# LAW-LAW

### LAW 5000 Professional Writing for Litigators

2-3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Legal Research & Writing I and II (LAW 5123 and LAW 5202). Provides students with the tools necessary to evaluate, modify, and design litigation documents (excluding substantive motions and briefs). The focus is on learning the processes necessary for effective written communication with clients and other professionals and for production of litigation-related documents. Completion of this course is required for the Litigation Certificate and does not satisfy any credit hour requirements for the J.D. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 5003 Argumentation and Public Speaking for Lawyers

**3 Credit Hours** 

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Explores the art of public speaking and argumentation to audiences typically encountered by lawyers. The course will focus on strategies and theories of communication that outline how to construct and deliver effective arguments, enabling students to hone their skills through practical applications. Completion of this course is required for the Litigation Certificate and does not satisfy any credit hour requirements for the J.D. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 5010 International Student Private Law Firm Internship

**0** Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Admission to College of Law; Acceptance into a summer Internship; Must be an International student here on an F-1 Visa. This course allows international juris doctor students with F-1 Visas to work in a private law firm internship. During the internship, students gain substantive legal experience while learning about a variety of legal concepts. The students will gain real-world experience so that they graduate from law school with practical legal experiences and a wellrounded skill set. (Su)

#### LAW 5103 **Civil Procedure I**

**3 Credit Hours** 

Civil procedure in state and federal courts; introductory survey of procedures by which questions of substantive law commonly are raised and determined; procedural and remedial background; law governing controversies in federal courts; details of procedure in a lawsuit, including forum selection, pleading, joinder of claims and parties, discovery, the pretrial conference, disposition without trial, trial before a judge or jury, post-trial motions and appeals; issue and claim preclusion. (F)

#### LAW 5114 Contracts

**4 Credit Hours** 

Prerequisite: admission to College of Law. Basic first-year survey course which explores the nature and enforceability of promises. Subjects include contract formation, performance, termination of contracts, material breach, remedies for breach of contract, mistake and excuse for nonperformance, statute of frauds, interpretation of contract language, conditions, assignment and delegation, and third party beneficiaries. (F)

### LAW 5123 Legal Research, Writing & Analysis I

**3 Credit Hours** 

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Focuses on the legal research, writing, and communication skills necessary for a lawyer to identify a client's legal issue; research and understand the relevant law; and precisely and objectively analyze how the law applies to the client's situation, so the lawyer can advise the client or decide how to best meet the client's goals. (F)

#### LAW 5130 Lincoln, the Constitution and the Crisis of the Union 2-3 Credit Hours

2 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: LAW 5134. Study of: 1) the constitutional debate about the character of a 'more perfect union' and federalism prior to 1861; 2) the limited commitment to human rights in the pre-1868 Constitution, and the antebellum inspirations for the Reconstruction constitutional amendments; 3) the national government's powers to preserve the Union, and the South's claim of a constitutional right to secede. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 5134 **Constitutional Law**

Selected issues, including: judicial review; the judicial process in construing and applying the United States Constitution; federal and state powers, federalism and separation of powers; an introduction to the concepts of equal protection and due process. (Sp)

#### LAW 5144 Torts

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Introduction to basic principles of civil liability, with study of selected issues, which may include intentional wrongs, negligence, strict liability, vicarious liability, defenses and immunities, comparative fault, assessment of damages. nuisance, products liability, misrepresentation, injuries to reputation, and alternative compensation systems. (F, Sp)

LAW 5153 Supreme Court Theory and Practice **3 Credit Hours** Prerequisite: LAW 5134. In this course on the decision-making processes and practices before and behind-the-scenes at the Supreme Court, students act as law clerks assisting in the review of pending certiorari petitions; lawyers arguing pending cases; justices voting on those cases and drafting judicial opinions deciding them; and scholars studying the Court's role as a key and controversial institution in our constitutional democracy. (F, Sp)

### LAW 5201 Introduction to Brief Writing

1 Credit Hour

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Admission to the College of Law and LAW 5123. Introduction to the principles and practice of written advocacy. Students complete a trial-level motion brief and appellate brief. While building on the analytical, writing, and research skills learned in LRWA I, this course focuses on the lawyer's need to become self-directed and reflective while engaging in increasingly complex research, legal analysis, writing, and editing for persuasion. (Sp)

#### LAW 5202 Legal Research, Writing & Advocacy II 2 Credit Hours Introduction to oral advocacy and brief writing. (Sp)

### LAW 5203 Civil Procedure II

Civil procedure in state and federal courts; introductory survey of procedures by which questions of substantive law commonly are raised and determined; procedural and remedial background; law governing controversies in federal courts; details of procedure in a lawsuit, including forum selection, pleading, joinder or claims and parties, discovery, the pretrial conference, disposition without trial, trial before a judge or jury, post-trial motions and appeals; issue and claim preclusion. (F)

### LAW 5223 Criminal Law

**3 Credit Hours** 

General principles of criminal responsibility and the elements of common law, statutory crimes, and defenses. Emphasis is placed on the subject of criminal intent. (Sp)

# LAW 5234 Property

Introduction to basic property concepts, including: adverse possession; estates in land; landlord and tenant; concurrent estates; nonpossessory interests (including easements, licenses, covenants and equitable servitudes); and real estate transactions. (Sp)

# 4 Credit Hours

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#### LAW 5301 **Oral Advocacy**

1 Credit Hour

Prerequisite: Admission to the College of Law and LAW 5201. Using appellate briefs written in Introduction to Brief Writing, students will study principles of oral advocacy and learn to effectively organize and make affirmative oral arguments and respond to questions and concerns in a simulated courtroom setting. The course culminates in three mock appellate-level oral arguments before panels of student judges, professors, practitioners, and judges. (Sp)

#### LAW 5303 Criminal Procedure: Investigation **3 Credit Hours**

Prerequisite: LAW 5223. Examines the constitutional criminal procedure of police investigations, including the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable search and seizure, the Fifth Amendment's guarantee of due process and privilege against compulsory selfincrimination, and the Sixth Amendment's right to counsel. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 5314 Evidence

**4 Credit Hours** 

Presentation of evidence; judicial control and legal reasoning in the determination of issues of fact; topics relating to the admissibility of evidence, including relevancy, testimonial and real evidence; the original writing rule: and topics relating to the exclusion of evidence, including hearsay, the right of confrontation and privileged communications. (F, Sp)

### LAW 5323 Professional Responsibility

The nature of law as a profession; problems facing the profession and the individual lawyer. Fundamentals of legal ethics and responsibilities, with emphasis on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct of the American Bar Association. (F, Sp, Su)

#### LAW 5403 Administrative Law

### **3 Credit Hours**

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Basic considerations relating to administrative agencies, including nondelegation doctrine, fact versus law distinction, agency rule making, adjudication, due process requirements, information gathering, and judicial review. (F, Sp, Su)

### LAW 5410 Bankruptcy

# 3-4 Credit Hours

3 to 4 hours. Rights and remedies of debtors and creditors; bankruptcy including liquidation, reorganization, and wage earner plans; attachment, judgment execution; garnishment, fraudulent conveyances, bulk sales and collection remedies including compositions and assignments. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 5433 Corporations

Formation of corporations; duties and powers of corporate management; corporate control; shareholder rights, shares, dividends; derivative suits, fundamental changes and dissolution. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 5434 **Business Associations**

**4 Credit Hours** 

**3 Credit Hours** 

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Introduction to the law of business associations with a focus on the modern corporation. Particular attention is directed to organizational structuring and the allocation of control among stockholders, directors, and officers. Federal securities law is introduced, but not covered in a substantial manner. Limited attention will also be given to the basic principles of agency, partnerships, LPs, and LLCs. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 5443 Family Law

The rights, obligations, and liabilities arising from marital and nonmarital relations; divorce; marital property alimony, child support. (F, Sp, Su)

### LAW 5450 The First Amendment

2-3 Credit Hours

**3 Credit Hours** 

2 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: 5214. The First Amendment: Individual rights of expression, assembly, association and religion. Permissible government restrictions and regulations in relation to activities protected by the First Amendment. (Irreg.)

#### LAW 5463 Income Taxation of Individuals

**3 Credit Hours** 

3-4 Credit Hours

2-3 Credit Hours

**3 Credit Hours** 

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Structure of the federal income tax with emphasis on operation of the system through use of concepts such as income, basis, gains and losses, realization and recognition, exclusions and deductions. (F, Sp)

### LAW 5470 Wills and Trusts

3 to 4 hours. Intestate succession, execution, interpretation, amendment, revocation and contest of wills, rights of decedent's family, will substitutes and the avoidance of probate; creation, validity, funding, amendment and termination of trusts and the fiduciary obligation. (F, Sp)

LAW 5520 Alternative Dispute Resolution 2-3 Credit Hours 2 to 3 hours. Negotiation, mediation and arbitration; includes courtordered arbitration, mini-trials, summary jury trials and other formal and informal means of resolving disputes short of formal court adjudication. (Irreg.)

# LAW 5530 Civil Pretrial Litigation

2 to 3 hours. The study of litigation tactics and techniques prior to trial. Included are discovery, motion practice, witness preparation, settlement, alternate dispute resolution, pretrial conferences, mini-trials, summary jury trials, and other related areas. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 5533 Conflict of Law

The law relating to transactions with elements in more than one state or nation, jurisdiction of courts and enforcement of foreign judgments, choice of law problems, constitutional issues, and the theoretical basis of choice of law, including an introduction to the problems of renvoi and characterization. (Irreg.)

### LAW 5543 Federal Courts

Examines concepts of case or controversy, federal subject matter jurisdiction; supplemental jurisdiction; venue; removal; substantive law applied in federal courts; and the relationship of the state and federal courts. (Irreg.)

#### LAW 5553 Remedies

**3 Credit Hours** A study of remedies available in court actions, including specific performance, injunctions, and other equitable remedies. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 5602 Comparative Indigenous Peoples' Law Seminar 2-2 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: admission to College of Law. Seminar will examine the differences and similarities between Canadian, United States, Australian and New Zealand laws affecting native peoples. Participants in the seminar will include students from law schools at University of Ottawa, University of Saskatchewan, Auckland University, and Monash University attending via television. Federal Indian law is not a prerequisite, but strongly recommended. (Sp)

LAW 5603 Native American Natural Resources-MLS **3 Credit Hours** Prerequisite: admission to Masters of Legal Studies Program. Provides an overview of the history of U.S. native policy and the basic doctrines of Indian law, then covers a variety of issues relating to tribal interests in and jurisdiction over environmental resources. Topics includes tribal rights to land; land use and environmental protection in Indian country; economic and natural resource development issues (including grazing, minerals, timber, and taxation); hunting and fishing rights; as well as international perspectives on indigenous resources. Throughout the course, students will consider the roles of the tribal, federal, and state governments in resource regulation and use. (F, Sp)

### LAW 5610 Federal Indian Law

# 2-3 Credit Hours

**3 Credit Hours** 

2 or 3 hours. The history of federal Indian policy and its impact on modern Indian problems; the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the federal government-Indian relationship and policy; tribal sovereignty; states' rights; criminal, civil, and taxing jurisdiction in Indian country; rights of individual Indians; tribal self-government; property rights; water rights; andhunting and fishing rights. (F).

# LAW 5623 Religion, Culture & Indian Law-MLS

Prerequisite: admission to online Masters of Legal Studies Program. Examines the roles of law and policy on Native American religious and cultural practice. Explores issues relating to tribal interests and jurisdiction over Native religion and culture including information concerning preservation, restoration, and destruction of sacred sites and indigenous remains, the laws and practices pertaining to species protection and sacred species, institutionalized persons, as well as entheogens, protection of cultural and intellectual resources. International law as related to indigenous religions and culture is also explored.(F, Sp)

LAW 5633 Native American Natural Resources

Prerequisite: admission to College of Law. Covers a variety of issues relating to tribal interests in and jurisdiction over environmental resources. Course coverage includes tribal rights to land; land use and environmental protection in Indian country; economic and natural resource development issues (including grazing, minerals, timber and taxation), water rights, and hunting and fishing rights. (F, Sp)

# LAW 5642 Indigenous Peacemaking

2 Credit Hours

3-3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Students will compare and contrast Tribal Justice and the American Justice system, and the history of dispute resolution of Tribal Nations. Students will examine peacemaking through case studies demonstrating healing through justice. Peacemaking designs to restore harmony while developing the wisdom of consensus outcomes. Students will learn through study and participation the structure of the peacemaking circle and community development. (F, Sp)

### LAW 5663 Federal Indian Water Law-MLS

### **3 Credit Hours**

Prerequisite: admission to Masters of Legal Studies Program. Explores the context, decisional and statutory law, and overarching polices that shape water law. Examines foundations in both federal Indian law and basic principles of water law, including relevant substantive and procedural law, and mechanics and social issues relating to water resource management. Also, explores state and federal powers and roles in relation to American Indian tribes and water resources; intergovernmental/ intercommunity conflict, as well as methods of management and resolution. (F, Sp)

LAW 5673 Indian Gaming Laws & Regulations-MLS **3 Credit Hours** Prerequisite: admission to Masters of Legal Studies Program. Examines litigation and history of tribal gaming, along with critical decisions rulings on tribal/state compacting and scope of gaming conflicts. Explores tribal compacting experiences around the country with focus on Oklahoma tribes and the Oklahoma Model Gaming Compact of 2004. Distinguishes the regulatory roles of tribes, states and the feds and explores differences in Class II and Class III gaming, regulations and disputes. Explains creative approaches to financing and development of tribal gaming facilities. (F, Sp)

# LAW 5703 Antitrust Law

Federal and state antitrust laws approached on the basis of type of conduct, i.e., monopolies, mergers, price control by private business, exclusive dealing contracts, fair trade pricing, agreements not to compete; discrimination in distribution and refusals to deal; and unfair trade practices. (F)

### LAW 5712 Corporate Drafting

Prerequisite: LAW 5433 or LAW 5434. Will cover transactional drafting skills as well as business planning and counseling in the corporate setting. Students will draft a variety of corporate and transactional provisions and documents such as certificates of incorporation, bylaws, board resolutions, and proxy statements. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 5713 Transactional Law Practicum I: Business Combinations **3 Credit Hours**

Prerequisite: LAW 5433 or LAW 5434. This course offers the opportunity to learn about transactional law practice by completing a simulated public company corporate transaction. (F)

#### LAW 5733 Unincorporated Business Entities **3 Credit Hours**

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law.Deals with the legal principles concerning association in business by agency, partnership, and other unincorporated forms. The agency relationship and its consequences are covered in detail. Unincorporated business organizations such as the general partnership, LP, and LLC are covered, focusing on topics such as formation, liability, fiduciary obligations, and dissolution. If time permits LLP and closely-held corporations will be included. (F, Sp)

# LAW 5740 Payment Systems

2 to 3 hours. Course will cover the checking system, the credit and debit card system, electronic funds transfer, letters of credit, interest payments, negotiable instruments and the securities trading and settlement system. Substantive law would be Articles 3, 4, 4A, 5 and 8 of the UCC as well as the Expedited Funds Availability Act, parts of the Truth in Lending Act and the Electronic Funds Transfer Act (and implementing regulations.) (F, Sp)

# LAW 5743 Transactional Law Practicum II: Law of Innovation

Prerequisite: LAW 5433 or LAW 5434. This course offers the opportunity to learn and experience the law of innovation by advising in a start-up context in a simulation. (Sp)

### LAW 5750 Secured Transactions

3-4 Credit Hours

**3 Credit Hours** 

2-3 Credit Hours

3 to 4 hours. Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. This course covers Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Topics include the establishment and perfection of security interests pursuant to credit sales contracts, problems of focusing on the interface between Article 9 and federal bankruptcy law, priority disputes among collateral claimants, default, and rights after default. Emphasis is placed on developing an understanding of the code's statutory scheme. (F, Sp)

### LAW 5753 Federal Securities Regulation

**3 Credit Hours** Federal securities laws and the activities and industry they govern; the meaning of "security"; regulation of the issuance, sale, resale, and purchase of securities; disclosure requirements, generated by registration; anti-fraud provisions; and civil liability. (F, Sp)

### LAW 5763 Mergers and Acquisitions

**3 Credit Hours** Prerequisite: prior or concurrent enrollment in 5433. Provides an understanding of the issues arising in business acquisition (and divestiture) transactions. Coverage is given to theories underlying acquisitions, alternative acquisition techniques and planning considerations that bear on the choice among those techniques. (Sp)

### **3 Credit Hours**

### LAW 5773 Consumer Finance Law

Prerequisite: Admission to College of Law. This course covers the law and finance of household lending. The course will go over basic financial principles and household lending laws to give students a background in these topics that will help them represent clients as well navigate their own personal financial lives. (F, Sp)

LAW 5830 Criminal Procedure: Adjudication 2-3 Credit Hours 2 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: LAW 5223. Examines the adjudicatory phase of our criminal procedure, beginning after arrest and continuing through to post-conviction matters. We consider federal constitutional provisions and rules of procedure, the policies underlying those requirements, and their impact on the roles of prosecution and defense counsel. (F, Sp)

# LAW 5913 American Legal History

Prerequisite: admission to College of Law. The development and characteristics of American legal institutions and basic themes in American law and legal philosophy. (Sp)

# LAW 5920 Complex Litigation

2-3 Credit Hours

**3 Credit Hours** 

2 to 3 hours. Examines the procedure for preparation and trial of mass tort and other complex cases in federal court including: jurisdiction, joinder, intervention, consolidation, transfer, discovery, preclusion, class action, and trial procedures. (Irreg.)

#### **Research for Master's Thesis** LAW 5980 2-9 Credit Hours

LAW 6020 **Comparative Law** 2-3 Credit Hours

2 or 3 hours. A comparison of the corresponding features of the American system of law and the systems of law of other nations. (F)

LAW 6040 International Business Transactions 2-3 Credit Hours 2 or 3 hours. Legal issues in international trade, licensing, and investment; limitations affecting movement of goods and flow of capital; organization, financing, and protection of international business; contract negotiation and dispute resolution and foreign investment. (F)

#### LAW 6050 International Human Rights 2-3 Credit Hours

2 to 3 hours. The sources, norms, institutions, and process of international human rights law; the incorporation of human rights law into domestic legal systems, particularly the United States. (Irreg.)

#### LAW 6060 International Law Foundations 2-3 Credit Hours

2 to 3 hours. An introduction to the international legal system: its structure, rules, and process; the incorporation of international law into domestic legal system, particularly in the United States; in current issues including dispute resolution, jurisdiction, environmental protection, human rights, and use of force. The course is not international business transactions or comparative law. (Sp)

#### LAW 6100 Selected Legal Problems 1-4 Credit Hours

1 to 4 hours. Involved current legal problems. Subject matter and course credit will be included with the enrollment instructions. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 6110 **Bioethics and the Law**

2-3 Credit Hours

2 to 3 hours. Legal, ethical, and economic analysis of problems posed by advances in biomedical technologies. Includes problems raised by behavior control through direct organic intervention, genetic engineering; extension of human powers and faculties by artificial means, human reproduction and death control; and regulation of experimentation involving human subjects. (Irreg.)

#### LAW 6190 Health Law

2-3 Credit Hours

2 or 3 hours. The legal aspects of medicine; civil liability of medical professionals and health care providers; organization and regulation of the medical profession; uses of medical science in litigation; selected health sciences and public policy issues such as human reproduction, the right to treatment, and mental health problems. (F, Sp)

### LAW 6210 Immigration Law

2 to 3 hours. Constitutional, statutory, and regulatory framework for the admission, exclusion, and deportation of non-citizens who seek immigrant and non-immigrant status in the United States; refugee and asylum law and policy, and citizenship acquisition. (F, Sp)

# LAW 6213 Intellectual Property Survey

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Provides a high-level introduction to U.S. IP law. Specific areas of coverage include patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and copyright. This course is designed for students who plan to specialize in IP and would like a high-level overview, students who are not sure if they'd like to specialize IP, and students who plan to work in any commercial setting. (F, Sp)

#### **3 Credit Hours** LAW 6223 Trademarks & Unfair Competition

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. This course provides an in-depth survey of U.S. law related to the law, theory, and institutions governing trademarks and unfair competition. Specific areas of coverage will include trademark registration, the scope and nature of trademark rights, rights of publicity, domain name disputes and the law of false advertising. (F. Sp)

LAW 6311 American Indian Law Review 1 Credit Hour Production of a written note or comment for the Review or other approved activities associated with production of the Review. (F, Sp, Su)

LAW 6313 **Child Abuse Clinic 3 Credit Hours** Prerequisite: 5443, 6113. Each student enrolls for an entire academic year for three hours each semester. (F, Sp, Su)

LAW 6320 Directed Legal Research 1-2 Credit Hours 1 to 2 hours. Legal research and writing under the supervision of a faculty member. The student must write a paper of sufficient quality to be considered for publication in a law review or other publication. A student may enroll in one or two credit hours with supervising faculty member's permission. (F, Sp, Su)

LAW 6321 Competitions 1 Credit Hour Students who participate on a trial or appellate advocacy competition team sponsored by the College of Law and directly supervised by a faculty member may enroll in this course. (F, Sp)

# LAW 6323 Criminal Defense Clinic

**3 Credit Hours** Prerequisites: 5104, 5314, 5323, and legal intern license. Clinical experience providing students the opportunity to represent indigent defendants charged with municipal, misdemeanor and felony offenses in Cleveland and McClain Counties . Students handle every aspect of the defense of a criminal case, including interviewing, investigating, negotiating, litigating motions and conducting the trial. (F, Sp, Su)

# LAW 6331 Oil & Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal

Prerequisite: admission to College of Law and ONE J membership. Production of case summaries of recently released court decisions on matters relating to oil and gas, natural resources, and/or energy. (F, Sp)

#### Appellate Advocacy Competitions LAW 6341

Prerequisite: Must be chosen for a competition team. Students will receive instruction on research, writing, and oral advocacy skills. Students participate in groups (teams) to research and write an appellate advocacy brief, and practice oral arguments. Students will compete in regional and national competitions. (F, Sp)

### 2-3 Credit Hours

3 Credit Hours

1 Credit Hour

1 Credit Hour

### LAW 6342 Advanced Persuasive Writing

### 2 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: LAW 5123 and LAW 5202. We will approach persuasive writing from different practical and theoretical perspectives as we investigate why some writing is more persuasive than others and the specific steps we can take to make our legal writing more effective. Students continually critique contemporary examples, write, edit, and receive critique, having repeated opportunities to gain new insights and put them to use. (F, Sp)

LAW 6360 Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation 2-3 Credit Hours 3 to 4 hours. Theoretical and practical aspects of interviewing, counseling and negotiation, including simulation of situations calling for these skills, taught in a lecture-workshop format with a lecture and demonstration on a particular topic each week, followed by small workshops in which students simulate the lawyer's role. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 6363 Civil Clinic

#### 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: 5104, 5314, 5323 and intern license. Student interns, working from an office operated by the Law Center, participate in actual representation of low-income clients in civil trials and transactions. Experience is acquired through court appearances, jury and non-jury trials, interviewing, discovery, drafting of pleadings, negotiation and counseling under the supervision of the clinical legal education staff. Students maintain an active caseload and office hours. (F, Sp, Su)

# LAW 6382 Intermediate Legal Writing: Introduction to Non-litigation Drafting 2 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: LAW 5123 and LAW 5202. Course will provide you with the tools necessary to design, evaluate, and modify non-litigation documents, including contracts, wills, client letters, and legislation. Students will identify document users, determine competing objectives and interests, choose among drafting alternatives consistent with the relevant law, and test the content and organization of documents for intended and unintended consequences. (Sp)

# LAW 6391 Oklahoma Law Review 1 Credit Hour

Prerequisite: Oklahoma Law Review membership. Production of a written note or comment for the Review or other approved activities associated with production of the Review. (F, Sp, Su)

### LAW 6392 Advanced Legal Research

2 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: LAW 5123 and LAW 5202. The ability to "find the law" is an important practical skill for attorneys. The goal of the course is to further develop a student's ability to find solutions to legal problems by formulating efficient and effective legal research strategies. This course emphasizes advanced online search techniques and explores how technology is impacting the delivery of legal information. (Sp)

### LAW 6400 Selected Legal Problems of Applied Nature 1-4 Credit Hours 1 to 4 hours. Subject matter and course credit will be announced. (F, Sp)

### LAW 6410 Trial Techniques

2-3 Credit Hours

2 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: 5314. An introduction to basic trial techniques under simulated trial situations. Students will conduct opening statements, direct and cross examination of witnesses, introduce and use exhibits, impeachment, expert examination, jury selection, closing arguments and a final trial. (F, Sp, Su)

LAW 6412 Representing the Criminally Accused 2 Credit Hours Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law; LAW 5314 recommended. Focuses on the practical aspects of criminal defense, from the business end of private practice to practical considerations such as whether to litigate and how to negotiate better deals. Students select a fact pattern then draft and argue bond hearings, conduct a preliminary hearing and argue a pre-trial motion. Relevant handouts are provided and students will conduct legal research. (F)

### LAW 6422 Bar Exam Preparation I: Strategies and Tactics for Success 2 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Designed to help get a jump on preparations to pass the bar, but IS NOT a substitute for commercial bar exam preparation courses. Students will review substantive law in at least three areas heavily tested on the bar exam as they learn and practice skills necessary to maximize scores on both the multiple choice and essay portions of the exam. (F, Sp)

# LAW 6501 Introduction to Petroleum Engineering and Geo-Sciences-MLS 1 Credit Hour

Prerequisite: admission to Masters of Legal Studies Program. Presents an overview of the production life cycle from discovery to development and production of oil and gas. The course examines the different roles of the key players in each stage of this process. (F, Sp)

### LAW 6510 Energy and Natural Resources 2-3 Credit Hours

2 to 3 hours. Regulation of natural resources capable of energy fuels production; environmental technological and economic impacts of coal, water, oil, gas, uranium, and solar energy sources through exploration, development, production, transportation, and end use; legal context of natural resource conservation, allocation, and distribution. (Irreg.)

### LAW 6523 Environmental Law

Common law and statutory approaches to environmental, economic, and technological impacts on society; jurisprudential underpinnings of environmental law; environmental administrative process and scope of judicial review; quality standards for land, air, and water, including minimal standards for preventing degradation or exhaustion of human and natural environments. (F, Sp)

### LAW 6540 Oil and Gas

3 to 4 hours. Nature of property interests in oil and gas; conveyancing of interests in oil and gas; legal interests created by oil and gas leases; the validity of leases; the habendum, drilling, and rental clauses; assignment of interests of lessor and lessee; rents and royalties; and the conservation of oil and gas. (F, Sp)

### LAW 6543 Copyright

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Provides an in-depth survey of U.S. copyright law, theory, and policy. Topics will include the basic requirements for copyright protection, the nature and scope of the rights granted by the Copyright Act, and the normative foundations of copyright law. No technical background is required. (F)

### LAW 6550 Oil and Gas Contracts

2 to 3 hours. Examination of contracts used in the oil and gas industry for exploration, production and development of oil and gas properties and for investment; the nature of the relationships created by such contracts, the rights and duties of the parties, income tax consequences and governmental regulation of such contracts. (Sp)

### LAW 6552 International Petroleum Transactions 2 Credit Hours

This course will study the international oil and gas business, a business that must be uniquely concerned with both public and private international law, as well as domestic law of the business entity's home state, the host government, and oftentimes, a third country. Students will study the sovereign rights to minerals, including disputes that arise between neighboring countries regarding boundary disputes. Students will look at how crude oil is bought and sold on the world market. Students will study the various types of host government contracts used by various countries to assign development rights to private companies, including how such rights are acquired, and study how disputes between a private company and host government are resolved. Students will also look at contracts between private companies engaged in exploration and production operations. (Sp)

### 3 Credit Hours

2-3 Credit Hours

3-4 Credit Hours

LAW 6560 Title Examination and Assurance 2-3 Credit Hours 2 to 3 hours. A study of conveyancing, with emphasis on the examination of abstracts of title to real property. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 6570 Real Estate Transactions 2-3 Credit Hours

2 to 3 hours. The first two-thirds of the course covers 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. The last third of the course will introduce certain basic commercial real estate transactions, including processes and issues involved in housing subdivisions, condominiums, shopping centers, and commercial leases. (Irreg.)

#### LAW 6580 Water Law

#### 2-3 Credit Hours

2 to 3 hours. The system of water rights; riparian, appropriation, and prescriptive rights; stream, surface, and ground water; transfer and termination of rights; injuries caused by water; development of water supplies; federal-state, interstate, and intrastate conflicts; water pollution control; federal and Indian rights and federal water resource problems. (F, Sp)

LAW 6662 **Employment Law Seminar** 2 Credit Hours The law of employment, including personnel practices, employment

contracts, employee rights and federal-state regulation of employeremployee relationships. (Irreg.)

LAW 6680 Family and Law of Torts Seminar 1-2 Credit Hours 1 to 2 hours. Tort liability within the family, family tort liability to third parties, injuries to family members, interference with family relationships, wrongful birth, and related topics. (Sp)

LAW 6682 Law and Literature Seminar 2 Credit Hours Prerequisite: Admission to the College of Law. The format of the seminar will involve reading and discussion of selected classical and contemporary works which have a legal theme or influence. The grade will be based on a composite of class participation, short papers, and a group presentation on one of the assigned readings. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 6692 Environmental Law Seminar 2 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Admission to the College of Law. The format of the seminar will involve reading and discussion of selected classical and contemporary scientific and legal works which have an environmental theme or influence. The grade will be based on a composite of class participation, short papers, and a group presentation on one of the assigned readings. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 6700 Selected Legal Problems Seminar 1-4 Credit Hours

1 to 4 hours. May be repeated twice with change of content. Involves

current legal problems. Subject matter and course credit will be included with the enrollment instructions. (F, Sp)

LAW 6732 War Crimes Tribunals Seminar 2 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Examines various judicial institutions established outside the control of national legal systems for the prosecution of certain international atrocity crimes, including the International Criminal Tribunals for Yugoslavia and Rwanda, the Extraordinary Chambers of the Cambodian Courts and the Special Court of Sierra Leone. Attention will be paid to the background, jurisdiction, procedures, substantive law and daily operations of such institutions. (F, Sp)

LAW 6742 The International Criminal Court Seminar 2 Credit Hours Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Examines the International Criminal Court, the first permanent institution to prosecute atrocity crimes. Beginning with the creation of the ICC, the course will address the ICC's jurisdiction, substantive crimes, trial, appeal and punishment, while exploring situations and cases before the ICC. Discussions will include the future of the court, its emerging jurisprudence and the United States' evolving perspective and involvement. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 6752 Comparative Responses to Terrorism and Political Violence Seminar 2 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Examination of a wide range of legal issues related to terrorism and governmental responses. Topics include the framework of separate branches of government with shared national security power; fighting terrorists and international criminals; and protecting national security information in a democratic society. (F, Sp)

#### LAW 6762 Comparative Criminal Law Seminar 2 Credit Hours Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Review and comparison

of select criminal law issues in various national legal systems. Issues include the purpose and benefits of studying comparative law generally while covering specific topics including, among others, police powers and investigations, the role of the judiciary, role of the jury, due process concerns and the objectives of punishment. (F, Sp)

LAW 6772 Federal Sentencing Seminar 2 Credit Hours Prerequisite: admission to College of Law. Examines aspects of sentencing unique to the federal court system, including application of complex sentencing guidelines. Federal sentencing provides one of the last frontiers for pure legal advocacy, as litigants seek departures or variances to fit the circumstances of the case while providing insight into the victims and/or defendants. Both critical guideline analysis and creative argument are reviewed and applied. (F, Sp)

LAW 6782 Perspectives on Governmental Law 2 Credit Hours Prerequisite: admission to the College of Law. Seminar designed around three vantage points or "perspectives" of Governmental legal practice - Federal, State, and Tribal. Each perspective highlights the unique legal issues of governmental practice. Perspectives will be taught in a mentoring style. Topics will include: the duty to serve the public interest, open government, policy making, and the role of the lawyer advisor. (F)

#### LAW 6820 **Business Tax**

3-4 Credit Hours

3 to 4 hours. Prerequisite: LAW 5463. This course surveys the federal income tax laws on organizing and running businesses as corporations, partnerships, S corporations, and LLCs. Also, the course looks at the taxation of oil and gas operations including exploration, development, production, and abandonment. No technical background is required. (F, Sp)

LAW 6830 Pensions and Employee Benefit Plans 2-3 Credit Hours 2 to 3 hours. Planning, establishment, and administration of pension, health care and other employee benefit plans under the tax and labor laws. (Irreg.)

LAW 6832 Partnership Tax 2 Credit Hours Prerequisite: 5463. Subchapter K of the Internal Revenue Code, involving taxation of partnerships and partners. (F)

LAW 6840 Tax Procedure

2-3 Credit Hours

2 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: 5463. Federal tax procedure and conflict resolution, including administrative practice, trial and appellate review. (Irreg.)