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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:

Community Service	10%
Case Assignments	20%
Court Brief for Relief	40%
Reflection Paper (1-3 pages)	20%
Class Participation	10%
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.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR



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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
<i>Purge of all unpaid course selections</i>	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 – Dec 1, 2019
Final Examinations	Monday - Friday	December 2 - Dec. 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
M L K Holiday (No Classes)	Monday	January 20, 2020
<i>Purge of all unpaid course selections</i>	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 /or 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

A. Week 1- <i>Understanding Immigration Law and Practice</i>	Read Chapter 1
B. Week 2-	Read Chapter 2
C. Week 3-	Read Chapter 3
D. Week 4-	Read Chapter 4
E. Week 5-	Read Chapter 5
F. Week 6-	Read Chapter 6
G. Week 7-	Read Chapter 7
H. Week 8-	Read Chapter 8
I. Week 9-	Read Chapter 9 and 10
J. Week 10-	Read Chapter 11 and 12