

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
JUVENILE LAW
FALL SEMESTER 2021
SYLLABUS-JUVENILE LAW-COURSE NO. 726

PROFESSOR A. WALKER

COURSE: Juvenile Law

SECTION: One

ROOM: LSB 105

TIME: Mon. and Wed. 3:00-3:50 p.m.

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REQUIRED TEXT: Cases and Material in Juvenile Law Latest Edition
(J. Eric Smithburn Lexis Nexis, Matthew Bender)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Juvenile law is a (2) two credit course (fall) which is designed to provide students with a complete and comprehensive understanding of juvenile law and the juvenile criminal justice system. This course will explore various topics impacting issues relevant to Juvenile Law.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To provide students with a carefully structured history and philosophy of the Juvenile Criminal Justice system. To effectively present the legal and social problems associated with juvenile delinquency, the juvenile court system, and child welfare laws.

In addition, the course will focus on children's rights in public school, special advocacy for children, mental health commitment and alternative systems of dispute resolutions. Students will be challenged with legal problems facing juveniles and will be able to analyze possible legal solutions.

Grades are based on the following:

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| Weekly Class Presentations | 50% |
| Final Exam- Multi State/Short Answer | 50% |
| | Total 100% |

***Office Hours: Mon. Wed. 12:00-1:00 p.m. and 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE-Class attendance and participation is **mandatory**
(See Student Rules of matriculation for details on absences)

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| <u>DAY</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>READING ASSIGNMENT</u> |
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| Monday Wednesday | August 16, 2021 August 18, 2021 | Course Introduction History of Juvenile System: Pg. 1-18 |
| Monday Wednesday | August 23, 2021 August 25, 2021 | Juvenile Delinquency: Pg. 21-70 Continued: Presentation |
| Monday Wednesday | August 30, 2021 September 1, 2021 | Continued: Presentation Delinq. Intake Process Pg. 73-139 |
| Monday Wednesday | September 6, 2021 September 8, 2021 | LABOR DAY: Continued: Presentation |
| Monday Wednesday | September 13, 2021 September 15, 2021 | Continued: Presentation The Waiver Decision Pg. 211-255 |
| Monday Wednesday | September 20, 2021 September 22, 2021 | Continued: Presentation Continued: Presentation |
| Monday Wednesday | September 27, 2021 September 29, 2021 | Disposition: Pg. 325-375 Disposition: Pg. 376-405 |
| Monday Wednesday | October 4, 2021 October 6, 2021 | Disposition: Pg. 407-474 Continued: Presentation |
| Monday Wednesday | October 11, 2021 October 13, 2021 | The Child as a Victim Pg. 475-518 The Child as a Victim: Pg. 518-555 |
| Monday Wednesday | October 18, 2021 October 19, 2021 | Continued: Presentation State Protection: Pg. 563-590 |
| Monday Wednesday | October 25, 2021 October 27, 2021 | Continued: Presentation Foster Parents: Pg. 781-822 |

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| Monday | November 1, 2021 | Continued: Presentation |
| Wednesday | November 3, 2021 | Medical & Psych: Pg. 835-911 |
| Monday | November 8, 2021 | Continued: Presentation |
| Wednesday | November 10, 2021 | Continued: Presentation |
| Monday | November 15, 2021 | Term. Parental Rights Pg. 913-1028 |
| Wednesday | November 17, 2021 | Continued: Presentation |
| Monday | November 22, 2021 | Continued: Presentation |

LAST DAY OF CLASS

November 24, 2021 (No Class) Reading Period

***FINAL EXAMS NOVEMBER 29, THRU DECEMBER 10, 2021
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

***CLASS RULES:**

Absences: Per the rules of matriculation, students are allowed 3 unexcused absences.

Accommodations: **ADA:** Students with disabilities, if you are seeking classroom accommodations under the American Disabilities Act, you are required to register with the Dean of Students Services. To receive academic accommodations for this class, please obtain the proper Disability Service forms and meet with the Dean of Student Services and Instructional Support at TMSL at the beginning of the semester. You may also contact SASO via e-mail at DisabilityServices@tsu.edu or by phone at 713-313-4210.

Tardiness: Classes begin promptly at the scheduled time.

Participation: All students are expected to prepare for every class. Students are required to brief all cases assigned.