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THE PROFESSOR

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NOTE FROM THE PROFESSOR:

This syllabus is not a contract and is subject to change.
COURSE BOOKS & MATERIAL

*Understanding Immigration Law and Practice*
By: Ayodele Gansallo and Judith Bernstein-Baker
Publisher: Wolters Kluwer

Immigration Law Handbook
Publisher: LexisNexis
COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVE

DESCRIPTION:

The Immigration Law Clinic is operated as an in-house live-client clinic, which falls into conjunction with the Clinical Legal Studies Program.

OBJECTIVE:

Immigration Law Clinic is dedicated to giving its students an experiential learning experience. The objective of this program is to train students for real practice in the field of Immigration Law.
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

This Immigration Law clinic presents students with an opportunity to acquire valuable and practical experience in the area of immigration law. The course assists in developing skills in the areas of client interviewing, investigative techniques, drafting of Immigration Law pleadings and forms, pre-trial motion practice, plea negotiations, courtroom presentation, and trial and oral advocacy skills. Students may be presented with the opportunity of a trial in the Immigration Law clinic as well. Students completing this course must demonstrate competency in handling cases from the initial client interview through court proceedings.
# Grading

The grading plan for the class is calculated as follows:

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<td>Community Service</td>
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<td>Case Assignments</td>
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<td>Court Brief for Relief</td>
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<td>Reflection Paper (1-3 pages)</td>
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<td>Class Participation</td>
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**Total Percentage:** 100%

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you require special accommodations, please fill out the necessary forms with the Dean’s office. Your application and documentation will remain confidential. Your prompt attention will allow the law school to accommodate you, as soon as it has been made aware of your situation.

Please check the school website. www.tsulaw.edu
PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE & PROFESSIONALISM

CLASS ROOM MEETING TIMES & DAYS

Each student will be assigned to complete 2 “clinic hours” per week at the TMSL Legal Clinic.

Attendance is mandatory. If you are not able to attend Clinic, you must contact your supervising attorney or the Office Manager.
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*****TENTATIVE *****ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019- 2020

### FALL SEMESTER ACCELERATED (TURBO) COURSE
- First Day of Accelerated Summer: Monday, August 5, 2019
- Last Day to Add/Drop Classes: Monday, August 5, 2019
- Last Day of Classes: Friday, August 16, 2019

### FALL SEMESTER 2019 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)
- Orientation: Monday-Friday, August 12-16, 2019
- First Day of Class: Monday, August 19, 2019
- Last Day to Add/Drop: Wednesday, August 21, 2019
- Labor Day (NO CLASSES): Monday, September 2, 2019
- Labor Day (Unpaid Course Selections): Wednesday, September 18, 2019
- Mid Term Examinations: Mon-Fri, October 14-18, 2019
- Last Day of Classes: Monday, November 25, 2019
- Last Day to Drop a Class: Monday, November 25, 2019
- First Year Professors' Grades due: Monday, November 25, 2019
- Reading Period (NO CLASS): Tue-Wed, November 26-27, 2019
- Thanksgiving Holiday: Thurs-Fri, November 28-29, 2019
- Reading Period (NO CLASS): Sat-Sun, November 30-December 1, 2019
- Final Examinations: Monday-Friday, December 2-December 13, 2019
- Commencement Exercises: Saturday, December 14, 2019

### SPRING SEMESTER 2020 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)
- School Opens: Thursday, January 2, 2020
- First Day of Class: Monday, January 13, 2020
- Last Day to ADD/DROP: Wednesday, January 15, 2020
- MLK Holiday (No Classes): Monday, January 20, 2020
- Purge of all unpaid course selections: Friday, February 7, 2020
- Mid Term Examinations: Mon-Fri, March 9-13, 2020
- Spring Break: Mon-Fri, March 16-20, 2020
- Spring Break (University Closed): Wed-Fri, March 18-20, 2020
- Good Friday (No Classes): Friday, April 10, 2020
- Last Day of Classes: Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- Last Day to Drop a Class: Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- First Year Professors' Grades due: Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- Reading Period (No Classes): Wed-Sun, April 29-May 3, 2020
- Final Examinations: Mon-Fri, May 4-May 15, 2020
- Hooding Ceremony: Friday, May 15, 2020
- Commencement Exercises: Saturday, May 16, 2020

Please note that the calendar events and dates are subject to change.

Updated April 2019
POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Every student is required to meet with Professor Nguyen once a week to discuss casework, questions, and the overall clinic class.

Furthermore, every student must complete a total of 252 hours of clinic work. This includes the mandatory 6 “clinic hours” at the TMSL Legal Clinic.

Finally, every student is required to meet with Professor Nguyen for an exit interview, which will serve as his or her final evaluation in the clinic.

Failure to comply with the policies above will result in dismissal from the Immigration Law Clinic Program and a drop from this course.
## Reading Assignments

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<td>I. Week 9-</td>
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