REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

SPRING - 2016

APPROVED ________________________________   DATE ________________________________

LAW 802 – INDEPENDENT RESEARCH I __________

LAW 803 – INDEPENDENT RESEARCH II __________

Name ________________________________   Date ________________________________

Phone ________________________________   E-mail ________________________________

T Number ________________________________   Professor’s Name ________________________________

1. Fill out the Independent Research Application located at www.tsulaw.edu or get a hard copy from Mrs. Johnson in the Dean’s Area, on Dean Mouton’s TWEN website for Independent Research, or download this form, fill out and submit as directed.

2. Select a topic. Research statutes, case law, and Constitutions related to your topic.

3. Write an exhaustive outline citing applicable sources you found on Item 2 above organizing how you will write your paper

4. Submit completed application with outline attached, to your supervising faculty.

5. After faculty has approved and signed, submit the signed application and outline to Dean Mouton for approval.

6. The paper must be equivalent in scope to a Law Review article of at least 20 double spaced typewritten pages, excluding the cover, table of contents, footnotes, and Table of Authorities, written on a topic of your choice.

7. Submit the written application for Independent Research with your signature and your supervising faculty member’s signature. Attach an exhaustive outline for the paper. (Refer to the first reading assignment in Scholarly Writing for Law Students, Chapters 1-4. The book is required for this course and may be purchased in the university bookstore or wherever law books are sold. Good examples of acceptable outlines are on pp. 85-87).

8. Get Dean Mouton’s written approval to register for this course.

9. Register for the course during the registration period. You will need to contact Mrs. Johnson to register, as this is a closed enrollment course.
GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. No student will be allowed to register for Law 802 or Law 803 who:
   a. Has an unfinished paper in a course in which an “I” is pending
   b. Does not have a grade of “C” or better in any course that is a foundation course for the paper.
   c. Does not have written approval of the supervising professor.
   d. Does not have written approval of Dean Mouton.
   e. Has not completed Appellate Litigation.

2. A student must first enroll in Law 802, Independent Research I in one semester before he/she can register in Law 803 Independent Research II.

3. A student may enroll in Law 803, Independent Research II, only after having successfully completed Law 802 with a minimum grade of “B”. *This does not prevent a student from submitting an application for Law 803. However, the grade must be submitted prior to the approval to enroll.*

4. If a student applies to register in Law 803, the student must show that the proposed paper is substantially different from the work done by the student in Law 802, even if the topics are related.

5. The student must submit an exhaustive outline of the proposed paper to the supervising professor.

6. The supervising professor must be teaching in, or have competence in, the general area of the proposed student research.

7. The supervising professor and student must meet at least monthly on or before the scheduled meeting dates with professors as listed on the syllabus.

8. The student must submit the completed paper to his supervising professor and submit a duplicate copy to Dean Mouton’s office on the date the paper is due for submission. Dean Mouton’s office will verify that the paper has met minimum page requirements, minimum footnote requirements, as well as other format requirements. The supervising professor will grade the substantive requirements of the paper and submit a grade to Dean Mouton on or before grades are due to be submitted.
GUIDELINES FOR AN APPROVED OUTLINE

1. Refer to the first reading assignment in Scholarly Writing for Law Students, Chapters 1-4. The outline must include proper citations as evidence of preliminary research. Good examples of acceptable outlines are on pp. 85-87.*

2. The paper should be
   a. of Law Review quality
   b. at least 20 double spaced typewritten pages in length, excluding the cover, table of contents, footnotes, and Table of Authorities, and Honor Code Statement
   c. properly foot noted or end noted with at least 100 footnotes

*Source for guidance: Elizabeth Fajans and Mary R. Falk, Scholarly Writing for Law Students, Thomson West
APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR

Law 802 - Independent Research I
Or
Law 803 - Independent Research II

SPRING 2016

1. Student Name: __________________________________________________________

2. Number of law school credit hours successfully completed. ____________________

3. Number of law school credit hours in which you are presently enrolled_____________

4. Number of incomplete (I) grades still pending _________________________________

5. List any courses you have taken where your FINAL grade was LESS than a “C”
   ___________________________________________________________________

6. Present law school cumulative grade point average ____________________________

7. Semester/Year/Grade Received in Appellate Litigation __________________________

8. Semester for which you are applying: Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _________

9. Course for which you are applying (Check One)
   __________ Law 802 Independent Research I
   __________ Law 803 Independent Research II

   • You cannot apply for Research II unless you have enrolled in Independent
     Research I and received a grade of “B” or better. This does not prevent a student
     from applying for Independent Research II. However, enrollment will not be
     approved until the Independent Research I grade is received from the professor.

10. Name of Professor sponsoring your paper (Please Print) _________________________

11. Proposed topic of your paper________________________________________________

12. If applying for Independent Research II please complete the following:

   Semester and Year enrolled in Independent Research I ___________________________
Supervising Professor ____________________________________________________________

Final Grade Received __________________________________________________________

13. Attach a copy of the DETAILED outline of your proposed research paper along with a brief summary explaining the purpose or significance of this research.

14. Meeting dates for review of progress on research.

| November 4, 2015 | 1st Meeting With Dean Mouton |
| Week of January 18-22, 2016 | Follow-up Meeting with Your Professor |
| February 10, 2016 | 2nd Meeting with Dean Mouton |
| Week of February 15-19, 2016 | 2nd Meeting with Your Professor |
| March 09, 2016 | 3rd Meeting with Dean Mouton |
| Week of March 21-25, 2016 | 3rd Meeting with Your Professor |
| May 13, 2016 | Final Paper Due to Professor |
| June 10, 2016 | Final Grade Due to Dean Mouton |

Signature of Applicant ___________________________________________ Date __________

Signature of Supervising Professor ____________________________ Date __________

Signature of Dean Mouton _______________________________________ Date __________

An application will be processed only if it has an attached outline of the proposed research area and the signatures of supervising Professor and Dean Mouton. Completed applications should be returned to Dean Mouton at the Law School.
This class is designed to give students an opportunity to research a legal topic and write a law review quality paper under the guidance of a tenured or tenure track professor. The student and professor will decide on a topic and develop an outline that the student will use to conduct research and write an original scholarly legal paper. This paper must not consist of any previous writing used in whole or in part in another course or journal submission. As coordinator of the guided researches, the instructor will conduct a series of classes to discuss the skills the students will use in writing their papers and consult with the students regarding the technical requirements of producing a quality paper. Substantive materials will not be discussed.

**Required Text:**

Scholarly Writing for Law Students, Fourth Edition  
Authors: Elizabeth Fajans and Mary R. Falk, West Group  

The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation, Twentieth Edition or [www.legalbluebook.com](http://www.legalbluebook.com)

**Recommended Texts:**

Academic Legal Writing, Third Edition  
Author: Eugene Volokh, Foundation Press  

Legal Analysis, The Fundamental Skill, Second Edition  
Authors: David S. Romantz and Kathleen Elliott Vinson

Writing and Analysis in the Law, Fifth Edition  
Authors: Shapo, Walter, Fajans, Foundation Press
Office Hours: Room 223 B, Dean’s Suite

Monday through Thursday: 2-5 p.m. Appointments, please.

**PAPERS DUE:** On or before 4 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2016  
**GRADES DUE:** On or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2016

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<td>Attend Information Session with Dean Mouton to discuss requirements for enrollment. Fill out application</td>
<td>Nov. 17-21, 2016</td>
<td>Chapters 1 – 4, Fajans and Falk Scholarly Writing in Law School, Choosing a Subject and Developing a Thesis, The Mostly Research Stage, Working Toward an Outline, Creating an Outline</td>
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<td>Submit application to Dean Mouton’s office for approval</td>
<td>On or Before December 10</td>
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<td>Notice of approval to each student on</td>
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<td>1st class meeting with Dean Mouton</td>
<td>January 14</td>
<td>Chapters 5-6, Fajans and Falk The Writing Process: Revising and Polishing, Footnotes and the Ethical Use of Borrowed Materials</td>
<td>Introduction to Basic Legal Citation, pp. 3-24</td>
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<td>Structure and Use of Citations, Rules 1 – 12, pp. 45—113.</td>
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**Class Attendance**

Roll is taken at the beginning of class. If you are not present when the roll is called, you will be marked absent. If you are present and leave class, whether you return or not, you will be marked absent. You are expected to attend class for the full 50 minutes allotted.