Courses Offered Fall 2013

**LL79701 Advanced Legal Research** (Fall 2013: 3 credits)
Instructor: Susan Vaughn and Joan Shear

This course is designed as an in-depth look at the process of legal research. Students are exposed to a wide range of legal materials and practical techniques and strategies for using these materials competently and effectively in the research process. The goal of the course is to create self-sufficient legal researchers, capable of analyzing a legal problem, and formulating and executing the appropriate and most effective research methodology. Particular attention is paid to types of legal sources and research not covered in the first year of law school (e.g. administrative law, legislative histories and legal practice materials). Both print and electronic sources are explored and critiqued. The course covers Westlaw, LexisNexis, BloombergLaw and other electronic sources. The grade is based upon several course assignments and a final exam. Enrollment is limited to 20 students.

**LL79702 Advanced Legal Research** (Fall 2013: 3 credits)
Instructor: Laurel Davis and Sherry Xin Chen

**Prerequisites: None**

**LL67501 International Legal Research** (Fall 2013: 2 credits)
Instructor: Mark Sullivan

**Prerequisites: None**

This course is designed to introduce students to basic research skills in the area of international, European Union, and transnational law. Students will learn how to locate and evaluate the major sources of public international law, such as treaties, customary law, and international practice. Decisions of international, European Union, and transnational courts and tribunals, and documents and materials from international, European Union, and transnational organizations will also be examined. Classes will meet for one hundred minutes each week. Grades will be based on three research exercises. Each of the first two research exercises will account for twenty five percent of the grade. The final research exercise will account for fifty percent of the grade. Recommended for students interested in international legal practice, members of the Jessup Moot Court team, and the 2L staff of the Boston College International and Comparative Law Review. Enrollment is limited to 20 students.

**LL47001 Immigration Law Research** (Fall 2013: 2 credits)
Instructor: Karen Breda

**Prerequisites: You must be registered for LL 74901 Immigration Law or have taken it during a previous semester.**

The Immigration Law Research Course is a two-credit optional companion course to Immigration Law. The course teaches students how to research complex statutory interpretation issues, administrative law including adjudicated decisions and regulations, and federal constitutional and statutory case law. In addition, the course will reinforce traditional case law and statutory research techniques. Research techniques and sources will track the course content of Immigration Law. Grade will be based upon research assignments and a final exam. Enrollment is limited to 20 students.
**Courses Offered Spring 2014**

**LL79701 Advanced Legal Research** (Spring 2014: 3 credits)
Instructor: Karen Breda and Susan Vaughn

**LL79702 Advanced Legal Research** (Spring 2014: 3 credits)
Instructor: Mark Sullivan and Sherry Xin Chen

*Prerequisites: None*

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**LL95601 Bankruptcy Law Research** (Spring 2014: 2 credits)
Instructor: Mary Ann Neary

*Prerequisites: None*

Students are introduced to research methods and resources for tracking bankruptcy filings, locating opinions, and utilizing practice materials. Course covers statutory research in bankruptcy code, locating controlling cases and treatises, deskbooks and other research resources. Emphasis is on the technology and tools used in current bankruptcy practice, e.g. electronic case filing (ECF/ECM), docket searching, and specialized bankruptcy practice software. The course covers research using Westlaw, LexisNexis, BloombergLaw and other electronic sources. Course grade will be based on several course assignments. Enrollment is limited to 20 students.

**LL41202 Intellectual Property Research** (Spring 2014: 2 credits)
Instructor: Joan Shear

*Prerequisites: None*

This course is designed as an in-depth look at the legal research materials and techniques used in the practice of intellectual property law. Course will cover basic primary sources used in IP law such as the U.S. Constitution, statutes, and cases. Course will also cover research tools and techniques unique to IP such as patent and trademark searching, and the activities and publications of the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress and Patent and Trademark Office of the Department of Commerce. Electronic sources are compared and contrasted to help students learn economical and efficient research skills necessary to be a successful IP lawyer. Ungraded exercises allow students to track their progress in learning the materials. Grade will be based on class participation, effort and two graded research exercises. Enrollment is limited to 20 students.