estate and Gift Tax

LAWI 9360 ESTATE AND GIFT TAX

[2-3 hours] A study of the federal estate and gift tax structure and its impact on the transfer of property and of income taxation of trusts and estates. The redistribution of wealth through taxation, whether or not stated as a goal is also studied.

LAWI 9370 FAMILY LAW

[3 hours] The interaction of law and the family and the consequences of state intervention in family relationships. Some of the subjects surveyed are the marriage relationship, de facto marriage, adoption, the termination of marital status, economic consequences of divorce, child custody after divorce and the role of the lawyer as counselor.

LAWI 9380 FEDERAL JURISDICTION

[2-4 hours] An intensive examination of the jurisdiction of federal courts, the role of the federal courts within the federal government, and within our federalist system. Topics surveyed include the law applied by federal courts in civil actions, the original and removal jurisdiction of federal courts, the relationship of the federal courts to state courts, congressional power over federal courts, the enforceability of federal law against states, and states' sovereign immunity.

LAWI 9390 NATURAL RESOURCES LAW

[2-3 hours] This course will provide an introduction to natural resource law, including public lands issues (forestry, mining, grazing, recreation and preservation), cultural resources (historic and sacred sites), wildlife, water rights and energy resources. Policies governing resource use and protection will be explored by looking at case law, federal statutes and regulations, news articles, scholarly works and book excerpts. Students will have an opportunity to engage in "hands-on" application of the law by developing case strategy and motions related to an administrative agency's decision.

LAWI 9400 AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY

[2-3 hours] (The American Legal Profession) This seminar/course (students may elect either to write a paper or to take an examination) follows the profession's development from the American Revolution through the 1920's and the emergence of university-based professional education, the advent of new client constituencies including corporations, labor organizations, and anti-slavery and other social action groups, the development of standards of professional ethics and racial minorities. The teaching approach emphasizes comparisons with current practice, critical use of original source materials and development of research and writing skills.

LAWI 9450 INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

[2-3 hours] This course reviews: the main international intellectual property instruments (such as TRIPS, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treat, European Patent Convention; Madrid Agreement, Berne and Rome conventions, WIPO treaties), and European main legislative texts (mainly regulations and directives) and main case law on patent, trademark and copyright. We also review the principal differences between the common law based system of copyright and the civil law system based on "droit d'auteur" (author's rights), with a special focus on electronic and Internet issues. Recommended: one Basic Intellectual Property Course.

LAWI 9460 INSURANCE LAW

[2-3 hours] A study of property, liability and life insurance, and the insurer-insured relationship from a legal vantage point. Numerous concepts are examined during the course, including insurable interest, concealment and misrepresentation, the duty of good faith and fair dealing, scope of coverage, policy interpretation, change of beneficiary, duty to defend, bad faith refusal to settle, measures of recovery, multiple interests coverage, subrogation and other insurance clauses. Several insurance policies are examined in detail.

LAWI 9470 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/LICENSING

[2-3 hours] This course focuses on the commercialization of intellectual property through the use of assignments and licenses. The course will cover intellectual property assignments and licenses, including express and implied licenses, the scope of licenses, bankruptcy issues, anti-trust issues and international licensing. The course will also cover intellectual property audits and patent, trade secret, copyright and trademark law to the extent an understanding of the rights and obligations inherent in such intellectual property classifications are necessary to effectively assign or license intellectual property. Students will analyze several licenses. Prerequisite: Intellectual Property Survey; Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Law; or permission of instructor

LAWI 9480 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

[2-3 hours] This course introduces students to the issues, problems and legal norms applicable to International Business Transactions. The course will examine various problems that occur in international business as a means of discerning that pitfalls for the unwary, as well as the matters that must be considered to protect one's client. The course will begin with an examination of the issues arising in a basic international sale and will progress through increasingly complex types of business interaction, including distributorships, franchising, licensing, joint ventures and incorporating abroad. Throughout the course, there will be an emphasis on the U.S., foreign and international laws and standards that may affect the transaction. The course will culminate in a contract negotiation. Students will have to meet with their partners to negotiate a deal and to draft a contract embodying the terms of the deal.

LAWI 9490 JUVENILE LAW

[2-3 hours] An examination of the relationship among children, the family and the state in the lives of delinquent, neglected, and abused children. The course includes consideration of the history and theory of the juvenile court system and the role of the attorney in representing juveniles.

LAWI 9500 JEWISH LAW

[2-3 hours] Jewish law is a dynamic, vibrant legal system that includes many of the specialties of modern law. It developed through over three millennia from the days of the Hebrew Bible and has areas that are still operative. It passed through every historic era and matured in various jurisdictions. It has had a profound influence on European and Anglo-American legal systems. The course will focus on the political background and legal response in each historic period, the character of the literary and legal sources and examples of characteristic features of the substantive law.

LAWI 9510 LABOR LAW

[2-3 hours] This course focuses on the law governing and policy issues surrounding the major facets of union-management relations in the private sector under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). These include union organizing, collective bargaining, contract enforcement, picketing and the economic weapons of both sides, including strikes. The course also covers the procedural mechanisms by which rights under the NLRA are enforced and remedies for NLRA violations.

LAWI 9560 LAND TRANSACTIONS

[2-4 hours] Negotiating, structuring, performing, and closing the real estate transaction, remedies, methods of title assurance, the condominium and other forms of ownership. Course includes exercises in drafting, negotiating and closing a contract for the sale of land.

LAWI 9580 ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL LAND USE LAW

[2-3 hours] This course covers both the conservation and preservation-oriented environmental land use regulations that have emerged in the recent years as well as the more traditional, developmentally-oriented controls that have been with us for some time. The environmental land use component of the course covers the regulation of: wetlands coastal zones, floodplains, farmland, open space, critical areas, and groundwater. The developmental land use regulations component includes: zoning, flexible land use controls, subdivision controls, growth controls, aesthetic regulations, historic preservation, and transfer of developmental rights. Prerequisite: Property I and Property II

LAWI 9600 LAW AND LITERATURE

[2-3 hours] A study of the relationship between literary development and criticism and the law. The class studies great works of literature and examines their meaning for the law in general and the lawyer in particular.

LAWI 9680 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW AND TAXATION

[2-3 hours] An overview of the law relating to the administration of municipalities and their dealings with other local governmental units. Topics include the powers and problems of urban governmental units, federalism, corporate powers and police powers. Coverage includes the basic law and rules relating to the financing of local government and the various sources of tax revenue for local governments.

LAWI 9700 PATENT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

[2-3 hours] A hands-on course focusing on both regulatory requirements and attorney skills relating to representation of investors before the Patent and Trademark Office. The course will follow a patent attorney's relationship with an inventor and the written PTO, responses, appeals and finally patent grant. There are no prerequisites.

LAWI 9710 PATENT LAW

[2-3 hours] A survey of the legal protection of inventions. This course covers the requirements for obtaining and enforcing a patent and the rights of a patentee with respect to licensing, assignment and patent misuse. Recommended: Intellectual Property Survey

LAWI 9720 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SURVEY

[2-3 hours] A preparatory course covering Copyright, Patent, Trademark and Trade Secret Law. A broad coverage of intellectual property law is useful for those students who want to learn the fundamentals of intellectual property law either as basis for more advanced courses or to integrate intellectual property law into other substantive courses.

LAWI 9730 PENSION AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

[2-3 hours] A study of the law regarding employment benefits, such as ERISA, focusing on various forms of pension plans, and health and welfare plans. The law will address issues of plan qualification under the tax code and also applicable labor laws and regulations. Some familiarity with tax concepts would be helpful but is not required.

LAWI 9740 PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR LAW

[2-3 hours] This course covers various models of public sector labor relations laws, including but not limited to the Ohio public sector labor statute. It focuses on the differing degrees to which public sector unions in different jurisdictions can bargain, resolve bargaining impasses (through strikes or mediation and arbitration), and enforce contracts with employers. This course also stresses issues unique to the public sector, including constitutional rules, civil service statutes and the rights of individual public employees.

LAWI 9750 PRODUCTS LIABILITY

[2-3 hours] Essential elements of common law and statutory theories of recovery pertinent to product liability claims for both personal injury and economic loss. Some attention given to the integration of substantive law and the rules of procedure controlling the litigation of product liability claims.

LAWI 9760 PUBLICLY HELD CORPORATIONS

[2-3 hours] This course focuses on legal issues that are commonly faced by larger corporations, and the special concerns involved in protecting widely scattered shareholder constituencies. Topics covered include directors' role in large corporations, social responsibility of large businesses, the growing prominence of institutional investors, securities fraud, insider trading, shareholder meetings, proxy solicitations, shareholder litigation, mergers and tender offers. Prerequisite: Business Associations

LAWI 9780 REMEDIES

[2-3 hours] The course in Remedies is about the bottom line. It is about what a court can do for a litigant who has been wronged or is about to be wronged. The two most common remedies are judgments for money and injunctions against defendants to prevent them from wronging plaintiffs or to require them to undo wrongs. The course takes up questions such as the measure of relief, the relationship between legal and equitable remedies, declaratory remedies, benefit to the defendant as the measure of relief in restitution, punitive remedies, enforcing judgments, equitable defenses, immunities and federal interference with state law enforcement.

LAWI 9800 SECURITIES REGULATION

[2-3 hours] This course focuses on the disclosure requirements of the federal securities laws which apply when businesses raise capital and when their shares are publicly traded. It examines the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, selected provisions of the Securities Exchange Act and state blue sky laws. It covers extensively the structuring of exempt transactions for small businesses. The course is taught primarily from a transactional, rather than a litigation, focus. Prerequisite: Business Associations

LAWI 9810 SENTENCING

[2-3 hours] A survey of the law relating to the disposition of individuals convicted of crimes. Topics include sentencing authority, ex post facto laws, factual bases for sentencing, probation, parole, the death penalty and state and federal sentencing guidelines. Prerequisite: Criminal Law and Constitutional Law

LAWI 9860 SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW

[2-3 hours] A substantive examination of concepts and cases from legal disciplines which affect professional sports including antitrust law, labor law, contracts, tax and civil procedure. Course includes exercises in negotiating, drafting and tax planning.

LAWI 9890 TOXIC SUBSTANCES

[2-3 hours] This course addresses policies and law governing toxic substances and wastes. We will analyze federal statutes dealing with pesticides, chemical wastes and other toxic substances, as well as alternatives to the use of toxics, such as biotechnology and the regulation of genetically modified organisms. Common law theories arising in toxic tort litigation (such as the cases addressed in A Civil Action and Erin Brockovich) will also be explored. Students will gain familiarity with risk assessment, the health sciences and environmental science in order to assess and understand legislative and regulatory goals and choices in controlling toxic substances.

LAWI 9900 TRADEMARK-TRADESECRET UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW

[2-3 hours] A survey of business torts covering such topics as trademark infringement, trade secret misappropriation, product disparagement, right to publicity and false advertising. This course will also study the regulation of advertising by the Federal Trade Commission. Recommended: Intellectual Property Survey

LAWI 9930 WATER LAW

[2-3 hours] The study of surface and ground water allocation systems throughout the United States, including allocation issues that arise among states, and between the United States and other countries. This course will also address federal authority over water resources and federal acquisition of water rights.

LAWI 9940 WHITE COLLAR CRIME

[2-3 hours] A survey of the federal criminal law relating to crimes committed by corporations and non-traditional criminals. Topics include corporate criminal liability, wire and mail fraud, RICO, money laundering, false claims and false statements, tax crimes, environmental crimes, perjury and obstruction of justice. Prerequisite: Criminal Law

**LAWL - Law
Law Review/Moot Court (LAW)**

LAWL 9110 LAW REVIEW I

[2 hours] Course is graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis. Course requires the successful completion of a publishable manuscript as determined by the editor-in-chief and faculty adviser of the Law Review. With the approval of the faculty member assigned to the manuscript, it also counts as 2 writing units which include a research component toward the student's Upper Level Writing Requirement.

LAWL 9120 LAW REVIEW II

[2 hours] Only students who have successfully completed Law Review I and who are serving as editors of the Law Review will be permitted to register for Law Review II. Enrollment is selective. Prerequisite: Law Review I

LAWL 9150 MOOT COURT I

[1-2 hours] Students participate in interscholastic Moot Court and Trial Advocacy competitions, each of which deals with a particular area of law, such as: international law, family law, corporate law, sports law, tax, intellectual property, criminal law and constitutional law. Those participating on moot court teams will prepare a brief for and present an appellate argument at a competition at another school. Students on the trial advocacy team will conduct trial against counsel from other schools; including making opening and closing statements, introducing evidence and examining and cross-examining witnesses. Prerequisite: Enrollment is based on try-outs held in the fall, and each team requires enrollment in other courses based on the subject matter of the competition.

LAWL 9160 MOOT COURT II

[1-2 hours] Students participate in interscholastic Moot Court and Trial Advocacy competitions, each of which deals with a particular area of law, such as: international law, family law, corporate law, sports law, tax, intellectual property, criminal law and constitutional law. Those participating on moot court teams will prepare a brief for and present an appellate argument at a competition at another school. Students on the trial advocacy team will conduct trial against counsel from other schools; including making opening and closing statements, introducing evidence and examining and cross-examining witnesses. Prerequisite: Enrollment is based on try-outs held in the fall, and each team requires enrollment in other courses based on the subject matter of the competition.

**LAWN - Law
Clinics & Skills (LAW)**

LAWN 9000 TRIAL PRACTICE

[3 hours] Simulated exercises and trials, including such matters as pretrial motions, jury selection, opening statement, presentation of evidence, cross-examination, witness impeachment, closing argument and jury instructions. Emphasis is given to developing and proving a theory of the case. Prerequisite: Evidence

LAWN 9010 ARBITRATION

[2-3 hours] This course explores the theory and practice of arbitration from the standpoint of both the arbitrator and the attorney-advocate with specific emphasis on arbitration advocacy. The course includes arbitration simulations that require preparation of arbitration awards with opinions and pre-arbitration hearing briefs.

LAWN 9020 ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH

[2-3 hours] An in-depth view of legal bibliography in both print and electronic formats. Detailed attention given to encyclopedias, treatises, and various general and topical indexes, digests, and citators as well as web based compilations of legal materials.

LAWN 9030 LAW PRACTICE

[2-3 hours] An introduction to management of a law practice. This course will develop concepts related to four areas: Business Management, Practice Management, Client Management and Life Management. In the area of Business Management, students will be exposed to business start-up considerations, including choice of entity, financing, bookkeeping and trust accounting. In the area of Practice Management, the students will cover administrative and substantive systems, including conflicts of interest, docket management, form files and employee management. In Client Management, the students will be exposed to issues related to client acceptance, declination, disengagement, client satisfaction and malpractice to name a few. Quality Management rounds out the course with quality of life issues such as succession planning, contingency arrangements, substance abuse and maintaining a balance in life. Grading for this course is a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis only.

LAWN 9040 MEDIATION AND SETTLEMENT

[2-3 hours] This course explores the theory and practice of mediation from the standpoint of both the mediator and the attorney-advocate. The course includes several mediation simulations that require preparation of post-mediation evaluations. Other topics include mediator roles and functions, agenda setting, issue identification, communication skills, power balancing, the caucus, ethical issues and the place of mediation in the larger context of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

LAWN 9050 NEGOTIATION AND SETTLEMENT

[2-3 hours] This course focuses on developing an analytical framework for preparing, conducting and evaluating negotiations. A variety of negotiation strategies and tactics are explored including cooperative, problem-solving and competitive, positional approaches. Students conduct approximately ten negotiations that explore a variety of deal-making and dispute resolution fact situations.

LAWN 9060 LITIGATION STRATEGIES

[2-3 hours] Practical aspects of lawyering with an emphasis on trial skills and on the theories of strategies and tactics of litigation. Students interview clients, analyze their problems and recommend solutions. In this practical course, students also learn how to establish a law practice. Recommended courses: Civil Procedure, Evidence.

LAWN 9090 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

[2-3 hours] This survey course starts with a comparison of various adjudicatory and non-adjudicatory methods of dispute resolution and then proceeds to an in-depth study of negotiation, mediation and arbitration as well as various hybrid dispute resolution processes such as the mini-trial, the summary jury trial, early neutral evaluation, mediation-arbitration and ombudsmen. Attention is also given to client interviewing and counseling.

LAWN 9190 INTERVIEWING AND COUNSELING

[2-3 hours] Most lawyers in both litigation and transactional practice spend substantial amounts of their time interviewing and counseling clients. The goals of this course are to develop understanding of theories and techniques of client interviewing and counseling and to assist students to develop skills in performance of interviewing and counseling. Readings and class discussion impart knowledge of theory and techniques. Mere understanding, however, is insufficient to develop performance competence. To develop competence in performance of these skills, students participate in simulations based on case files that will be distributed. Simulations will be recorded on videotape and will be evaluated by the performer, classmates and the instructor.

LAWN 9310 PROSECUTOR CLINIC

[3-7 hours] The Prosecutor Clinic trains law students in basic prosecutorial skills and values. Students serve externships in local prosecutor offices trying cases, plea-bargaining and interviewing witnesses. The clinic may be taken for either six or four credit hours. Recommended: Criminal Procedure Prerequisite: Evidence

LAWN 9330 ADVANCED PROSECUTOR CLINIC

[3-4 hours] The Advanced Prosecutor Clinic trains students in advanced skills of prosecution. Students undertake more challenging tasks than those typically undertaken in the basic clinic. For example, students may conduct jury trials, make appellate arguments, or draft clinical training manuals. Prerequisite: Prosecutor Clinic

LAWN 9410 DISPUTE RESOLUTION CLINIC

[2-4 hours] In the Dispute Resolution Clinic, second and third year students have the unique opportunity to learn mediation skills and apply those skills mediating in the Lucas County Juvenile Court and Toledo Municipal Court. This fieldwork experience provides hands-on training in the area of alternative dispute resolution. Skills such as listening, communication and negotiation are stressed in both the fieldwork and weekly classroom component. Students are taught theoretical techniques and are exposed to a variety of topics and speakers in the Alternative Dispute Resolution field. This clinical program is designed to teach practical skills and give the students an opportunity to interact in the legal community in a new and emerging area of law. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

LAWN 9420 ADVANCED DISPUTE RESOLUTION CLINIC

[2-4 hours] The Advanced Dispute Resolution Clinic emphasizes development of skills beyond those achieved in the basic clinic. The course provides students with the opportunity to become involved in mediations in a number of courts throughout Lucas County and Northwest Ohio. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

LAWN 9610 PUBLIC SERVICE EXTERNSHIP

[1-5 hours] The Public Service Externship Clinic is a field placement program in which students are placed in structured legal settings with public service attorneys and programs. There is a required classroom component in which issues relating to learning from experience are explored. The program is available year round with out-of-town placements available in the summer term.

LAWN 9910 LEGAL CLINIC

[3-7 hours] The clinic focuses on development of legal skills such as interviewing, counseling, negotiation, drafting, trial and appellate work and the application of those skills to the problems of individuals. Typical practice includes probate, domestic relations, administrative law, landlord and tenant, consumer and civil rights cases. Students in the clinic are given responsibility for work on all aspects of the case, under the close supervision of clinic faculty. Classroom meetings focus on substantive, procedural and ethical aspects of the cases handled by the clinic. Admission is by the permission of the co-directors. In considering admission of those students with 59 or more hours, preference will be given to those who are certified as legal interns under Rule II of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules for the Governance of the Bar. It is recommended that students be enrolled in or have completed Evidence.

LAWN 9930 ADVANCED LEGAL CLINIC

[3-4 hours] The advanced clinic emphasizes development of skills beyond those achieved in the basic clinic in the context of complex litigation or other more involved representation. Prerequisite: Legal Clinic, permission of instructor

LAWN 9940 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC

[3-7 hours] The Domestic Violence Clinic is a criminal practice clinic in which students assist with domestic violence prosecutions in the Toledo Municipal Court. Students receive two hours of classroom instruction per week and spend ten hours per week working on real domestic violence cases under the supervision of local prosecutors. Admission is by the permission of the director. It is recommended, but not required, that students complete at least 59 credit hours and apply for certification as legal interns under Rule II of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules for the Governance of the Bar.

LAWP - Law**Writing Courses/Independent Research (LAW)****LAWP 9000 ADVANCED SEMINAR**

[3 hours] Seminars are offered in a wide variety of subject areas. In addition to class work, seminars require a substantial research project.

LAWP 9010 HONORS RESEARCH PROGRAM I

[2 hours] A student who has completed 32 semester hours in the College of Law and who has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher may apply to undertake honors research. The student must submit a topic and detailed research proposal four weeks prior to enrollment to a faculty member who agrees to take primary responsibility to supervise the student's work. Two other faculty members are appointed by the Dean to serve on the student's advisory committee. The research and writing take place over two semesters and culminate in a written thesis intended for publication. The student must orally defend his or her thesis before the advisory committee and interested members of the University community. The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for students to make a contribution to the professional literature through concentrated study in an area of interest. The advisory committee decides how many Upper Level Writing Requirement units and what grade will be awarded to the project.

LAWP 9020 HONORS RESEARCH PROGRAM II

[2 hours] A student who has completed 32 semester hours in the College of Law and who has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher may apply to undertake honors research. The student must submit a topic and detailed research proposal four weeks prior to enrollment to a faculty member who agrees to take primary responsibility to supervise the student's work. Two other faculty members are appointed by the Dean to serve on the student's advisory committee. The research and writing take place over two semesters and culminate in a written thesis intended for publication. The student must orally defend his or her thesis before the advisory committee and interested members of the University community. The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for students to make a contribution to the professional literature through concentrated study in an area of interest. The advisory committee decides how many Upper Level Writing Requirement units and what grade will be awarded to the project.

LAWP 9030 ADVANCED APPELLATE ADVOCACY

[2-3 hours] The course focuses on teaching advanced advocacy skills for practice before the appellate courts. It covers advanced persuasive writing, the rules of appellate court procedure, as well as advanced research and oral argument techniques.

LAWP 9040 ADVANCED LEGAL WRITING

[2-3 hours] This is a practicum course that develops the theory and practice of cognitive legal writing, i.e., legal writing that is well-organized, precise, effective and persuasive. This approach to legal writing is applicable to briefs, memoranda, opinion letters and letters to clients.

LAWP 9050 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROGRAM

[2 hours] A student who has completed at least 32 semester hours in the College of Law and who has a grade point average of 2.0 or higher may undertake and complete individual research and writing for credit under an Independent Research Program. To enroll in the program, a student must submit a written proposal to the faculty member agreeing to take primary responsibility for that student. If the faculty member and the Dean approve the proposal, the student may then enroll for two hours of credit for one semester. The supervising faculty member decides how many Upper Level Writing Requirement units and what grade will be awarded to the project.

LAWP 9060 PRACTICAL LEGAL WRITING

[1-3 hours] This course focuses on writing skills necessary for the legal practitioner, including client letters, complaints, answers, interrogatories and motions. It is aimed at those students interested in learning the nuts and bolts of practice and how to prepare essential litigation documents.

LAWP 9400 DRAFTING WILLS AND TRUSTS

[2-3 hours] The course's primary goals are to improve student drafting skills in general and to provide practical experience in will and trust drafting. Students design drafting solutions to a series of particular exercises. A final, comprehensive drafting project is required.

LAWP 9460 LEGAL DRAFTING

[2-3 hours] This is a practicum course that develops the theory and practice of preparing clear, consistent, well-organized and readable legal instruments (e.g., contracts, leases, regulations and statutory provisions).
Prerequisite: Advanced Legal Writing

**LAWT - Law
Experimental Courses (LAW)**

LAWT 9070 COMPLEX LITIGATION

[2-3 hours] A study of selected problems of complexity in litigation, in relation to subject matter, parties, forums, and pre-trial and trial procedures.

LAWT 9090 ELDERLAW

[2-3 hours] This course surveys a variety of substantive areas with particular reference to how those impact elderly persons: legal ethics, property management, guardianship of the person, health care and housing. Research and practical writing projects are often part of this course.

LAWT 9120 EUROPEAN UNION

[2-3 hours] This course will begin with an examination of the history of and legal foundations for the European Union. It will then explore the relationship between individual sovereign states and the EU. Finally, the course will look at various particular bodies of EU law such as free movement of capital, goods and labor; freedom of establishment; harmonization of laws; antitrust and competition policy; currency unification; environmental protection; intellectual property protection; rights to privacy; and women's rights.

LAWT 9150 HEALTH CARE REGULATIONS

[2-3 hours] Examines the legal structures that regulate the organization, delivery and financing of health care. Topics include Medicare and Medicaid, Antitrust and the structure of health care enterprises. Discussion includes the public policy objectives and effects of current regulatory schemes, as well as enacted and proposed reforms at state and federal levels.

LAWT 9250 GREAT LAKES' WATER POLICY

[2-3 hours] This interdisciplinary course integrates topics and speakers from different disciplines to examine problems facing the Great Lakes Region, such as water pollution, use and development, Brownfields remediation, wetlands and biodiversity. Students may work in teams with graduate students, and may draw upon their own research and the speakers' expertise to devise proposals on relevant topics.

LAWT 9260 HEALTH CARE FINANCE

[1-3 hours] This course will cover the different problems presented by government regulation versus the private market model focusing on managed care (risk allocation, standard of care, consumer information), insurance (basic models of insurance and underwriting), health care licensing, and related ERISA issues as they affect the delivery of health care services.

LAWT 9270 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND DRAFTING

[2-3 hours] The Legislative Drafting course focuses on legislative drafting techniques and surveys legal drafting, limitations on legislation, statutory interpretation, legislative procedure and professional responsibility. Students will draft a bill for an actual client and write a scholarly paper in support of the bill.

LAWT 9350 MENTAL HEALTH LAW

[2-3 hours] Mental Health Law deals with the rights of persons with mental disabilities. Topics considered are: civil commitment, right to treatment, right to refuse treatment, Americans with Disabilities Act, competence to stand trial, the doctrine of "not guilty by reason of insanity," and dangerous offender statutes.

LAWT 9360 MEDICINE FOR LAWYERS

[2 hours] This course, taught by a medical doctor with a JD, addresses practical litigation issues involved in health care law. It focuses on the use and interpretation by the lawyer of the medical record. Regardless of the nature of the action brought, negligence, malpractice, toxic tort, worker's compensation or medical fraud and abuse claims, the medical record is a foundation document in the preparation of the case for both plaintiff and defendant. The attorney must understand both the medical content and meaning of the record, including anatomy and pathophysiology, as well as the documentation of the duty and delivery of care in the record to effectively sustain an argument.

LAWT 9370 MEDICAL LIABILITY

[2-3 hours] This advanced torts course covers quality control in health care, medical malpractice (including tort reform), informed consent and institutional liability, including insurance and managed care responsibility for medical injury.

LAWT 9380 NATIVE AMERICAN LAW

[2-3 hours] This course will initially examine the legal concepts of "Native American" individual and tribe. The study of unique (and not so unique) aspects of the treatment of Native American individuals and tribes under the U.S. Constitution; treaties; and national, tribal and state law will form the heart of the course. Attention will be given to issues relating to tribal government and tribal courts, criminal and civil jurisdiction over Indians and non-Indians, environmental regulation on reservation lands, commercial trade in Indian art, casino gaming, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

LAWT 9400 NAFTA

[2-3 hours] This course will begin with an overview of free trade in North America. Then it will turn to an in-depth examination of different areas of commerce affected by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA): the movement of goods, the cross border provision of services, the treatment of foreign investments, the protection of intellectual property and dispute settlement procedures. Next, it will consider the labor and environmental side agreements. Finally, it will explore how the NAFTA may be expanded in the future.

LAWT 9600 SPECIAL TOPICS

[1-4 hours] Courses covering special topics and current events.

LAWT 9600-011 INCOME TAXATION OF TRUSTS AND ESTATES

[2 hours] This course involves the study of the allocation of the income tax attributes generated by the economic activity of certain of grantor trusts, complex trusts, simple trusts and decedent's estates. For instance, the course will cover the analysis of questions such as: If a trust investment yields dividend gross income, who bears the burden of such income in an income tax calculation? It is not a study of the transfer taxes--the gift and estate taxes. The course will be assessed based on a final, 2 hour exam. Prerequisite: Federal Income Tax. Strongly recommended prior course work: Trusts and Estates, and Transfer Taxation.

LAWT 9630 TAX PROCEDURE AND TAX FRAUD

[2-3 hours] This course first considers civil tax cases, with emphasis upon negotiation between taxpayers' counsel and Internal Revenue Service personnel, and upon Tax Court procedure. The course then takes up criminal tax prosecutions, with emphasis upon the interaction of IRS civil and criminal investigatory powers, and upon defense of the typical tax prosecution. Recommended: Federal Income Taxation I and II, and Criminal Procedure I

LAWT 9790 ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

[2-3 hours] This course will focus on in-depth exploration of issues arising in Criminal Procedure. Topics covered may include the right to counsel, defense investigation, discovery, pretrial release, selected aspects of forensic science, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendment issues, jury selection, trial procedure and tactics, habeas corpus and other post-trial issues. Students will be required to write three short position papers during the course and a take-home examination. Simulations and other projects may be required during the term as well. Prerequisite: Criminal Procedure-investigations or Criminal Procedure-Adjudications.

LAWT 9800 INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

[2-3 hours] This course introduces students to issues, problems and legal norms applicable to environmental concerns in the international arena. The course begins with an examination of the various sources of international law and the applicability and affect that international legal norms have on domestic law (an introduction to basic international law). Next the course will consider the unique nature of environmental problems in the international context. The course will then explore the various norms, treaties and other sources of international law that exist to protect the environment in the context of various problems.

LAWT 9900 FORENSIC EVIDENCE LAW

[2-3 hours] A review of the law of scientific evidence and the underlying science employed in detecting and solving crimes and in the reconstruction of accidents. Topics include, accident and injury reconstruction, DNA matching, the identification and toxicology of drugs and alcohol, fingerprint identification, dental matching, the reconstruction of computer files, basics of forensic accounting and hair, fiber and similar matching techniques. Prerequisite: Evidence

LAWT 9910 DEATH PENALTY

[2 hours] This course addresses legal and policy aspects of state and federal death penalty practice. Both prosecutor and defense strategies will be explored. Students will take a final exam or write a paper in lieu of the exam.