

SUMMER 2019 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

New Turbo Courses

Gender and the Law: This seminar will examine gender as it relates to the law. Different aspects of the law are discussed. Topics include workplaces, jobs, and workers come to be structure along gendered lines. The class will read theoretical accounts, empirical studies, and legal cases to obtain an understanding of the mechanisms through which work becomes gendered.

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault under Title IX: This seminar will examine Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its application in higher education with a focus on the legal and policy issues surrounding the investigation and adjudication of sexual harassment, including sexual violence, on college campuses. Recent national attention to the question of how schools should best address campus sexual assault, coupled with unprecedented activism regarding how best to balance the rights and interests of the accuser and the accused, contribute to a dynamic moment in Title IX jurisprudence.

Regular Summer Courses

Advanced Trial Practice: This course will address litigation techniques in much more depth, permitting students to hone skills learned in the basic Trial Simulation course, as well as to learn new ones. Topics will include pre-trial preparation techniques and pre-trial motions; witness interviewing and witness preparation skills; advanced voir dire techniques; use of litigation technology; identifying and making objections; examining expert witnesses; and ethical issues facing trial attorneys.

Business Planning: This course is designed to expose students to the advising of small business enterprises. An understanding of the various planning and counseling techniques is the primary objective of the course. As a first step, the course will outline the various types of business enterprises and present the student with general considerations for choosing between a corporation and a partnership. These considerations include business, financial, tax, and other factors. Further, the tax factors are given in-depth treatment. Second, the course will consider the issues of enterprise valuation, allocation of managerial control, design of the capital structure, and the tax incidents of a proposed corporation within the context of a business problem. Third, the course will focus upon the business planning associated with the continuing enterprise. The issues in this area include issuance of new securities, stock dividend distributions, revaluation of assets, reduction of capital to create surplus, along with the attendant tax aspects of the continuing enterprise. Finally, the course will consider the corporate and tax aspects incidental to the dissolution of a corporation. This problem will explore the various methods by which a corporation may be dissolved, the rights of creditors, the recognition and non-recognition of income, and the tax incidents to the shareholders of the liquidated corporation.

Employment Discrimination: Title VII: This course focuses on federal laws prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of race, sex, age, national origin, and handicap.

Financial Accounting for Lawyers: Financial accounting is the language of business. The lawyer who understands that language can better serve clients in a broad range of matters from tax, securities and business transactions to civil litigation, trusts and estates and family law. The course introduces financial accounting at a conceptual level, demonstrates thinking tools that can be used to understand complex transactions, makes liberal use of examples to illustrate accounting principles and reviews the significance of Enron and the other major accounting scandals of the early 21st century. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to read financial statements and work with a CPA to assess the health of a company, determine the value of a business, find hidden assets and liabilities and detect fraud.

Health Law: This course provides a general introduction to health law, policy, politics, and economics. Topics will include, among others, access to healthcare, patients' rights, the meaning and effect of "managed care," the relationship of healthcare to public health and selected issues in bioethics. Treatment of these issues in foreign healthcare systems will be analyzed to provide perspective on domestic issues.

Real Estate Transactions: This course will discuss the terms and legal issues involved in drafting, executing and enforcing residential real estate contracts, including obtaining and evaluating title evidence prior to closing and recovery for breach of title guarantees. Also, it will introduce certain basic commercial real estate transactions including processes and issues involved in housing subdivisions, condominiums, shopping centers and commercial leases.

Remedies: This course is a study of the nature and scope of judicial relief available after proper establishment of substantive right. It examines the bases for relief under theories of equity law and restitution. The course also covers the general principle of damages, specific performance, injunctions, rescission, restriction and reformation.

Seminar in Taxation: Tax Controversies: By the conclusion of this course, students should understand and be able to recognize the progression of a tax controversy matter from the filing (or non-filing) of a tax return to the final appeal to the Supreme Court. Students should be able to effectively navigate post-trial procedures and collection actions. Students should be able to distinguish between administrative processes and legal procedures controlled by the Court systems. Students should be able to identify proper responses to IRS and/or third party requests and be familiar with any time constraints associated with those communications. Students will be equipped with the information to properly navigate a tax controversy and understand each involved entity and its role in the process.

