

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL
Active JD COURSES and Course Descriptions

Access to Justice Clinic Advanced - CLIN 1133 CLNC

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

3 to 5 credits per term, two terms. The Access to Justice Clinic at Cooley's Grand Rapids campus is partnered with the Legal Assistance Center at the Kent County Courthouse. The students in the clinic, under the supervision of the clinic faculty, advise and represent low income residents in Kent County in general civil cases, primarily in family and consumer law cases. Students may enroll in the clinic once they have completed 40 credit hours. Students are preselected. No Exam.

Access to Justice Clinic I - CLIN 1110 CLNC

Credits: Variable

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Access to Justice Clinic II - CLIN 1205 CLNC

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLINIC I (CLIN1110CLNC).

3 to 5 credits per term. Builds on Access to Justice Clinic I. Students are preselected. No Exam.

Accounting for Lawyers - ELEC 455 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT)

Provides students with an introduction to the principles of financial accounting that are relevant to lawyers practicing business and tax law. Topics include the mechanics of the double-entry bookkeeping system and the related financial and tax ramifications of implementing various accounting conventions and methods in addition to the various regulatory requirements surrounding accounting internal controls in a corporate environment. Provides a basic understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and basic financial statements utilized by business clients. Grades are typically based on tests, class participation, a take home final.

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Adv Appellate Techniques: Ethics Law and Appellate Pract - ELEC 1082 LECT Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Provides concentrated practice in the advanced techniques, strategies, and ethics necessary for successful appellate advocacy. Provides an opportunity to improve and perfect writing and oral advocacy skills in a dynamic yet low-pressure learning environment. No Exam.

Advanced Business Mediation - ELEC 1117 LECT Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores collaborative methods for resolving business disputes. Students will learn theoretical frameworks then practice the skills of conflict diagnosis, dialoguing, interest based negotiation, and facilitative mediation in business disputes. No Exam.

Advanced Criminal Procedure - ELEC 1052 LECT Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Examines the tactical and procedural aspects of criminal prosecution and defense from arrest to sentencing. Includes bail, discovery, grand jury, preliminary examination, motion practice, plea bargaining, trial strategy, and sentencing. Designed for those students who anticipate practicing outside Michigan, the course focuses on procedures common to many jurisdictions with an emphasis on federal law. (A different course, CRIMINAL PRACTICE IN MICHIGAN, emphasizes Michigan Law and Procedure.)

Advanced Legal Research: Administrative Law - ELEC 1139 LECT Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH AND WRITING

An overview of legal research emphasizing administrative and public law. Focus on both federal and state, primarily Michigan, key primary and secondary resources as well as research strategies and evaluation of materials. Both print and online resources are examined. Provides a practice based research experience that may be taken prior to or concurrent with an administrative law based externship.

No Exam.

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Advanced Legal Research: Computer Assisted Legal Research - ELEC 1129 LECT Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course will offer an overview of the theory of online searching and training in numerous major online legal research services currently used in a diverse array of legal practices. Fee-based and free sources will be covered. Besides the traditional online services, it will also look at free resources often affiliated with state bar memberships. No exam.

Advanced Legal Research: Florida Materials - ELEC 1143 LECT Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT)

An overview of legal research geared towards those intending to practice law in Florida. Course will cover key primary and secondary resources as well as research strategies and evaluation of materials. Both print and online resources will be examined. This course will provide practice based research experience and may be taken prior to or in conjunction with a Florida based externship. No exam.

Advanced Legal Research: Legislative Research - ELEC 1138 LECT Credits: 1

Course will offer an overview of the theory, practice and tools for researching Federal, State & Local legislation and legislative history. Students will learn how to locate current, pending, & historic legislation, and how to compile a Michigan and Federal legislative history using print and online resources.

Advanced Legal Research: Michigan Legal Research - ELEC 1123 LECT Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT)

An overview of legal research geared towards those intending to practice law in Michigan. Course will cover key primary and secondary resources as well as research strategies and evaluation of materials. Both print and online resources will be examined. This course will provide practice based research experience and may be taken prior to or in conjunction with a Michigan based externship. No exam.

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Advanced Practice Skills- Mediation Training - ELEC 1088 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is the Michigan State Court Administrator's Office approved training for mediation under MCR 2.411. Students learn principles and skills of facilitative mediation through experiential training, practicing the roles of parties, lawyers and mediators. Students who complete the course will be a few short steps from eligibility to serve as court-appointed mediators. No exam.

Advanced Practice Skills-Domestic Mediation - ELEC 1209 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT)

This course is the Michigan State Court Administrator's Office approved training for domestic mediation under MCR 3.216. Students explore conflict management theories and skills needed to mediate a divorce. Considers emotional issues, children's issues, custody and support, parenting time, property division, power balancing, family violence, financial concerns, building future relationships and ethics. The course satisfies Michigan's first step for eligibility to serve as a court-appointed mediator in family law. No exam.

Advanced Practice Skills-Family Law - ELEC 1225 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT), EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT), AND FAMILY LAW (ELEC915LECT).

Explores advocacy techniques in family law cases. Students will practice skills including conducting direct and cross examination, introducing evidence, impeaching witnesses, arguing motions, making opening statements and closing argument. Students prepare pleadings, motions, and a trial or mediation brief. No exam.

Advanced Practice Skills-Multiple Party Dispute Resolution - ELEC 1213 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT); AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ELEC996LECT)OR ADVANCED PRACTICE SKILLS-MEDIATION (ELEC1088LECT).

Explores the skills needed to build consensus with multiple parties. Students will apply principles of facilitation to a simulated multiple-party dispute. Students will learn critical problem solving skills, including identifying appropriate stakeholders, bringing necessary parties to the table, and forming and working with representative subgroups. No exam.

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Advanced Practice Skills-Technology in Advocacy - ELEC 1238 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Explores using effective litigation technology. Students to learn persuasive techniques for courtroom visuals, then apply them to real life fact patterns. Considers ethics in use of courtroom technology. Students must bring their own laptops to class and they should be able to run Windows and PowerPoint; access to other programs is provided. Grades are based on a paper and student performance in in-class presentations. No exam.

Advanced Practice Skills: Expert Witness - ELEC 1142 LECT

Credits: 1

Prerequisites: Evidence, Research & Writing

This practical skills course is designed to teach the art and science of expert witnessing cases including criminal and civil. The class will cover the law on expert witness admissibility, case analysis to determine the necessity and desirability of an expert, the practical aspects of locating, interviewing, and hiring the expert. Additionally, ethical issues and concerns will be discussed as well as how to prepare and ultimately present of top quality expert witness to both judge and jury.

Advanced Professional Ethics - ELEC 1107 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Introduces the student to the history, philosophy, and morality of legal ethics to help the student evaluate, shape, adopt, and put into practice a purposive professional ethic. Paper will be required. No exam.

Advanced Studies in Presidential Affairs & Policy Making - ELEC 1239 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT), CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT), PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT), RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT), AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Provides an opportunity for junior and senior students in good academic standing to engage in a research project on presidential policy using the collection at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This course follows all policies and registration processes for a directed study. In addition to the full-time faculty member who supervises the student's work, the student will also be assigned an archivist at the Ford Presidential Library to assist with research needs. No Exam. (1 to 3 credits).

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Advanced Writing - ADVW 1084 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Builds on Research & Writing. Students write an opinion letter, a brief, and a major contract. They can have draft conferences on the brief and contract and receive extensive written feedback on both. There are also weekly assignments that provide various forms of feedback, including in-class discussion, sample answers, and individual written feedback.

The research instruction covers federal statutes and regulations, legislative history, and loose-leaf services--again through a series of self-guided audiotapes. And students receive additional training in advanced computer research, along with an introduction to various practical resources that lawyers often overlook. To be taken in year three.

Alternative Dispute Resolution - ELEC 996 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT).

Examines the procedural, practical, and theoretical aspects of settlement; covers negotiation, conciliation, mediation, arbitration, mini trials, and additional settlement mechanisms. Reviews emergent organizations and resources for informal resolution of complex or protracted litigation. No Exam.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Externship - CLIN 5022 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their supervisors, with their learning guided by a Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. There is a classroom component for small group discussion. No Exam.

Alternative Dispute Resolution for Advocates - ELEC 1125 LECT

Credits: 2

Explores the role and responsibilities of advocates when counseling and representing clients in various alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes, including arbitration, neutral evaluation, negotiation, collaborative practice, and mediation, among others. This intensive, interactive, learn-by-doing course is designed to allow students to practice and perfect the advocacy and counseling skills and ethics required for state-of-the-art ADR practice. Students leave the course with the strategies, skills, tools, and practical experience to apply ADR in the real world. No exam, final paper is required.

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American Legal History - ELEC 878 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Explores how and why the institutions and principles of American law developed into their present forms. Surveys the development of the American legal system from its ancient and medieval roots through the 21st century. Exam course.

Animal Law - ELEC 1115 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Considers how legal systems, cases, statutes, and society view and protect the rights of nonhuman animals. Explores how legal concepts such as rights, legal personhood, standing, and property can be used in managing the conflicts involved in various human and nonhuman interactions. No Exam. (Final exam may be given at professor's discretion.)

Appellate Advocacy/Moot Court - ELEC 1126 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Covers fundamental appellate practice skills in a learn-by-doing environment. Students will learn each step of the process in preparing, initiating, and pursuing an appeal. Students will write a federal court brief and present an oral argument to a panel of judges. The oral arguments will serve as an audition round for Cooley's national Moot Court teams. No Exam.

Arbitration Law - ELEC 1134 LECT

Credits: 2

Prerequisites: Contracts, Torts, Civil Procedure, Evidence, Research & Writing.

This course is designed to prepare students for the arbitration process. Arbitration clauses are common in almost every type of contract; providing a method for resolving disputes without going to court. Arbitration has its own rules, procedures, tribunals and enforcement mechanisms. The course examines drafting arbitration agreements, jurisdiction and the regulatory framework, pleading and practice, discovery, arbitration hearings and enforcement of arbitration awards. Students will be assigned a case study from which they will draft a statement of claim, discovery documents, and conduct a mock arbitration hearing. Students will be graded on their pleadings and arguments.

Final exam.

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Art Cultural Heritage and the Law - ELEC 1108 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Covers freedom of expression, copyright, moral rights, architectural works, and preservation of historic structures, museums, art merchants, quality and authenticity of art, title of art, cultural heritage and war, international trade of cultural property, and exploration and appropriation of indigenous culture.

JD students will take an examination. LL.M. students will take the same examination and will be required to write a paper.

Asylum and Refugee Law - ELEC 1252 LECT

Credits: 2

PREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

This class will discuss the laws of asylum and related protection for those who are unable or unwilling to return to their country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. It examines asylum and refugee law and policy in the United States, and sets forth the legal grounds for barring someone from asylum. It also explores the politics driving immigration policy, including asylum and refugee policy, and the federal agencies that implement those policies. Students will study the U.S. Asylum system, including the statutory structure and processes for refugee admissions, asylum and withholding of deportation, temporary protected status, and related protections.

Aviation Law - ELEC 923 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers statutory, regulatory and judicial aspects in the aviation field, along with some attention to the legal implications of the space age.

Banking Law - ELEC 948 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: SECURED TRANSACTIONS (PRSE604LECT).

Explores the formation and regulation of banks, bank officials, and non-bank institutions that offer bank services. Includes discussion of the latest TARP issues and the nationalization of the banking industry by the federal government and how it impacts financial institutions and financial services.

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Bankruptcy - ELEC 3959 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: SECURED TRANSACTIONS (PRSE604LECT).

Building on the principles established in Secured Transactions; covers Chapters 7, 11, 12, and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Bar Exam Skills - BARP 700 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT), PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT), EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT)

This course prepares students for success on the bar exam. Students will learn skills needed to study for the examination and to pass the test. The course provides a substantive review of Real Property and Evidence – two of the six Multistate subjects tested on the bar examination. Students will be provided outlines and lectures for each subject, be taught strategies to study and techniques for answering multiple choice, essays, and performance test examinations. This course is for students in their last term on campus. No exam.

BarPlus - BARP 170 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT) AND SECURED TRANSACTIONS (PRSE604LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Designed for graduates, BarPlus is a six week long supplemental bar review program that is designed to supplement a bar review course by providing practice Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) and essay questions and feedback, as well as test taking skills. While this course will benefit anyone who is taking a full service bar review course, the program is specifically tailored around Bar/Bri's lecture schedule. As a result, each BarPlus session (for the most part) will address the MBE subject that was covered in Bar/Bri during that week of class. This approach benefits students by providing practice while the material is still fresh in their minds. It also allows Bar/Bri students to stay on schedule with Bar/Bri's Paced Program. Please keep in mind, however, that BarPlus does not provide a substantive review of the tested subjects. Rather the course is solely designed to provide test taking practice and feedback. Only a full service bar review course can adequately provide the substantive information necessary to pass the bar exam. No Exam.

BarStart - BARP 150 LECT

Credits: 0

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Introduces students to the bar exam regardless of which state they will take the exam in, and provides them with substantive law reviews and updates, test-taking strategies and skills, and a bar study plan that will prepare them to hit the ground running when they begin their post-graduation study for the bar in earnest. Begins with an introduction to the different components of the bar exam, including the Multistate Bar Exam, the Multistate Essay Exam, the Multistate Performance Test, the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam, and state essay exams. Provides a substantive law review and update of recent developments in the law for the six Multistate Bar Exam subjects tested in virtually all states (Contracts, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law & Procedure, Evidence, Property, and Torts), coupled with practice tests and feedback about test-taking strategies and skills. Covers time and stress management techniques, study techniques, study schedules and the different bar review preparation options. Recommended for seniors. No Exam.

Business Organizations - TXBW 518 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers partnerships; limited liability companies; some aspects of limited partnerships, including formation of the limited partnership and the potential loss of limited liability of limited partners; corporations, including closely held and publicly owned corporations; social policy developed under the common law; and agency principles.

Business Planning - ELEC 1040 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT) AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines issues in representing closely-held entities with an emphasis on practical advice, drafting, and analysis. Topics include ethics in representing the enterprise, choice of entity, variations in ownership and management structures, handling internal disputes, methods of taking and documenting entity actions, capitalizing the enterprise, entity valuation, buyouts and redemptions, mergers and acquisitions, and securities law aspects of business planning. Major projects will require drafting agreements and written client communications. No exam.

Business Regulation Externship - CLIN 5005 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

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Canadian Administrative Law - ELEC 1228 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Explores the obligation of procedural fairness for governmental decision-makers in Canada, the standard of review and the method of review assigned to administrative agencies, judicial review, and the framework for provincial and federal review. Examines the differences between Canadian and U.S. administrative law systems. Exam course.

Canadian Constitutional Law - ELEC 1229 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Covers the nature and sources of the Canadian Constitution and how it differs from the U.S. Constitution, the role of each branch of government and checks and balances, and the balance of power between the federal and provincial governments. Considers the rule of law at the heart of the Canadian system of government and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including aboriginal rights. Exam course.

Canadian Criminal Law and Procedure - ELEC 1230 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT)

Examines the differences between criminal law and procedure in the U.S. and Canada, including the Canadian federal legal system and the provincial administration of justice; the Canadian criminal code and case law interpreting the code, and the rights of the accused as determined by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Exam course.

Canadian Law (Foundations of) - ELEC 1231 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Provides an overview of Canadian law and the role of law in Canadian society. Considers judicial review and statutory interpretation; the relationships between the branches of Canadian government; treaty-making and the relationship of the Aboriginal People and the Canadian state. Explores the sources of Canadian law and how to research it. Exam course.

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Canadian Professional Responsibility - ELEC 4054 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT).

Examines the ethical dimensions of the lawyer's role, duty, and tactics as advisor, counselor, and problem-solver in civil and criminal settings. Includes the study of the ethical obligations of the profession in delivering legal services. Covers the American Bar Association Model Code of Professional Responsibility, Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and Code of Judicial Conduct.

Child Abuse & Neglect - ELEC 975 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines, from an interdisciplinary viewpoint, the appropriate occasions for state intrusion into ongoing family relationships. Focuses on the roles of the participants in the decision to withdraw a child from the home, the standards used to arrive at that decision, and the interrelationships between and among the fields of law, psychiatry, psychology, and social work.

Children and the Law - ELEC 892 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT).

Examines the legal relationships between children and the state and between children and their parents. Includes an examination of common law, statutory, and constitutional constraints on the rights and status of children in both civil and criminal contexts. No Exam.

Civil Procedure I - CIVP 105 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT) AND TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT).

Covers personal jurisdiction, notice and service of process, subject matter jurisdiction, removal, transfer, venue, simple joinder, pleading, default, dismissals, the Erie doctrine and related matters.

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Civil Procedure II - CIVP 209 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT).

Covers complex joinder, class actions, former adjudication, discovery, trial, summary judgment, post-trial motions, and related matters.

Client Counseling Competition - ELEC 1101 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

By invitation only. Students participate in practice counseling rounds, then compete in regional competitions that are held each fall. No Exam.

Computer Crimes Seminar - ELEC 1077 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the legal and practical issues confronted in the Internet world. The course will cover the basic architecture of the Internet; criminal jurisdiction; the 4th Amendment; federal and state computer crimes statutes; a discussion of particular crimes in detail, such as hacking, on-line sexual solicitation of minors, and identity theft; wiretapping; privacy on the Internet; retrieval of electronic evidence. Paper and class presentations required. No Exam.

Computer Law - ELEC 992 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Considers legal issues related to the use of computers, including patent and copyright aspects of computer programs, protection of privacy, confidentiality of information, the use of evidence produced by computer, computer-connected crimes, and tort and contract issues relating to computers. This course does not cover legal research. See Research and Writing and Advanced Computer Assisted Legal Research.

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Conflict of Laws - ELEC 960 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT), AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Reviews jurisdiction and the Erie Doctrine. Covers choice of law, constitutional limitations, comity. This course will help students prepare for the Michigan bar examination.

Constitutional Law I - CONL 404 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: NONE.

Covers judicial review, Tenth and Eleventh Amendment doctrines, separation of powers, federal-state relations, Congressional powers, state action, and the Contracts Clause.

Constitutional Law II - CONL 503 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Covers due process, equal protection, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion.

Constitutional Law Seminar - ELEC 963 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Focuses on particular topics and issues of current significance in constitutional law. No Exam.

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Construction Law - ELEC 835 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Builds on the foundation of contracts as applied in the construction industry. Includes construction lien laws, sureties and bonding, and review of standard construction industry forms. Focuses on the construction process and the legal/contractual relations of the principal parties.

Consumer Law - ELEC 965 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Reviews and studies consumer laws regarding fraud, deceptive advertising and marketing practices. Includes state and federal anti-deception laws and credit and usury practices.

Contracts I - CONT 108 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: NONE.

Covers contract formation, consideration, remedies for breach of contract, and statute of frauds.

Contracts II - CONT 213 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT).

Covers the parol evidence rule, interpretation, avoidance, conditions, substantial performance, anticipatory repudiation, third-party beneficiaries, assignment and delegation.

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Cooley Immigration Clinic-Advanced - CLIN 1232 CLNC

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITES: COOLEY IMMIGRANT RIGHTS & CIVIL ADVOCACY CLNIC (CLIN1030CLIN), AND MINIMUM 45 CREDITS EARNED. IMMIGRATION LAW, PRETRIAL SKILLS, FAMILY LAW AND TRIAL SKILLS ARE RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT REQUIRED.

The Cooley Immigrant Rights and Civil Advocacy Clinic is available to weekend and evening students and others if space is available. Interns interview and counsel clients; work on civil legal representation for immigrants with documentation issues. This program allows students to have the clinical experience during evening hours. One term commitment. Students are preselected. No Exam.

Corporate Counsel Externship - CLIN 5004 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

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Criminal Defense Externship - CLIN 5003 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

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Criminal Law - CRLP 107 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: NONE.

Studies both the common law and modern statutory schemes. Covers the crimes of homicide, rape, assault, battery, kidnapping, arson, burglary, theft, attempt, solicitation, and conspiracy; general principles of imputability and responsibility; defenses; and double jeopardy principles.

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Criminal Procedure - CRLP 305 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT).

Involves the criminal case in a constitutional rather than tactical context. Primary emphasis is on the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments.

Criminal Sentencing/Law & Practice - ELEC 1046 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Details sentencing plans, credits, concurrent and consecutive sentencing and presentence report issues. Covers repeat offender provisions, probation, and parole. Reviews procedures for obtaining relief. Explores sentencing guidelines.

Death Penalty Seminar - ELEC 1061 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers the constitutional and procedural issues involved in a death penalty case including methods of execution; proportionality as a limit on punishment; race, gender and the death penalty; executing juveniles, mentally insane, and mentally retarded defendants; aggravating and mitigating circumstances in a death penalty case; and state and federal habeas corpus. No exam.

Debt Relief Clinic - CLIN 1248 CLNC

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Students are preselected; 48 credit hours minimum.

The Debt Relief Clinic (the "Clinic") is a three credit, one-term, in-house, live-client, evening clinical program. The Clinic will provide students with an opportunity to develop lawyering skills and gain substantive legal knowledge through representing indigent clients in transactional matters, alternative dispute resolution, and pre-litigation resolution. The Clinic will focus on resolving issues without having to file lawsuits. The Clinic's substantive law focus will include the Florida Consumer Collections Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Florida Fair Lending Act, and Florida Garnishment law. The Clinic will see to provide community education on debt relief issues to residents in the Tampa Bay area. No exam.

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Debt Relief Clinic Advanced - CLIN 1250 CLNC

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Students are preselected; 48 credit hours minimum.

The Debt Relief Clinic Advanced (the "Clinic") may be taken for 1-3 credits, one-term, in-house, live-client, evening clinical program. The Clinic will provide students with an opportunity to develop lawyering skills and gain substantive legal knowledge through representing indigent clients in transactional matters, alternative dispute resolution, and pre-litigation resolution. The Clinic will focus on resolving issues without having to file lawsuits. The Clinic's substantive law focus will include the Florida Consumer Collections Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Florida Fair Lending Act, and Florida Garnishment law. The Clinic will see to provide community education on debt relief issues to residents in the Tampa Bay area. No exam.

Defending Battered Women - ELEC 787 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Provides students an understanding of domestic violence and the ways in which its victims are represented within the criminal justice system. Examines the dynamics of abuse, including syndrome theories. Focuses on how women become involved with the criminal justice system, and the general mechanics of a criminal trial for women who defend themselves or retaliate. Explores Battered Women's Syndrome evidence and how it can be used. Discusses the phases of trials and appeals in which battered women are defendants. Representation from arrest through the appeal will be covered. Examines current state of the criminal justice system as it relates to domestic violence victims. No Exam.

Directed Study - ELEC 990 LECT

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT) AND CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT) AND CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT) AND PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT) AND PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT) AND TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT).

Variable credit. Provides an opportunity for junior and senior students in good academic standing to submit a proposal for a Directed Study project to a full-time faculty member. Generally requires 15 to 20 pages of a written project for each credit hour earned. The project must be approved by a full-time faculty member and the Associate Dean of Planning Programs and Assessment. No Exam.

Education Law - ELEC 931 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Introduces the topics of state regulation of education, school finances, teachers' duties and rights, students' duties and rights, discrimination in educational systems, academic freedom, church/state problems, educational malpractice and tort liability, and collective bargaining.

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Elder Law Practice - ELEC 1226 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT), AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the basics of an elder law practice. Examines how to start an elder law practice, the legal components of an elder law and the issues faced by potential elder law clientele. Focuses on estate planning concepts, incapacity planning, protection of vulnerable adults, housing options and rights, governmental benefits, ethics in representing elderly clients, elder abuse and approaches to starting an elder law practice.

Election Law - ELEC 943 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT)

Analyzes Michigan and federal election laws (for Michigan campuses) and Florida and federal election laws (for Tampa Bay campus) with practical experience in current election matters. Includes an analysis of legislation and also the practical administration of recounts and other election matters.

Emerging Elderlaw Issues Seminar - ELEC 1105 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores emerging issues in elderlaw in the US. Each student selects an elderlaw topic, prepares and presents a paper of publishable quality exploring the legal and social issues presented. No Exam.

Employment Law - ELEC 1227 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores legal issues raised by adverse personnel actions in the non-union private sector workplace, including the doctrine of employment at will and its exceptions, as well as related tort and contract theories; state and federal employment discrimination law; the use and enforceability of restrictive covenants to engage in business competition, state and federal wages and hours laws; and state and federal safety laws.

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Energy Law - ELEC 1109 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (ELEC622LECT).

This is a broad subject that impacts all activities that use or produce energy. Students will focus on legal and public policy issues that arise in the production and use of electric energy. The concepts, however, are applicable to regulation of other sources of energy as well as economic regulation of business. Also covers public utility regulation, competition in the electric energy market, renewable energy resources, and nuclear energy.

Entertainment Law - ELEC 991 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Focuses on principles governing activities within the entertainment industry. A major focus of the class will be in the intellectual property areas. (A different course, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF ENTERTAINMENT, is devoted exclusively to this area.)

Entrepreneurship and the Law - ELEC 1137 LECT

Credits: 2

Explores the skills needed to advise entrepreneurial ventures through the use of case studies and in-room class simulations. Through course materials and class participation, this course will increase the student's knowledge of the broad range of legal issues impacting the new business venture. During class simulations and case studies, students will work in groups to cover areas of organizing the venture, ownership planning, choice of entity, intellectual property, capital structure, employment and compensation, operational contracts, risk management, and exit strategies. No exam.

Environmental Law - ELEC 3912 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers environmental protection; state and federal pollution control; common law and statutory remedies. Surveys the major statutory programs, such as the Clean Air and Water Acts, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act.

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Environmental Law Externship - CLIN 5002 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. There is a classroom component for small group discussion. No Exam.

Equity & Remedies - TOEQ 620 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT).

Studies basic characteristics of legal, equitable, and restitutionary remedies and their application to tortious wrongs and disrupted transactions.

Estate Planning - ELEC 914 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT).

Involves a study of typical problems and transactions in planning an effective and economical distribution of property while alive and at death. Includes basic estate and gift tax concepts. No Exam.

Estate Planning Clinic - AH Advanced - CLIN 1261 CLNC

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT).

By invitation only.

Experienced Estate Planning Clinic students develop their legal skills by continuing with a selected caseload, supervising Estate Planning students, and completing other client related projects. No Exam.

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Estate Planning Clinic - Auburn Hills - CLIN 1201 CLNC

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT).

The Estate Planning Clinic-Auburn Hills, a partnership with Lakeshore Legal Aid, is available to weekend and evening students and others if space is available. Interns interview and counsel clients; draft wills, powers of attorney, and medical directives. This program allows students to have the clinical experience during weekend or evening hours. Students may enroll in the clinic once they have completed 40 credit hours. One Term. Students are preselected. No Exam.

European Union Law - Substantive Issues - ELEC 1098 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Delves into substantive areas of European Union (EU) law, including trade in goods, intellectual property protection, competition law, consumer protection and environmental principles, with an emphasis on the likely impact of the EU constitution. EU Law- Institutional Aspects recommended before taking this course.

Evidence - EVID 406 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers the Federal Rules of Evidence and their common law sources. Includes standards and procedures for admission and exclusion of all forms of evidence. Examines problems of relevance, prejudice, character and conduct evidence, hearsay evidence, testimonial privileges, and expert testimony.

Evidence Problems - ELEC 982 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

An in-depth examination of selected areas of the law of evidence including relevancy, hearsay and non-hearsay, character evidence, impeachment and support, and scientific and demonstrative evidence.

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Externship - CLIN 5030 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).
Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved.

Family Law - ELEC 915 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT).

Covers pre-marital agreements, status of marriage, annulments, legitimacy, paternity, adoption, intra-family torts, emancipation of minors, poor laws, divorce, property settlements, custody, support, alimony, tax implications of divorce, enforcement and modification of divorce judgments and procedure and jurisdiction in various types of causes of action in domestic relations.

Family Law Assistance Project - CLIN 5019 CLNC

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: Civil Procedure II (CIVP209LECT).

By Invitation Only. Variable Credit. 2 terms. FLAP provides free legal representation to Oakland County clients in family matters. Students are the attorneys in the case pursuant to MCR 8.120, and work closely at our Auburn Hills campus with staff attorneys from Lakeshore Legal Aid. Students interview clients, prepare all documents related to their cases, negotiate, and represent clients in courts. First term students work closely in pairs with experience second term students and all participate in a class taught by Cooley faculty. No Exam.

Family Law Assistance Project Advanced - CLIN 5025 CLNC

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITES: Two terms Family Law Assistance Project (CLIN5019CLNC) and RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

By Invitation Only. Experienced FLAP students develop their legal skills by continuing with a selected FLAP caseload. No exam.

Family Violence Practice - ELEC 857 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores through an interdisciplinary approach the correlation between family violence, child abuse and the abuse of elderly. Covers crime victimization, psychology, criminology of the assailant, and the need for a leadership role in coordinating a community response. Helps identify resources within the community, including battered women's shelters, child abuse intervention programs, and offender's treatment programs. Explores the Model Code on Domestic Violence approved by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and current state law material on domestic violence, civil remedies, tort litigation, and divorce actions. Identifies the remedies available to persons experiencing or who have experienced abuse - including injunctive relief, divorce, arrest, prosecution, and tort litigation. Covers trial evidence strategies for civil litigation and criminal prosecution of family violence crimes. No Exam.

Federal Administrative Law - ELEC 622 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Examines the principles governing the theory, practice, and procedures of federal administrative law. Covers delegation, separation of powers, access to information, rule making, due process, adjudication, and judicial review.

Federal Courts Practice - ELEC 946 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: Civil Procedure I (CIVP105LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the procedures and skills necessary for effective practice in federal district courts. Students will develop their written and oral advocacy skills through in-class exercises. Student evaluation includes simulation, short writing assignments, and a research paper. No exam.

Federal Disabilities Law - ELEC 1210 LECT

Credits: 2

PREQUISITE: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Examines federal legislation, regulations, and case law affecting the rights of individuals with physical and mental disabilities. Special emphasis is placed on all components of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Other federal legislation surveyed in this course includes the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Fair Housing Amendments of 1988.

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Federal Indian Law - ELEC 880 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Examines legal doctrines relating to American Indians, Indian tribes, and Indian reservations. Focuses on the relationship of Indian tribal sovereignty to the federal and state governments.

Florida Drunk Driving Law & Prac. - ELEC 1257 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the prosecution and defense of Michigan's most common crime: Driving Under the Influence (DUI). Topics include the substantive law of DUI, the law and science of breath and blood testing, substantive & procedural motions, trial, sentencing, administrative law, and ethics.

Florida Administrative Law - ELEC 1132 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Examines the principles governing the theory, practice, and procedures of Florida administrative law. Covers delegation, separation of powers, access to information, rule making, due process, adjudication, and judicial review.

EXAM

Florida Bar Exam Distinctions - BARP 1135 LECT

Credits: 3

This course prepares students for success on the Florida bar exam by emphasizing aspects of the law in Florida that differ from the federal laws or those in a majority of other states. Instead, this course is intended as a bridge between the substantive law studied in the required courses and a Bar Preparation course from an approved vendor. As such, it is recommended for students in their last term on campus.

The focus of each lesson is on the most important distinctions between the Florida law in a given area and the federal law or the law in most other states. Understanding these Florida distinctions is critical to mastery of the law in Florida and passing the Florida Bar, because the Florida Board of Bar Examiners has historically focused on testing areas of the law unique to Florida.

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Florida Bar Workshop - BARP 120 LECT

Credits: 0

This two-day (4 hours each day) workshop which will provide substantive video lectures on Florida law distinctions for four topics. Students will be trained in organizational skills that apply to all subjects. Furthermore, students will be trained in successful test-taking strategies for both Florida essays and multiple-choice questions. Students answer actual bar exam questions and receive model answers and additional feedback.

Florida BarPlus - BARP 190 LECT

Credits: 0

A free seven-week class called Florida Bar Plus. Each week for five weeks, you will have 20 multiple-choice questions based on Florida law to answer on Blackboard. Then we'll meet in class to answer and deconstruct more multiple-choice questions. For two weeks, we will answer and deconstruct Florida bar-style multi-topic essays.

Florida Civil Procedure - ELEC 997 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT).

Covers civil procedure under Florida Court Rules, and other matters related to civil practice in Florida.

Florida Constitutional Law - ELEC 1247 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT)

This course will discuss the historical development and case analysis of the Florida Constitution, which has distinct differences from the United States Constitution. Emphasis will be placed on researching, reading and analyzing specific provisions of the Florida Constitution and case decisions promulgated by the Florida Supreme Court. This subject is tested on the essay portion of the Florida Bar exam and is highly recommended for students planning to seek admission to the Florida bar. Grade based on a mid-term and final exam.

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Florida County Court Practice - ELEC 1256 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Reviews practice in the county courts emphasizing both procedural rules and substantive concepts. Both criminal and civil practice are involved. Emphasis is placed on substantive areas the practitioner uses most often in Florida county courts.

Florida Criminal Practice - ELEC 1255 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Includes counseling the accused, defenses, and trial strategy, both prosecutorial and defense, with a focus on Florida Law. (A different course, ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, is designed for students who plan to practice outside Florida or Michigan.)

Florida Juvenile Delinquency & Dependency - ELEC 1259 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores Florida law as it relates to the interrelations of children, parents, and the state, focusing specifically on juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, crossover cases, and termination of parental rights. Covers evidence, trial strategies, and appeals of juvenile delinquency and dependency cases in Florida.

Florida Legal Research - ELEC 1130 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

An overview of legal research geared towards those intending to practice law in Florida. Will cover key primary and secondary resources as well as research strategies and evaluation of materials. Both print and online resources will be examined. No exam.

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Florida Real Estate Transactions - ELEC 1124 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT), CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT) AND RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT)

This course is largely transaction and problem oriented. Discusses problems involving real estate transactions under Florida law: real estate contracts, parties to Florida transactions, financing, property descriptions, landlord/tenant, and water rights.

Forensic Evidence in Criminal Cases - ELEC 1099 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT).

Examines the use of forensic and scientific evidence in criminal cases. Covers the various types of forensic evidence, such as DNA typing, polygraphs, hypnosis, psychological and syndrome evidence, and other types of police identification techniques. Includes admissibility, reliability, and the scientific method. Paper required. No Exam.

Gaming Law - ELEC 1035 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Focuses on the parameters involved in the development of gaming as it expands in new states; concentrates on the existing law as it applies to this emerging, highly regulated business. Examines federal and various state gaming laws and regulations along with constitutional and administrative law issues; analyzes recent developments in gaming law, Indian gaming, and tax and debt collection. No Exam.

Government Contract Litigation Course - ELEC 1136 LECT

Credits: 0

The Government Contract Litigation Course exposes students to the fundamental laws, regulations, and procedures that govern federal procurement and litigation. Students will learn the complex network of regulatory and statutory provisions designed to protect the government and its contractors in this unique field. Students develop and demonstrate mastery in this course by writing a brief and engaging in an oral argument concerning a government contract dispute. Students are also introduced to other litigation skills such as document discovery, interrogatories, and depositions as practiced in this arena.

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Gun Control Seminar - ELEC 851 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

An in-depth study of gun-related laws including federal and state constitutional provisions affording rights to own and bear arms, current federal and state gun-control laws, proposed federal and state gun-control laws, and the potential need for local gun-control ordinances. No Exam.

Health Law - ELEC 940 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines the laws that regulates the U.S. health care system through the study of concepts relating to individual and institutional health care providers, such as licensing and accreditation, liability, the physician patient relationship, cost and access to healthcare, structure of health care entities, and fraud and abuse laws. No exam. Final paper.

House Academic and Bar Success Program - BARP 130 LECT

Credits: 0

The Auburn Hills House Academic and Bar Success Program provides a strong and thriving learning community that positively contributes to faculty-student relationships, academic success, student personal and professional development, and a supportive campus culture that includes all students. Participation in this program assists with academic success; first-time bar passage; and the development of personal character and leadership skills; and fosters team-work and mentoring relationships with faculty, staff, alumni, and other students. It also facilitates participation in pro bono and community service opportunities. Focus will be on a student's academic and bar exam success and professional, character, and leadership development.

Immigration Law - ELEC 954 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines the rights of aliens such as the right to enter, right to asylum, right to remain in the United States; rights in deportation proceedings and registration; and the rights of aliens as students, the right to work, to own property and to receive governmental benefits. Focuses upon the Immigration and Nationality Act, with its preferences and other requirements leading to United States citizenship.

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Immigration Law Externship - CLIN 5010 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. There is a classroom component for small group discussion. No Exam.

Innocence Project - CLIN 1070 CLNC

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

2 term commitment, variable credits.

Explores post-conviction remedies for defendants who claim they are innocent of crimes for which they have been convicted. Students investigate claims of innocence, relying on DNA evidence that had previously been unavailable. Students assist in preparing all documents for post-conviction relief in state or federal court as appropriate. Students may enroll in the clinic once they have completed 40 credit hours and are preselected. No Exam.

Innocence Project-Advanced - CLIN 5026 CLNC

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Intellectual Property Law - ELEC 1097 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers basic principles of trade secret, patent, trademark, and copyright law and related intellectual property law issues. Provides a basic understanding of the scope of rights in these field and the protection and enforcement of those rights. Serves as a foundation for further study in Intellectual Property Law, or as an overview of the field for general practitioners.

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International and Comparative Contract Law - ELEC 1120 LECT

Credits: 2

Examines the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and compares it to the Uniform Commercial Code. Compares common law and civil law issues of contract formation, performance, breach and remedies.

International Business Law - ELEC 829 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers international business relationships and issues. Includes U.S. and foreign regulation of transactions, formation and operation of subsidiaries, joint ventures and other business entities, sales, and tax considerations. Counseling and drafting skills are emphasized.

International Law - ELEC 917 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines public international law, covering sources of international law, international agreements, international organizations, recognition of states, international claims and use of force.

International Legal Advocacy Skills - ELEC 1086 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Introduces the basic concepts and supporting documents of international law, and then applies those using written and oral presentation to an international court or tribunal. The Phillips C. Jessup International Moot Court Team will be selected from all participants. No Exam.

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International Trade - ELEC 1049 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers the private international legal system and domestic implications that arise from global trade as reflected in the U.S. Customs framework. Focuses on GATT and applies those rules to practical and fact-intensive problems.

Interviewing and Counseling - ELEC 1085 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Introduces students to theories about how and why lawyers interview counsel clients and gives students opportunities to practice the skills of interviewing. No Exam.

Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation - ELEC 1254 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Part of the Summer Skills Academy. Introduces students to theory and practice for initial client interviews, questioning skills and listening training, decision making and counseling with clients, and interviewing fact witnesses. Introduces students to theory and practice of interest based negotiation. Students will practice these skills every week. No exam.

Introduction to Law - INTR 110 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: NONE.

This is a required 12-week intensive skills course, intended to teach first-term students the basic skills needed to succeed in law school. Teaches students how to use the pattern of legal text (cases, statutes, etc.) to set purposes for reading and to guide students in finding all the important parts; how to develop an efficient note-taking system for out-of-class notes and in-class notes; how to listen effectively in class; how to merge the law from various sources into an effective outline; how to use the outline to construct organized legal analysis; how to write using the legal analysis pattern; and how to think through multiple choice questions. Torts, Criminal Law and Contracts are used to illustrate these skills.

No Exam.

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Jessup/International Law Team - ELEC 1102 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (ELEC917LECT)

Students are preselected, usually from participants in International Legal Advocacy Skills. Students participate in preparation of a case based on a problem received from the competition sponsors. Students prepare Memorials (written briefs) and present oral arguments at the Midwest super-regional competition. No exam.

Journal of Practical and Clinical Law - ELEC 1044 LECT

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

2 term maximum, variable credits.

1 credit hour per term for Associates; 2 credit hour per term for Board Members.

By Invitation Only. Provides an opportunity for selected students to serve on the Journal staff. No Exam.

Judicial Externship - CLIN 5006 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. There is a classroom component for small group discussion. No Exam.

Jurisprudence - ELEC 918 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Discusses and analyzes major problems of legal philosophy.

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Juvenile Law - ELEC 919 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Reviews the legal interrelations of children, parents, and the state in terms of offenses committed by or against juveniles.

Labor Law - ELEC 920 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Offers an overview of labor laws on the national and state level with concentration placed on the statutory controls designed to regulate labor law, emerging judicial concepts, and legal relationship between labor and management.

Law of Cyberspace - ELEC 1062 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Access to Internet required. Addresses accessing, researching, and evaluating Internet resources. Explores the legal, ethical, and technological implications of working in Cyberspace, including first amendment issues, intellectual property, torts, and contracts on-line. No Exam.

Law Practice: Business Development - ELEC 1244 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Offers concentrated instruction in the enterprise skills necessary to identify emerging client populations and to design the systems and improve the processes to package, price, and deliver law products and services to those populations. Meets for two hours one day each week for seven weeks. No Exam.

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Law Practice: Finance for Lawyers - ELEC 1245 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Provides overviews of personal financial management principles for lawyers including financial statements, budgets, risk management, insurance, and investment and retirement planning, and law firm financial management principles including capital structure, annual financial plans, balance sheets, operating statements, and financial targets. No exam.

Law Practice: Law Office Management - ELEC 955 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Introductory course which reviews issues related to the management of private law firms. Emphasizes legal economics, organization, billing, business systems, client counseling, and opening a new practice. Recommended for seniors. No Exam.

Law Practice: Solo and Small Firm Legal Technology - ELEC 1246 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Legal technology methods and skills for solo or small firms. Course will cover proficiencies in productivity software, practice management software, mobile security, document management, social media and the internet and hardware. Course is updated every year to be current. Writing assignments and final presentations. No exam.

Law Practice: Transitioning to Practice - ELEC 1128 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Develop "practice ready" skills to transition from student to practitioner. Class will focus on selecting a practice experience (clinic or externship), writing for practice, working with supervisors, unauthorized practice of law and other ethical issues, management skills, and working with legal technology. The course will meet during the first seven weeks of the semester for two hours. There are weekly writing assignments, no exam, and no final paper.

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Law Practice: Writing for Practice - ELEC 520 LECT

Credits: 1

Course Title: Law Practice: Writing for Practice

Prerequisite(s): Research & Writing

Description: Students will be given simulated case files to review. Using the contents of the file, students will write several legal documents: (1) a letter to a client, (2) a memo to a partner, and (3) a complaint, motion, or brief to a court. Students will review case files and draft assigned tasks during this course. This will be a guided process using instruction, self- and peer-assessment, and professor feedback. Emphasis will be on problem solving; legal analysis and reasoning; factual analysis; writing; organizing a legal task; and recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas. This class prepares students for externships, clinics, bar exams, and legal practice. This course is recommended for students taking the bar in a jurisdiction that requires the Multistate Practice Test ("MPT"). No exam.

Law Review - ELEC 820 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND SCHOLARLY WRITING (ELEC1009LECT).

By Invitation Only. Board Members. Maximum of 6 credit hours. Provides an opportunity for selected students to serve on the Thomas M. Cooley Law Review. No Exam.

Law Review Board I - ELEC 825 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND LAW REVIEW (ELEC820LECT).

By Invitation Only. No exam.

Law Review Board II - ELEC 826 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND LAW REVIEW BOARD I (ELEC825LECT).

By Invitation Only. No Exam.

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Law Review Board III - ELEC 827 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND LAW REVIEW BOARD II (ELEC826LECT).

By Invitation Only. No Exam.

Leadership Development for Lawyers - ELEC 1131 LECT

Credits: 2

Lawyers are leaders. The roles attorneys play often require effective leadership skills. This course will not only address fundamental leadership skills development but also dig deeper with concepts such as organization effectiveness, mission and vision development, strategic planning and budgeting, problem solving and leading in a fast-paced, diverse society.

Leadership Development for Lawyers II - ELEC 1141 LECT

Credits: 2

Prerequisite: Leadership Development for Lawyers

The Lawyers as Leaders Capstone course integrates the student's understanding of the overall Leadership Program teachings, practices and techniques with their growth and experiences over the course of the program. Students, the professor and guest lecturers will explore and evaluate the necessary leadership attributes of lawyers, current thought on leadership within the legal profession, the ethical issues confronting the lawyer-leader, their own growth as a leader and focus on their continued growth as a lawyer-leader in their identified community. As a major part of the Capstone course, students will be responsible for completing a Capstone paper that demonstrates the knowledge, critical thinking, skills and ethics learned in the Leadership Program and that ties the concepts learned to their stated goals as a lawyer-leader.

Legal Services Externship - CLIN 5001 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. There is a classroom component for small group discussion. No Exam.

Legislative Process - ELEC 870 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines legislative intent and imparts practical experience dealing with current legislation, legislative hearings, and the relationship between the legislative and executive branches of government. Students draft a bill and analyze the steps for its passage. No Exam.

Legislative Process Externship - Remote - CLIN 5111 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. No Exam.

Maritime Law - ELEC 1260 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Exposes students to numerous admiralty and maritime rules, regulations and issues.

Media Law in the Internet Age - ELEC 1235 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT), TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

Explores the law that applies to the media as it gathers and disseminates information, how this body of law is applied in a world dominated by the Internet, the 24-hour news cycle, and the rise of citizen journalism.

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Medical Malpractice - ELEC 888 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT).

Focuses on contemporary legal and medical issues particular to medical and dental malpractice.

Medical Marijuana & the Law - ELEC 1233 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines the states' legislative process, including power and limitations, federal law and states' rights, conflict of laws, supremacy, statutory construction, and the role of the court and its functions in regard to legislative and executive powers. Students will review and discuss criminal and civil issues in regard to the application, interpretation, and enforcement of medical marijuana laws, including penal law, civil forfeiture, contracts, family law, employment law, taxing powers, zoning, and licensing regulation. The course addresses the moral and ethical issues inherent in the subject of drugs and the law. No exam.

MI Essay Workshop - BARP 160 LECT

Credits: 0

This three day workshop provides substantive lectures on Michigan law not covered in our core required courses, including updates on recent developments. In addition, students answer actual bar exam questions and receive model answers and additional feedback on successful test taking strategies and skills. Students also receive a book of actual bar exam questions, model answers, and student answers for future use and study. No Exam.

Michigan Comparative Procedure - ELEC 866 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT).

Covers civil procedure under Michigan Court Rules, and other matters related to civil practice in Michigan.

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Michigan Criminal Practice - ELEC 909 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Includes counseling the accused, defenses, and trial strategy, both prosecutorial and defense, with a focus on Michigan Law. (A different course, ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, is designed for students who plan to practice outside Michigan or Florida.)

Michigan District Court Practice - ELEC 910 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Reviews practice in the district courts emphasizing both procedural rules and substantive concepts. Both criminal and civil practice are involved. Emphasis is placed on substantive areas the practitioner uses most often in Michigan district courts.

Michigan Drunk Driving Law & Prac. - ELEC 1119 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the prosecution and defense of Michigan's most common crime: Operating While Intoxicated (OWI). Topics include the substantive law of OWI, the law and science of breath and blood testing, substantive & procedural motions, trial, sentencing, administrative law, and ethics.

Michigan No-Fault Insurance - ELEC 1078 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Provides an in-depth analysis of Michigan's No-Fault insurance law. Both first-party (contract) benefits and third-party (tort) benefits will be explored, including what is required to trigger these benefits under Michigan's No-Fault Act. In addition to covering the statutory and case law necessary to understand Michigan's No-Fault coverage, includes practice information; such as claims handling requirements, proving a threshold injury, and uninsured and under insured coverage.

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Military Law - ELEC 944 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Considers the military lawyer's role and function in the United States military establishment focusing on the Army Judge General's Corps as the model for all services. Examines the organization and operation of the military court structure and its relationship with commanders. Emphasizes military criminal and disciplinary law, claims and tort liability, and administrative law. Covers legal assistance services, international affairs and law, litigation and real estate matters.

Modern Real Estate Practice - ELEC 1258 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This is a skills based course. The goal is to develop the necessary skills required to represent clients in connection with modern real estate transactions. This course will include a study of the common issues that arise during the sales, leasing and development process, including, without limitation, the financing, constructing and leasing of residential and commercial real estate projects. Due diligence process, zoning and land use concerns, declarations, easements and a review of survey and title matters will be addressed. Students will also review, analyze, draft and study techniques of negotiation for various real estate documents. No exam.

Modern Real Estate Transactions - ELEC 961 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is largely transaction and problem oriented. Discusses problems involving real estate transactions: acquisition, development, operation and disposition with financing and tax considerations. Develops skills to help clients plan for shopping centers, office buildings, apartment complexes and other major projects.

Moot Court (Intra-School) - ELEC 1011 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Appellate practice in a learn-by-doing environment. Students compete in two-person teams representing the parties in a mock appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court. The first two-thirds of the term is devoted primarily to preparation of a written brief. The last one-third of the term is devoted to oral argument of the issues raised in the written briefs. Top competitors are invited to represent Cooley Law School in national competitions. May not be on 2nd term probation. No Exam.

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Moot Court (National Teams) - ELEC 979 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND MOOT COURT (INTRASCHOOL) (ELEC1011LECT).

Students are preselected. Students participate in preparation of a case based on a problem received from the competition sponsors. The regional oral arguments are held in the fall or winter; the prevailing law schools advance to the national competitions. Competitions include: National Appellate Advocacy Team (ABA), National Team (Young Lawyers Committee of the Bar of the City of New York and the American College of Trial Lawyers), Frederick Douglass Competition (National Black Student Lawyers), Environmental Moot Court, Jessup International Law Competition. No Exam.

Mortgages and Land Contracts - ELEC 926 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers creation, discharge, default, foreclosure, redemption, priorities, and alternative means of land financing.

Multistate Essay Exam Workshop - BARP 140 LECT

Credits: 0

Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) is a standardized essay examination administered as part of the bar exam in 17 jurisdictions. Because of the distinctive topics and testing format of the examination, this workshop introduces the student to the MEE through a video lecture about the basics of the MEE, the approach to the MEE, and recently tested subjects on the MEE. Students are then given the opportunity to take a 30-minute simulated MEE followed by a lecture covering essay writing skills and a deconstruction of the practice exam. MEE Jurisdictions: AL, AZ, AR, CO, CT, HI, ID, IL, IA, KY, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NM, ND, OR, RI, SD, UT, WA (2013), WV, WI, DC, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and Palau.

Multistate Performance Test (MPT) Workshop - BARP 180 LECT

Credits: 0

A two-day, half-day workshop designed to provide current bar takers with strategies and practice in taking the MPT. The workshop will be available live online through Blackboard.

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Negotiation National Team - ELEC 1104 LECT

Credits: 2

Students are preselected. Students research and prepare for negotiation based on a problem received from the competition sponsors. Students conduct negotiation in regional competition. No exam.

Negotiation Skills - ELEC 1106 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Explores components of the negotiation process and methods of negotiation. Students will define and hopefully refine their own negotiating styles; learn effective methods of confronting and managing difficult issues, as well as strategies for dealing with negotiation obstacles. They will learn negotiation ethics and consider negotiation within the context of the attorney-client relationship. Students will role play negotiations and prepare several short papers. No Exam.

New York Comparative Procedure - ELEC 985 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT).

Covers civil procedure under the New York Court Rules, and other matters related to civil practice in New York.

Oil & Gas Law - ELEC 956 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers theories of ownership, the Rule of Capture, correlative rights, state regulation, pooling, environmental concerns, leases, mineral estates, royalties, co-tenants, and trespassers.

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Orientation - ELEC 8000 LECT

Credits: 0

New Student Orientation.

Personal and Professional Responsibility - PROF 308 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT).

Examines the ethical dimensions of the lawyer's role, duty, and tactics as advisor, counselor, and problem-solver in civil and criminal settings. Includes the study of the ethical obligations of the profession in delivering legal services. Covers the American Bar Association Model Code of Professional Responsibility, Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and Code of Judicial Conduct.

PMBE - BARP 100 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT) AND CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT) AND PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT) AND PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) AND TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT) AND TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT).

This three day program begins with a one day released Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), followed by two days of feedback lectures covering all questions tested. This program is an excellent way to familiarize yourself with the MBE, which virtually all states require their applicants to take. In addition to the 200 multiple-choice question exam, administered under actual MBE conditions, our full-time faculty will provide a two day feedback session covering all 200 of the questions tested. In addition, students will receive the MBE questions, written diagnostic feedback answers, and individualized subject by subject computer feedback.

Police-Civil Liability - ELEC 785 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers civil liability under 42 USC section 1983 with special emphasis on police liability.

Pretrial Skills - ELEC 510 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT).

Covers the pretrial aspects of representing clients, including interviewing, counseling, pleading preparation, negotiating, discovery, motions, and pretrial preparation. Includes simulated client contact, discovery proceedings, and settlement negotiations. Students will receive instruction on persuasive legal writing, brief form and content, and oral advocacy and will prepare written motions and briefs. Students will present oral arguments before a circuit court judge. No Exam.

Private Practice Externship - CLIN 5009 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. There is a classroom component for small group discussion. No Exam.

Probate Court Practice - ELEC 939 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers winding up a decedent's affairs, evaluation of assets in the estate for probate and for tax purposes, immediate post-mortem estate planning, liquidity considerations, probating of small estates, will contest litigation, guardianships, trust estates, conservatorships and adoptions.

Products Liability - ELEC 936 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers liabilities of various parties in the chain of distribution. Includes theories of liability of manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, as well as concepts of defectiveness, causation, proofs and remedies, and defenses based upon plaintiff's conduct. Compares traditional negligence and strict liability theories.

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Professional Development Series - I - COMP 111 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: NONE.

The WMU-Cooley Professional Development Series (PDS) spans the entire 90 credits of your law school enrollment and is designed to:

- 1) Guide you through law school and connect you to school resources,
- 2) Help you continue your professional development,
- 3) Provide you with tools to help you pass the Bar Exam,
- 4) Prepare you for success in your job search, or career enhancement, and
- 5) Contribute to a successful legal career.

Because the program is completely on-line, you can access assignments when you please to complete them by the deadline, which is week 8, for each part. Instructors will monitor your progress and answer your questions along the way.

Professional Development Series - II - COMP 112 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES - I (COMP111LECT).

Please refer to Professional Development Series - I for description.

Professional Development Series - III - COMP 113 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES - II (COMP112LECT).

Please refer to Professional Development Series - I for description.

Professional Development Series - IV - COMP 114 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES - III (COMP113LECT).

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Professional Development Series - V - COMP 115 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES - IV (COMP114LECT).

Please refer to Professional Development Series - I for description.

Professional Development Series - VI - COMP 116 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES - V (COMP115LECT).

Please refer to Professional Development Series - I for description.

Property I - PRSE 109 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: NONE.

Covers the private ownership and possession of real property, estates in land, introduction to mortgages, and the transfer of property for value or gratuitously.

Property II - PRSE 207 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT).

Involves land-use fundamentals: landlord-tenant rights and duties, neighbors' rights, easements, covenants and servitudes, zoning and subdivision controls, eminent domain and inverse condemnation.

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Prosecutors Externship - CLIN 5000 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. There is a classroom component for small group discussion. No Exam.

Public Defender Clinic - Washtenaw - CLIN 5018 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT).

Working for the Washtenaw County Public Defender's office in Ann Arbor, students are allowed to practice law under Michigan Court Rule 8.120. Students appear in court under the supervision of an assistant defender and with the approval of the judge. Students interview, counsel and represent indigent defendants charged with misdemeanors and felonies. The clinic class is taught by Cooley clinic faculty at Lansing. Students may enroll in the clinic once they have completed 40 credit hours and are preselected. No Exam.

Public Defender Clinic - Washtenaw Advanced - CLIN 5027 CLNC

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT).

Public Defender Clinic - West Michigan - CLIN 5023 EXTE

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT), AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT)

Working for the Kent County Public Defender's office in Grand Rapids, or the Muskegon County Public Defender's office in Muskegon, students are allowed to practice law under Michigan Court Rule 8.120. Students appear in court under the supervision of an assistant defender and with the approval of the judge. Students interview, counsel and represent indigent defendants charged with misdemeanors and felonies. The clinic class is taught by Cooley clinic faculty at Grand Rapids. Students may enroll in the clinic once they have completed 40 credit hours and are preselected.

Race and the Supreme Court - ELEC 1074 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines the history of Supreme Court cases dealing with race and ethnicity. Representative topics include Native American land titles cases, slavery, voting rights, criminal procedure cases dealing with trial rights, discrimination in travel and accommodations, deportation, education, and affirmative action. The course covers race cases chronologically rather than thematically to get historical appreciation of the Supreme Court's treatment of racial issues. No Exam.

Regulation of Health Care Systems - ELEC 1066 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers licensing, quality assessment and risk management, EMTLA, ERISA, the False Claims Act, fraud and abuse under Medicaid and Medicare.

Research & Writing - RESW 214 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT) AND CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT).

Centers on the skills of legal research, writing and analysis. Students are also taught the principle of good legal writing, plain English, and citation form. They write several papers, including three law-office memorandums that emphasize the analysis, synthesis, and application of law. Students can have draft conferences on at least two of the memos and receive extensive feedback on all three. Students also prepare a resume appropriate for applying for a law clerk or attorney position.

The research instruction covers the evaluation and use of primary and secondary state and national authorities and the major secondary authorities relied on in the practice of law. Students work through a series of self-guided audiotapes designed to teach the process of research, along with legal analysis. They receive six hours of training in electronic research. To be taken in final term of year one.

Restorative Justice - ELEC 1140 LECT

Credits: 2

This course introduces students to the procedural, practical, and theoretical aspects of restorative processes, including circles, conferences, and peer court. It compares and contrasts retributive and restorative justice. Students will learn how to conduct restorative circles, conferences, and peer court and how to incorporate these processes into the justice system, governmental administrative law processes, human resource personnel procedures, and school/college/university student disciplinary codes. Courses in ADR, Civil Mediation or Domestic Mediation are recommended but not required.

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Sales - ELEC 621 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT) AND CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers Uniform Commercial Code Articles 2 and 3, with limited coverage of Article 4.

Scholarly Writing - ELEC 1009 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Includes training in advanced research, the use of authority and proper citation form, the principles of legal writing, and the basics of editing. Each student will write a casenote or comment during the term. This course is a prerequisite to participate in Law Review and to serve on the Journal of Practical and Clinical Law Board of Editors. No Exam.

Secured Transactions - PRSE 604 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: PROPERTY I (PRSE109 LECT).

Addresses the rights and obligations accompanying security interests in personal property. Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code is studied in detail along with portions of the Federal Bankruptcy Code.

Sixty Plus Advanced - CLIN 1091 CLNC

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: SIXTY PLUS CLINIC I (CLIN1032CLNC) AND SIXTY PLUS CLINIC II (CLIN1033CLNC) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

By invitation only.

Experienced Sixty Plus students develop their legal skills by continuing with a selected Sixty Plus caseload, supervising Estate Planning students, and completing other client related projects. No Exam.

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Sixty Plus Clinic I - CLIN 1032 CLNC

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: Personal and Professional Responsibility, Research and Writing.
Students are preselected; 40 credit hours minimum.

Students interview, counsel and problem-solve for clients with real-life legal matters. Students act as primary attorney engaging in a range of activities including interviewing, counseling, and when appropriate to the case, research, investigation, document drafting, court or mediation advocacy, and negotiation. Students work in a teaching law office located in the Lansing Cooley Center using legal technology tools. Students work in teams and are closely supervised by a faculty member. Sixty Plus is a non-profit corporation that provides free legal representation to senior citizens in a wide variety of civil matters, including but not limited to estate planning, family law, guardianships, consumer, real property, probate and contract disputes. Students work under student practice rule MCR 8.120. Students who enroll for 3 credits must complete 90 hours of field work and also complete Sixty Plus Clinic II. Students who enroll for 5 or 6 credits will complete the course in one term but must complete 150 or 180 hours of field work in that term. No Exam.

Sixty Plus Clinic II - CLIN 1033 CLNC

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: SIXTY PLUS CLINIC I (CLIN1032ONSI)

Second-term clinic students continue and expand on work in Sixty Plus I. No exam.

Sixty Plus Clinic Advanced

Prerequisites: Successful Completion of either Sixty Plus I and II combined, or the 5 or 6 credit option of Sixty Plus I. By invitation only. Students arrange to work on advanced projects in the Sixty Plus Clinic.

Sixty Plus/Estate Planning - CLIN 1054 CLNC

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Students, acting pursuant to MCR 8.120, interview clients who need wills, medical powers of attorney, and durable powers of attorney. Students prepare and finalize all documents. Students work closely with experienced Sixty Plus students and a faculty member. This class was designed for evening and weekend students unable to participate in the 2-term Sixty Plus clinic. No Exam.

Skills Teaching Assistant - ELEC 1251 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT)

By professor invitation only.

The Teaching Assistant (TA) will assist the professor in a Skills class. The professor will provide a written document to the TA prior to registration outlining the expectations for the course, the learning objectives for the TA and how the course will be graded. No exam.

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Slavery and Trafficking - ELEC 1243 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT)

Combines a detailed analysis of the Atlantic Slave Trade and the evolution of Civil Rights Law in the United States with an exploration of modern day human trafficking and the various legal means for combating modern day slavery. No exam, weekly papers required.

No Exam

Sports Law - ELEC 969 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers amateur and professional sports law. Examines the contractual relationship between player and club including labor aspects, antitrust issues, injury and tax problems.

State & Federal Agencies Externship - CLIN 5014 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. There is a classroom component for small group discussion. No Exam.

State Administrative Law - ELEC 1059 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (ELEC622LECT).

Examines the principles governing the theory, practice, and procedures of state administrative law. Covers delegation, separation of powers, access to information, rulemaking, due process, adjudication, and judicial review.

Final Exam or No Exam is at the discretion of the professor.

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State and Local Government Law - ELEC 1202 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT)

Explores state and local governments: their forms, relationships, creation, structure, powers, financing, liability and the relationship of state and local governments, public employees, and citizens.

Sustainable Development Law and Policy - ELEC 1208 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) and RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Introduces students to sustainability concepts and the legal, regulatory and corporate governance that now often requires the implementation of sustainable practices, the metrics that measure success or failure, and the incentives available to make organizations sustainable.

Tax Fraud - ELEC 859 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines civil and criminal tax fraud, emphasizing the difference between tax avoidance and tax evasion. Includes a review of the statutory elements of civil and criminal tax fraud and the study of administrative summonses, grand jury subpoenas and the rights of witnesses and targets.

Taxation - TXBW 516 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

An in-depth study of federal income taxation, including the concepts of income, identification of the proper taxpayer, deductions, characterization of income, and the timing, deferral and non-recognition of income.

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Taxation for the Bankruptcy Law Practitioner - ELEC 1220 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT)

Addresses tax issues that arise in a bankruptcy practice. Covers debt priority, liens, levies, debt modification (bankruptcy versus nonbankruptcy debt modification), equity for debt recapitalizations, and deductibility of expenses incurred during a bankruptcy.

Taxation for the Family Law Practitioner - ELEC 1217 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT)

Considers tax provisions that are relevant for the family law practitioner. Takes an in-depth look at the tax consequences of child support, alimony, and division of property. Also considers the deductibility of costs incurred in a divorce proceeding, filing status, innocent spouse issues, various child-related deductions, and child-related tax credits.

Taxation for the Real Estate Practitioner - ELEC 1219 LECT

Credits: 2

PREQUISITE: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT)

This course considers tax issues faced by a real estate practitioner. It covers qualifying as a "dealer," like-kind exchanges, condominium sales, issues arising from rental real estate, application of the at-risk and passive activity loss provisions, real estate financing, REITS, charitable gifts of real estate, and sale of a personal residence.

Taxation for the Solo or Small Firm Practitioner - ELEC 1218 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT)

This course goes beyond the tax provisions covered in the Individual Income Tax Course, and will cover issues relevant to the operation of a small firm or issues likely to arise in a small general practice. In the area of gross income, it takes an in-depth look at the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and the tax consequences of litigation awards. It considers various deductions including those for entertainment and business meals expenses, fringe benefits, charitable contributions, and deductions associated with dual use property. It also covers hobby losses, sales of a business, and various emerging issues.

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Taxation of Business Entities - ELEC 1094 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT) AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Includes a comparative study of the tax effects resulting from formation, operation, and partial or total liquidation of corporations (including "S Corporations") and partnerships (including LLC's). Emphasizes the "non-recognition" sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

Teaching Assistant - ELEC 1262 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT)

By professor invitation only.

The Teaching Assistant (TA) will assist the professor. The professor will provide a written document to the TA prior to registration outlining the expectations for the course, the learning objectives for the TA and how the course will be graded. No exam.

Torts I - TOEQ 106 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: NONE.

Covers intentional interference with person and property, privileges, negligence liability, including duty rules, breach and causation, and the defenses of comparative and contributory negligence and assumption of the risk.

Torts II - TOEQ 304 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT).

Covers damages, including wrongful death and survival actions, immunities, statutes of limitation, joint and several liability, vicarious liability, strict liability, products liability, workers' compensation, misrepresentation, defamation, and invasion of privacy.

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Trial Skills - ELEC 1018 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores fundamental trial skills in a learning-by-doing setting. Students practice opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing argument. Emphasizes introduction of evidence. No Exam.

Trial Skills (National Teams) - ELEC 925 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TRIAL SKILLS (ELEC1018LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

By audition and selection only. Teams of students prepare to handle a simulated trial leading to a competition conducted by the A.B.A. and A.T.L.A., or another sponsoring agency. Regional competitions are at various times throughout the year. No Exam.

Veterans Law Seminar - ELEC 1240 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the laws impacting US veterans, the federal administrative process by which claims are processed, the types of claims most commonly raised, and the relevant regulatory, statutory and case law. No Exam; paper required.

Water Law - ELEC 876 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Addresses the issues of riparian rights and the relationship to ownership of land, prior appropriation, water transfers, administration of water rights. Emphasizes the special problems of groundwater and public rights to water, including navigability; federal reclamation and irrigation systems; and federal water quality and pollution regulation, including wetlands protection.

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Wildlife Management Law - ELEC 1253 LECT

Credits: 2

PREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT)

A study of how the legal system deals with wildlife issues. Federal law will also be considered, but the primary focus will be at the 50-state law level. State fish and wildlife agencies are the governmental entity with the primary responsibility for managing wildlife on state and federal land. Reviews wildlife related laws from a variety of perspectives, including those that recognize sustainable use as a valid conservation, and regulated hunting as a component of conservation and sound wildlife management.

Wills Estates & Trusts - TXBW 517 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Introduces students to the general concepts of succession to property. Covers intestate succession, family protection, and the law of wills. Also covers trusts and introduces students to transfer taxes.

Workers Compensation Law - ELEC 934 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Coverage, practice and procedure under the various state workers' disability compensation laws. Covers remedies for an injured worker under workers' disability compensation, social security, unemployment, third party actions, and first party actions.

Wrongful Convictions Seminar - ELEC 1215 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT)

Explores the causes of and possible remedies for wrongful convictions in the United States. Take-home examination.

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Zoning and Land Use Planning - ELEC 935 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT).

Covers zoning, public and private land development, urban renewal, master plans, subdividing, wetlands, open space and farmlands preservation.