Legal Research Course Offerings Academic Year 2010-2011

*Legal research courses satisfy the lawyering skills requirement.*

**LL79701 Advanced Legal Research** (Fall 2010: 3 credits)
Instructor: Associate Dean and Professor Filippa Marullo Anzalone

**LL79702 Advanced Legal Research** (Spring 2011: 3 credits)
Instructor: Mark Sullivan

Prerequisites: None

This course is designed as an in-depth look at the process of legal research and methodologies. 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, Bloomberg Law and other electronic sources. The grade is based on several course assignments and a final examination. This class addresses the lawyering skills requirement specifically in regard to research competency.

Enrollment is limited to 20 students.

**LL47801 Environmental Legal Research** (Fall 2010: 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 environmental law. Strong emphasis on administrative law and the rulemaking process, legislative history, and government documents. Course will also review basic case law and statutory research. Print and electronic sources are compared and contrasted to help students learn economical and efficient research skills necessary to be a successful environmental lawyer. Ungraded weekly exercises help students to track their progress in learning the materials. Grade will be based on class participation and two graded exercises. The class will meet three hours per week for the first two thirds of the semester. This class addresses the lawyering skills requirement specifically in regard to research competency. Enrollment limited to 20 students.
**LL47001 Immigration Law Research** (Fall 2010: 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 seminar 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. This class addresses the lawyering skills requirement specifically in regard to research competency.

**LL37401 Insurance and Civil Litigation Research** (Spring 2011: 2 credits)
Instructor: Karen Breda

Prerequisites: None
This course is designed as an in-depth look at legal research techniques and resources used by lawyers in the insurance field and by civil litigation attorneys. Course will cover sources of insurance law and insurance obligations, including contracts, common law doctrines, statutes and regulations. Course will teach techniques used in researching contract interpretation, tort law, government regulations, court rules, conflicts of law and ethical dilemmas. Course will also cover secondary sources, research tools and organizations for both insurance specialists and trial attorneys. Both print and electronic resources will be explored and utilized. Weekly ungraded exercises allow students to track their progress in learning the materials. Grade will be based on two graded assignments and a final examination. This class addresses the lawyering skills requirement specifically in regard to research competency.

**LL67501 International Legal Research** (Fall 2010: 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. Enrollment is limited to twenty students. 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. This class addresses the lawyering skills requirement specifically in regard to research competency.
LL95001 Intellectual Property Legal Research (Spring 2011: 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. This class addresses the lawyering skills requirement specifically in regard to research competency. Enrollment is limited to 20 students.

LL90601 Securities Law Research (Fall 2010: 2 credits)
Instructor: Mary Ann Neary

Prerequisites: None
Students are introduced to research methods in the area of securities, including federal statutory and legislative history research, SEC regulatory resources, self-regulatory organizations, state securities laws. Emphasis placed on technology and tools used by practitioners, including Bloomberg, LexisNexis, and Westlaw. Course grade will be based on a series of short written assignments and a final exam. This class addresses the lawyering skills requirement specifically in regard to research competency.

LL96001 Tax Law Research (Spring 2011: 2 credits)
Instructor: Mary Ann Neary

Prerequisites: None
This course introduces the basic concepts of tax research and provides an in-depth look at the sources of tax authorities. The course will cover tax research techniques for statutory interpretation and legislative history; administrative interpretation, including regulations, published rulings and letter rulings; and judicial authority. Students will use both print and electronic resources including BNA, CCH, and RIA tax databases. Course grade will be based on a series of short written assignments and a final exam. This class addresses the lawyering skills requirement specifically in regard to research competency.