

HARRISBURG COURSE DESCRIPTIONS MASTER FILE

LAW 530: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (3 CREDITS)

This course studies the law governing administrative agencies, including executive departments, in the task of carrying out governmental programs. Topics include interrelations of legislative, executive and judicial agencies in development of public policy; decision-making processes and internal procedures of administrative agencies and legislative, executive and judicial controls on them.

LAW 784: ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3 CREDITS)

This course surveys the criminal justice process from arrest through appeal. Constitutional provisions, statutes, rules of criminal procedure, and practice strategies concerning prosecutorial discretion, initial appearance, pre-trial release or detention, preliminary hearing, grand jury procedure, plea bargaining and selected trial and appellate issues are considered. **Pre-requisites: Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure.**

LAW 778: ADVANCED TRIAL METHODS (2 CREDITS)

This course is designed to provide students interested in trial practice with an opportunity to study and participate in the various aspects of a trial. Students will develop a thorough understanding of each aspect of a trial, including jury selection, opening and closing statements, introduction of evidence and examination of witnesses. Case theory, courtroom ethics and professionalism will be discussed. **Pre-requisite: Trial Methods or ITAP.**

LAW 738: BANKRUPTCY (3 CREDITS)

This course will address state law creditor collection remedies such as garnishment and execution, and state law priorities among competing creditors. After examining state law remedies and priorities, we will focus on the federal Bankruptcy Code. We will discuss elements common to all (business and consumer) bankruptcies, and the principal focus of the course will be Chapter 7 liquidations in the consumer context and Chapter 13 wage-earner payout plans. At the end of the course, we will discuss some issues particular to Chapter 11 business bankruptcies.

LAW 631: BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (3 CREDITS)

A.J.D./LL.M survey course that analyzes the conduct of business in each of the principal forms of business organization, and the relative rights and liabilities of the members of such organizations and third persons. The course reviews the uniform partnership statutes, the Model Business Corporation Act, and the Delaware General Corporation Law, and considers the legal principles governing agency and partnership relationships as well as corporations. The course introduces the federal securities laws and the state statutes governing limited liability companies, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships.

LAW 845: CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (2 CREDITS)

This course examines the formation, organization and operation of tax-exempt entities including charitable organizations and private foundations. The course will analyze a myriad of topics including, but not limited to, the following: distinctions between non-profit and tax exempt statutes; income taxation of exempt organizations; private vs. state related classifications and the scope of judicial review; structuring relationships with non-profit affiliates and for-profit business organizations; liability and responsibility of agents, officers and directors; comparisons of the Delaware and Pennsylvania statutory schemes; and considerations in acquisitions, mergers and liquidations of exempt organizations.

LAW 504: CIVIL PROCEDURE II (3 CREDITS)

A continuation of Civil Procedure I, this course studies civil litigation procedure, with emphasis on modern federal practice. Topics include subject matter jurisdiction, personal jurisdiction, venue, joinder, the Erie doctrine, and related concepts.

LAW 803: CLINICAL EXTERNSHIPS (2 + CREDITS)

This course provides an extern clinical assignment in the practice of law with cooperating agencies such as a district attorney, public defender; legal aid society, etc. A weekly classroom component is also part of the externship program.

Pre-requisite: Evidence; Co-requisite: Professional Responsibility.

LAW 700: CONFLICT OF LAWS (3 CREDITS)

This course examines important issues peculiar to civil actions with multi-state elements, in both the state and federal courts. The principal topics include choice-of-law (determining which state's law applies), the *Erie* doctrine (determining whether state or federal law applies in federal diversity cases), personal jurisdiction, and recognition of sister-state judgments.

LAW 508: CONTRACTS II (2 CREDITS)

A continuation of Contracts I, this course studies the law governing contracts and contractual relationships. The course introduces the student to contract formation, performance, and non-performance, and explores the role of contract law in a market society.

LAW 734: COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK (3 credits)

This course surveys primarily the laws and policies of copyright and trademark law, with a secondary emphasis on related areas of law such as trade secret, rights of publicity, unfair competition, contractual protection of ideas and patent protection of inventions in varying degrees. Topics to be covered include the subject matter of copyright and trademark; ownership and transfer of copyrights and trademarks; the rights afforded to copyright and trademark owners; duration of protection; infringement; and remedies.

LAW 505: CRIMINAL LAW (3 CREDITS)

This course studies the general principles that underlie statutory criminal liability, including a consideration of their judicial application in the context of selected offenses and defenses.

LAW 506: CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3 CREDITS)

This course provides In-depth consideration of the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable search and seizure, the Fifth Amendment's right against compulsory self-Incrimination, and the Sixth Amendment's right to counsel, all with particular emphasis on the judicial Interpretation of the application of these constitutional provision's within the context of police Investigation of crime.

LAW 798/799: DIRECTED RESEARCH (1 OR 2CREDITS)

Students may write research papers for credit under the supervision of a full-time member of the faculty. The faculty member must approve the subject.

Pre-requisite: Successful completion of one Seminar

LAW 832: EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION LAW (3 CREDITS)

This course studies federal law governing discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, and disability. The course explores theories of discrimination and covers litigation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as selected topics under other employment discrimination and civil rights statutes.

LAW 831: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (3 CREDITS)

This course surveys the federal and state statutes and regulatory programs which attempt to limit water pollution, air pollution, environmental degradation, species extinction, hazardous waste, and chemical regulation problems. The course will examine how and why these statutes and programs are structured the way that they are, how the laws work, and the extent to which our environmental laws achieve their goals.

LAW 915: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC (4 CREDITS)

The Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic provides you the opportunity to prepare for the practice of law through helping clients navigate the substantive and procedural aspects of environmental law. Under the guidance of the Clinic Director, you will provide assistance to individuals with environment-related legal issues throughout the State of Pennsylvania via the Widener Citizens' Environmental Help Line and, if appropriate, through direct representation of citizens in environmentally-related permit or legal proceedings. You will receive hotline phone calls, participate in client interviews, conduct follow-up legal research, prepare appropriate response documents, and, when appropriate, engage in litigation. This class includes a weekly seminar in which you will explore legal and practical issues pertaining to the representation of environmental clients in general as well as the operational aspects of the Clinic's representation of its clients.

Prerequisite: 2.3 or higher cumulative GPA; C or better in Professional Responsibility

LAW 6061X : ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (1 CREDIT)

Sustainable development is the internationally and nationally recognized framework for reconciling development (economic development, social wellbeing, and peace and security) with environmental protection and restoration. This course will examine the historical origin of this framework, its meaning, the enormous environmental and poverty challenges that sustainable development is intended to overcome, and its actual and potential effect on international, national, state, and local law. The course will emphasize, but not be limited to, the effect of sustainable development on the United States. The course will include a detailed examination

of specific sectors where sustainable development ideas are taken more seriously (e.g. local governance, business and industry, green building, and (to some degree) climate change) and will examine the theoretical and practical implications of those developments for law.

LAW 836: EVIDENCE (3 CREDITS)

This course studies the law governing proof of disputed factual matters in criminal and civil trials, including, but not limited to, issues of relevancy, competency, hearsay and other exclusionary rules, and the privileges of witnesses.

LAW 636: FAMILY LAW (2 OR 3 CREDITS)

This course considers state and constitutional issues relating to the regulation of sexual and family relationships. Among the areas that may be covered are defining what constitutes a family, entry into marriage, divorce, and its economic consequences (alimony, property distribution and child support) and child custody. The course draws on constitutional principles, statutes, and the common law to study the family in the legal system.

LAW 747: FEDERAL COURTS (3 CREDITS)

This course explores the role of the federal judiciary in our system of government. First, it examines the tensions inherent in the separation of powers between the political branches of the federal government and the judiciary. Second, the course explores the complicated issues of federalism presented by the existence of two sets of courts – state and federal. This course combines the study of constitutional theory with the reality of politics and jurisdictional practice in the federal courts. Topics that may be covered include standing, mootness, ripeness, the political question doctrine, Congressional power to limit federal court jurisdiction, the Eleventh Amendment, abstention, habeas corpus, 1983 civil rights actions, and other important jurisdictional doctrines not covered in the basic Civil Procedure courses.

LAW 610: FEDERAL INCOME TAX (3 CREDITS)

This course surveys and analyzes the federal system of income taxation. Topics include gross receipts, gross income, exclusions, gain-seeking and personal deductions, CREDITS, rates and tax accounting.

LAW 810: FIRST AMENDMENT (2 or 3 CREDITS)

This course focuses on constitutional rights involving speech, press, and religion. Rights of political participation, wartime limits on civil liberties, state action, associational freedoms, and constitutional and prudential limits on judicial powers are also potential topics.

Pre-requisite: Constitutional Law.

LAW 690X: FUNDAMENTALS OF LAW (2 CREDITS)

Fundamentals of Law is a pre-bar review skills-development course that provides graduating students with an intensive substantive review of selected legal material routinely tested on the bar exam, and uses problems and exercises in a bar exam format to familiarize students with techniques for answering multiple choice (MBE) questions and analyzing, organizing and writing essay and multi-state performance (MPT) questions. The course is designed as an introduction to bar preparation and is not a substitute for commercial bar preparation courses.

LAW 703: IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION LAW (3 CREDITS)

This three-credit course is a survey of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8 of the U.S. Code, and related case law and regulations. The course includes an introduction to the historical and statutory evolution of current immigration law as well as a review of the major subtopics within the law, such as legal immigration, immigration and employment, non-immigrant classifications, inadmissibility and deportability, constitutional issues and limitations, refugee and asylum matters, citizenship, illegal immigration and employer sanctions. The course addresses current issues and controversies as well as the political and public policy factors reflected by U.S. immigration law.

LAW 511: INTENSIVE LEGAL ANALYSIS (I.L.A.) (2 CREDITS)

This course provides students with the opportunity to develop and refine their legal reasoning and analysis skills. Topics include: identifying an individual's learning style and problem-solving skills, critical reading of legal authorities, simple and complex rule-based reasoning, and methods of deconstructing legal rules and organizing the analysis of new legal questions. Exam-style essays and "in-basket" projects are used to practice and reinforce analytical skills.

LAW 752: INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (2 CREDITS)

Increasingly environmental lawyers practicing in the private and public sector must understand developments both in multi-lateral international environmental treaties and the domestic environmental law of other nations. This course will review the role of international environmental law in affecting the substantive content and practice of environmental law in the United States focusing primarily on climate change and other aspects of international environmental law most relevant to the practice of environmental law in the United States. The course will compare US environmental law with both developments in the unfolding international environmental regime on climate change that has been adopted by almost all nations in the world and with the domestic environmental law of other nations. For students who elect to do so, the class may be used to satisfy the writing requirement. No pre-requisites.

LAW 777: INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION (1 CREDIT)

Students may earn one or two credits for participation in interscholastic moot court, trial advocacy and other competitions sanctioned by the law school as appropriate interscholastic competitions. The list of approved interscholastic competitions includes but is not limited to National Moot Court, Jessup International Moot Court, Douglas Moot Court, Patent Moot Court, Polsky Moot Court, American Trial Lawyers Association Competition, Texas Trial Lawyers Competition, American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition and like events.

LAW 678: INTERSCHOLASTIC TRIAL COMPETITION COLLOQUIUM (1 CREDIT)

This course is required for all students who wish to participate in interscholastic trial advocacy competitions. Enrollment is permitted only with permission of the Trial Advocacy Honor Society advisor. This intensive course will cover the basics of trial competition from case preparation through courtroom performance. This course will be graded on a pass/fail basis.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: LAW 836: Evidence

LAW 809: JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP (2+ CREDITS)

Students enrolled in the Judicial Externship Program are assigned to selected state and federal trial and appellate judges for a maximum of two semesters. Externs prepare legal memoranda, conduct legal research and perform duties normally assigned to a law clerk under the supervision of the assigned judge and the judge's graduate law clerk. The program is designed to enhance the student's writing and research skills, familiarize the student with court procedures, permit observation of court proceedings and enable the student to learn the operation of judicial chambers. Students will meet with the faculty supervisor for mid-semester and end-of-semester reviews. Students are required to keep a daily log and retain a copy of all written work produced for the court. Graded Pass/No Pass.

Pre-requisite: Evidence; Co-requisite: Professional Responsibility

LAW 758: LABOR LAW (2 or 3 CREDITS)

This course examines the legal framework for collective bargaining, including establishment of the collective bargaining relationship, negotiation and enforcement of the collective bargaining agreement, and union and employer self-help (strikes, boycotts, lockouts, and picketing). Additional topics to be considered include labor and the anti-trust laws, Federalism and labor Relations, and the Individual and the Union.

LAW 6038X: L&G/PCN PRACTICUM (1 or 2 CREDITS)

In this course students will assist the directors of the Law & Government Institute write and produce a monthly Pennsylvania Cable Network television show on topical Pennsylvania legal and policy issues. The student assistants will work for a semester with a director. Students will perform research and write a research memorandum of eight to ten pages for each of several shows under the direction of their faculty director. After some training, students will be given the opportunity to contact panelists to obtain responses, answer questions and receive requests for additions to their research memos. Students will be given credit for research in the credits for the show, and they will be able to list the credits on their resumes. Students will meet with an L&G director for at least one hour per week. This course may be taken for one or for two credits, depending on the number of shows that a student researches. Instructor approval is required for registration. Priority will be given to students who have filed an expression of interest for Law & Government.

LAW 770: WIDENER LAW REVIEW BOARD (1 OR 2 CREDITS)

Please contact Widener Law Review for more information.

LAW 762: WIDENER LAW REVIEW NOTE (1 CREDIT)

Please contact Widener Law Review for more information.

LAW 763: WIDENER LAW REVIEW STAFF (1 CREDIT)

Please contact Widener Law Review for more information.

LAW 510: LEGAL METHODS II (2 CREDITS)

This course expands on the analysis, writing and research skills introduced in Legal Methods I, and introduces new skills. Students will learn basic techniques of persuasive legal arguments, and will draft persuasive documents such as a trial memorandum and an appellate brief.

Students will also learn how to research court rules, and will prepare and deliver an appellate oral argument.

LAW 512: LEGAL METHODS III – ADVANCED LEGAL ANALYSIS (2 CREDITS)

This course focuses on developing skills in legal analysis, reasoning, and writing. It provides students with the opportunity to work on critical reading, synthesis, study skills, and exam taking. Students develop and refine analytical and writing skills that are necessary for problem solving not only across the curriculum, but also in the profession. Exam-style essays and writing projects are used to practice and reinforce analytical skills.

Pre-requisites: Legal Methods I & II.

Enrollment: Limited to 18 students.

LAW 512: LEGAL METHODS III – ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH (2 CREDITS)

This course will build upon basic legal research skills. The tools of legal research, including technology based sources, will be investigated in detail. Legislative History, research in specialized areas of law, and non-legal research will be covered. Emphasis will be placed on research techniques and sources that students will need to rely upon their practice of law.

Pre-requisites: Legal Methods I & II.

Enrollment: Limited to 18 students

LAW 512: LEGAL METHODS III--DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (2 CREDITS)

This course explores the history of violence against women and children, the frequency and patterns of such violence, its effects on the victim and the societal and legal responses to this violence. Through this course, students will learn practical advocacy skills that will enhance their legal representation of victims of domestic violence. Students will also research and analyze current public policy and legislative issues that impact victims of abuse.

Pre-requisites: Legal Methods I & II.

Enrollment: Limited to 20 students.

LAW 512: LEGAL METHODS III – WRITING SKILLS FOR THE GENERAL LAW PRACTICE (2 CREDITS)

This course will concentrate on enhancing students' writing, reasoning and research skills through drafting documents essential to the practice of law in a small or medium-sized law firm. The course will focus on creating professional documents through recognition of purpose and audience, effective organization, sound legal reasoning, clarity of writing and effective revision. Students will have the opportunity to refine the research, analytical, and writing skills that they acquired in the first year and to expand their legal communication skills through drafting documents for clients, courts and other counsel. Students will be evaluated on a series of written exercises and at least one major writing assignment.

Pre-requisites: Legal Methods I & II.

Enrollment: Limited to 20 students.

LAW 645: LEGISLATION (2 or 3 CREDITS)

This course studies the enactment and interpretation of statutes, principally on the national level. As such, the course is one of separation of powers, as we consider the exercise of governmental power by, and the relationship between, the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. Students will learn tools for interpreting statutes and for arguing in favor of one interpretation over another; the course is not designed to teach doctrinal lessons. Students should have a basic familiarity with the legislative process and the separation of powers before beginning the course, which one can learn by reading an introductory text.

LAW 688X: MEDIATION (2 CREDITS)

Mediation is a dispute resolution process where a neutral third party (the mediator) intervenes in an existing or threatened dispute, either by the agreement of the parties or the direction of the courts, with the goal of facilitating a negotiated resolution of the dispute. Due to the demands of clients and courts for efficient and effective means of dispute resolution, lawyers frequently find themselves engaged in the mediation process, either as an advocate for one of the disputants, or as a neutral mediator.

Through readings, role-playing, and simulations, this highly interactive course will focus on the roles, skills and ethical questions involved in mediation for clients, mediators, and lawyer advocates. Students will learn the negotiation theories underlying mediation as a process; the specific stages of a typical mediation; and the roles and skill sets of the participants. The professor will base a student's grade on the student's performance in class, in mediation and negotiation simulations, and on papers demonstrating the student's understanding of mediation as a dispute resolution process.

LAW 767: MOOT COURT HONOR BOARD (1 or 2 credits)

Please contact Moot Court Honor Society for more information.

LAW 764: MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY (1 credit)

Please contact Moot Court Honor Society for more information.

LAW 902: MOOT COURT INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION (1 or 2 credits)

Please contact Moot Court Honor Society for more information.

LAW 889: NEGOTIATION (2 CREDITS)

This course provides an overview of negotiation theories and techniques. Through lectures and simulation exercises, students learn to identify their negotiating styles, to negotiate effectively and to use negotiation skills in the practice of law.

(Not open to students who have taken Law 849X: Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiating.)

LAW 6044X: OIL AND GAS LAW (2 CREDITS)

This course is a comprehensive introduction to the dynamic area of oil and gas law with a particular focus on the nature of oil and gas interests, oil and gas leasing and key provisions, implied covenants in oil and gas leases, principles governing the lessor-lessee relationship, pooling and unitization, a multitude of common law doctrines peculiar to oil and gas, oil and gas conservation statutes, and contemporary environmental challenges associated with oil and gas exploration and development.

LAW 925: PA CIVIL CLINIC (3-6 CREDITS)

The Pennsylvania Civil Clinic is a one-semester client service clinical program offering an opportunity to study and to undertake actual cases in general civil litigation in the Pennsylvania

courts on behalf of clients who are unable to afford legal services from traditional private sources. Clinical participants interview and counsel clients; frame legal issues and prepare for litigation; and participate in negotiations, non-judicial dispute resolution and litigation on behalf of clients before administrative agencies and state and federal trial courts. Students may also assist in appellate cases before state and federal courts. Clients are represented by clinical interns under the supervision of the Clinical Director.

Pre-requisites: Evidence & Professional Responsibility

LAW 926: PA CIVIL CLINIC LEADER (2 CREDITS)

The Pennsylvania Civil Clinic Leader is a one semester client service clinical program offered to selected students who have completed one semester in the Pennsylvania Civil Clinic. Students who are selected as Clinic Leader will continue to participate in the representation of actual clients in the general civil practice of the clinic. In addition, Clinic Leaders assist in the management of the Civil Clinic by ensuring that the materials used by the Clinic comply with applicable rules. The Clinic Leader also assists in supervising students by helping them in their research as well as their preparation for court proceedings. Clinic Leaders may also be asked to continue representation of clients from prior semesters or to work on special projects that may arise in the Civil Clinic from time to time.

Pre-requisites: Evidence, Professional Responsibility, and Pennsylvania Civil Clinic.

LAW 741: PA CIVIL PRACTICE (2 CREDITS)

This course provides a general survey of civil practice and procedure in Pennsylvania state trial courts, based primarily on the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure and the Judicial Code. The emphasis will be on a practical application of the relevant procedures, with a focus on the reasons for the rules, their interpretations through developing case law, and their function and importance in the litigation process. Recent appellate court decisions will be discussed as examples of the interplay between procedure and practice

LAW 786: PRE-TRIAL METHODS (2 or 3 CREDITS)

Pre-Trial Methods is a semester-long simulation course focusing on litigation document preparation, discovery and motion practice. The course emphasizes motion practice and discovery skill, and includes written drafting exercises as well as oral deposition simulations and oral motion arguments. Pre -Trial Methods is graded A through F.

Pre-requisites: Evidence

LAW 702: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (3 CREDITS)

This course examines the duties of lawyers toward clients, courts, and society. Ethical problems which confront the lawyer are raised and discussed in terms of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the Model Code of Professional Responsibility and case law. The areas covered include confidentiality, conflicts of interest, competence and unauthorized practice.

LAW 516: PROPERTY II (2 CREDITS)

A continuation of Property I, this course studies the basic elements of the law of real and personal property. Topics in personal property may include ownership and possession, finders' rights, bailment, bona fide purchasers, gifts, bank accounts, and accession. Topics involving real property include adverse possession, estates and future interests, marital interests, concurrent ownership, and landlord-tenant law. The course may also include other topics which are covered in more detail in upper level electives: nuisance law, zoning, constitutional

limitations on public land use regulations, eminent domain, private land use restrictions (easements, licenses, servitudes), and real estate conveyancing and recording.

LAW 760: REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (2 OR 3 CREDITS)

This course covers real estate conveyancing and financing. Principal topics include the roles of the attorney and broker in a real estate transaction, conveyancing issues, mortgage financing, and title protection. The course may also cover several of the following topics: environmental issues, bankruptcy issues, shared facilities ownership (condominiums, co-ops and homeowner associations) and shopping center development.

Pre-requisites: Property I and II.

LAW 646: SALES AND LEASES (3 CREDITS)

This course covers Articles 2 and 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code. Coverage generally includes all the stages of contracts for the sale and lease of goods from formation to breach and remedies. Documents of title (Article 7) and payment by means of letters of credit (Article 5) may also be covered. The course may also include comparisons and contrasts with the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.

LAW 638: SEM: INSURANCE (2 CREDITS)

Studies the law of the insurance enterprise including insurance marketing, theories of insurable interest, measures of recovery, subrogation, protected parties, nature of loss, warranties, representations, concealment, and rights at variance with policy provisions.

LAW 722: SEM: PRIVACY LAW AND POLICY (2 CREDITS)

The seminar will focus on legal rights and remedies related to privacy. It will consider constitutional, statutory, and common law doctrines that protect individual control of personal information and decisions. Class sessions will center on legal problem solving in judicial, legislative, administrative and private client counseling settings. Student papers on various aspects of privacy can satisfy the Writing Requirement.

LAW 909X: SEM: VOTING RIGHTS AND ELECTION LAW (2 CREDITS)

Though we often think of the electoral process as central to the shaping of law, the political process itself is governed by laws that affect the outcome of elections and, by extension, public policy. This course examines those foundational laws, whether they be constitutional or statutory. Topics include the right to vote; First Amendment rights of candidates, voters, political speakers, and parties; the Voting Rights Act's and the Constitution's constraints on the drawing of district lines; and the place of money in the electoral process.

Pre-requisite: Constitutional Law

LAW 699X: SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN LEGAL ETHICS (1 CREDIT)

The advanced problems course will take a more in-depth look at the very real and very serious professional responsibility challenges which arise in everyday practice of law. We will move the consideration of professional responsibility from the theoretical study of moral codes to the application of those codes in light of other law, moral and professional considerations and the individual student's own sense of proper action. The ultimate purpose of the course is to arm the student with a sophisticated understanding of the workings of the moral and professional rules applicable to law practice, to train the student in identification of the ethical questions which frequently arise in law practice and thus to enhance the value of the student to him/

herself and to the employing firm or organization. (Inter-semester; 2-days, 1 credit)
Pre-requisite: Professional Responsibility

LAW 800: STATE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND PRACTICE (3 CREDITS)

This course examines the practice of administrative law in the states with particular emphasis on Pennsylvania. This is a skills course. State administrative practice and/or litigation will be a major focus. One credit-hour of the course consists of professional skills training in administrative adjudication. The skills component is a simulation of a license revocation proceeding for an assisted living home. Some students will receive a report from an inspector, then prepare a rule to show cause why the license should not be revoked. Other students will prepare a defense. After pretrial motions, discovery, and a pretrial conference, students will try the case before an administrative law judge. In the substantive portion of the course, students will examine differences between state and federal administrative law. Students will be asked to do a short (8-10 pages) paper in which the student will examine one state agency (of the student's interest and choice) and explain in a general way its objectives, powers and method of operation. Students will also examine Pennsylvania's unique statutory administrative code and procedural regulations, which are different from the federal Administrative Procedure Act.

Pre-requisite: Administrative Law

LAW 520: TORTS II (3 CREDITS)

A continuation of Torts I, this course examines and analyzes the general theories of tort liability for injuries to persons or property: intentional misconduct, negligence, and strict liability. The course may also introduce principles and theories of products liability. Defenses to all theories of liability are also covered.

LAW 781: TRIAL METHODS (2 or 3 CREDITS)

Trial Methods is a semester-long course focusing on oral trial practice skills and on strategy and planning for civil or criminal trials. One hour each week will be devoted to lectures and demonstrations of trial skills. Two hours each week will be devoted to simulation exercises under the supervision of experienced practitioners and judges. The course will conclude with a short jury trial. Trial Methods is graded pass/fail. Students may not take both Trial Methods and I.T.A.P.

Pre-requisite: Law 836: Evidence. (Pre-Trial Methods is not a Pre-requisite for Trial Methods.)

LAW 892: WHITE COLLAR CRIME (2 or 3 credits)

This course surveys white collar and business entity offenses in the federal system, such as conspiracy, mail and wire fraud, and RICO. The responsibility of corporations and their directors and officers for crime will be examined, as will the roles of the prosecutor and the defense attorney in the investigation, prosecution, and disposition of business crime. Emphasis will be placed on the particular legal strategies and ethical issues involved.

Pre-requisite: Criminal Procedure

LAW 834: WILLS & TRUSTS (4 CREDITS)

The course covers in testate succession; testamentary capacity; execution, revocation and component parts of wills; interpretation of wills; constructive trusts; will substitutes; creation and interpretation of inter vivos and testamentary trusts; future interests; the Rule Against

Perpetuities; and ethical and practical considerations in drafting wills and trusts. The course may cover charitable trusts; powers of appointment; fiduciary responsibility; administration of trusts and estates; introduction to estate and gift tax law.