

Spring 2025 JD Course Descriptions

| Course Name                  | Professor   | Description   |
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| Admiralty and Law of the Sea | R. Anderson | This course surveys the substantive and procedural aspects of maritime law in the United States. Topics include admiralty jurisdiction and procedure, choice of law, carriage of goods by sea, charter parties, maritime torts, maritime liens, and salvage. Additional topics include an introduction to international law of the sea.   |
| Advanced Bankruptcy          | B. Rucker   | Students will develop a deeper understanding of debt collection in the state and bankruptcy court systems; examine key bankruptcy legal issues requiring advocacy in both consumer and non-consumer bankruptcy cases; and, learn negotiation skills and tactics helpful to resolving debtor/creditor disputes before and after a bankruptcy filing. Prerequisite: Bankruptcy.   |
| American Legal History       | B. Brady    | This course explores major developments in American law, politics, and society from the Civil War to the present. We will begin by examining the Reconstruction Amendments and their erosion during Jim Crow. We will next consider competing visions of law's role in regulating a rapidly changing economy, focusing on the Lochner Era and the New Deal. In addition, we will explore how law affected the United States' rise as a world power and consider how global events reshaped American law and society at home. Finally, we will consider the triumph of legal liberalism's vision of the Supreme Court as a force for progressive social change, as well as the backlash reflected in the emergence of the conservative legal movement. Throughout, we will pay particular attention to legal ideology and the changing role of lawyers and the legal profession. Class will combine lectures with discussion of primary sources. |
| Antitrust                    | S. Foster   | Federal anti-trust laws and their relationship to concentrations of economic power in the contexts of monopoly mergers, price fixing, economic boycotts and discrimination, re-sale price maintenance, dealer franchises, and exclusive dealing. Comparative analysis of free enterprise market and government regulated industries. Recommended for second- and third-year students interested in business practice or government service, as well as social welfare, or students with an interest in the subject.   |

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| Arkansas Constitutional Law                       | H. Brill   | This course covers provisions of the Arkansas Constitution, including the Declaration of Rights, the separation of powers, the power of the executive and legislative branches, sovereign immunity, independent commissions, amendments and initiated acts, education, elections and term limits, taxation and exemptions, taxpayer lawsuits, gambling and lotteries, local governments, and other topics.   |
| Arkansas Law Review Credit                        | D. Rice    | Law review credit.   |
| Board of Advocates                                | A. Hurst   | Members of the Board of Advocates may receive ungraded academic credit, to be awarded in the spring semester of the member's third year in law school, upon completion of duties for the fall and spring semesters.  |
| Business & Professional Planning for Law Practice | R. Moore   | This class is intended to prepare students for the business and professional aspects of practicing law. Course topics will focus on law firm economics (from client payment to partner distribution and all points in between); professional mindset and goals; client relationships; and other essential aspects of successful law practice. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the material through creating their own law practice plan.  |
| Business & Transactional Skills                   | C. Rose    | Synthesis of legal principles dealing with taxation and form of business organizations to provide guidance in choosing form and operating business entities.   |
| Choice of Business Entities                       | C. Goforth | This is a one-credit, asynchronous distance class taught during the first eight weeks of the semester. This class is designed to help students understand the comparative advantages and disadvantages of various forms of business, including sole proprietorships, general partnerships and LLPs, limited partnerships and LLLPs, LLCs, and both C and S Corporations. The course will consider difficulties associated with forming and operating businesses in each of these formats, including basic tax issues that may face clients. It will also explore the possible benefits associated with choice of organizational form, and providing information about representing clients who need to choose between these forms of organization. |

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| Clinic: Civil Litigation & Advocacy                | A. Smith  | Students will represent low-income clients seeking to enforce their rights in civil matters. Under close faculty supervision, students will develop and refine their ability to effectively and ethically practice law. Students will handle all aspects of client representation, including interviewing and counseling, fact investigation and discovery, negotiation, and court appearances. Students will also participate in a weekly seminar and may have the opportunity to engage in other forms of advocacy. Prerequisite: Cumulative GPA of 2.00, successful completion of 48 semester hours, including Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility, and qualifying for Rule XV practice.  |
| Clinic: Community and Rural Enterprise Development | P. Norman | Students in the CRED Clinic represent small businesses, non-profits, cooperatives, and small municipalities throughout Arkansas. Under faculty supervision, students are lead attorneys on their matters, interviewing clients, conducting research, drafting legal documents, and counseling clients on their options. Students approach lawyering from a client-centered perspective, developing a deep understanding of their clients' goals and the context in which they operate, while fostering their clients' autonomy and efficacy. Through client work and the weekly seminar, students learn to break down complex real-world legal issues, engage in self-directed study of new fields of law, manage professional relationships, and reflect critically on the ethical and strategic implications of their lawyering choices. Prerequisite: LAWW 5013 Professional Responsibility and all other qualifications for Rule XV practice. |
| Clinic: Criminal Practice                          | J. Worlow | The Criminal Practice Clinic represents clients charged with misdemeanor and simple felony charges primarily in Washington County. Under close faculty supervision, students develop their ability to effectively and ethically practice law while providing much-needed legal assistance. In addition to client representation, and court appearances, students participate in a weekly seminar. Qualification for Rule XV practice. Prerequisite: LAWW 6093 Basic Evidence, LAWW 4173 Criminal Procedure, and LAWW 5013 Professional Responsibility.  |

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| Clinic: Immigration Clinic       | A. McGowan         | Immigration Clinic will provide opportunities for students preparing for a career in immigration law or general practice by developing skills that are critical in legal practice through an experiential learning model. Working under the supervision of a clinical faculty member, students will represent sectors of the immigrant population for graded credit. Criminal Procedure and Professional Responsibility are prerequisites, as well as the completion of at least forty-eight credit hours prior to enrollment. Prerequisite: LAWW 5013 Professional Responsibility. |
| Conflict of Laws                 | B. Brady           | In our interconnected, mobile society, cases and transactions may be subject to more than one state's law. This course examines the competing theories of choice of law for such cases and transactions, jurisdictional and other constitutional limits on state authority, the recognition of foreign judgments, and the extraterritoriality of federal law abroad.  |
| Constitutional Law               | D. Rice/J. Thorlin | An introduction to the basic principles of constitutional law and to current constitutional doctrines and problems. The primary focus will be on the structure of the federal system and on the rights of individuals under the Due Process and Equal Protection clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.  |
| Criminal Procedure: Adjudication | K. Eaton           | This course focuses on prosecuting crime. Principal topics include: the prosecutor's decision to charge, the role of defense counsel, initial appearance, bail and pretrial release, grand juries and preliminary hearings, discovery, guilty pleas and plea bargaining, speedy trial, double jeopardy, trials and pretrial motions, sentencing and post-conviction remedies.   |
| Cybersecurity Law                | I. Kilovaty        | This seminar will focus on the legal, policy, technical and logical dimensions of information security (computer systems and networks). Selected topics include data security regulation, security breach law, cybersecurity litigation, anti-hacking laws, emerging threats and vulnerabilities, law enforcement and the encryption debate and cyberwarfare. No technical background is required.  |
| Debtor Creditor                  | S. Foster          | Study of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and of the remedies of unsecured creditors.   |

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| Design Law                               | U. Ewelukwa | <p>"Design Law/Rights" is an in-depth course designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the field of design law in the United States and internationally. Focus is on three main domains of intellectual property (IP) law: copyright law, design patent law, and trade dress law. This course aims to equip students with the knowledge and understanding necessary to navigate the intricacies of design protection and intellectual property rights (IPRs). Design rights are a form of IP protection that safeguards the overall appearance of a new and distinctive product. The course will look at the legal framework for design protection, the standard for protection, registration of designs, and design rights litigation. It will also look at the challenges to effectively protecting and enforcing design rights in the U.S. and several key jurisdictions. The course takes a cross-sectional approach to the legal protection available for industrial design. The course differs from 'Introduction to Intellectual Property Law' in that it approaches the legal system from a subject matter perspective rather than a particular doctrinal perspective. Thus, rather than focusing on copyright law (or patent or trademark) and then asking how the doctrinal rules apply to various works or features, this course starts with the type of work or feature at issue—say, the design of electric bulb, car, or show—and asks what legal protection(s) might be available for the design, looking across doctrinal areas. This approach is more reflective of the way intellectual property attorneys work; it also means that the course will, by necessity, cover a lot of doctrinal ground.</p> |
| Discovery(Rules and Skills) Intercession | K. Morrison | <p>This course examines the rules regarding discovery in civil litigation. The primary emphasis will be on the law of Arkansas, but comparable federal rules will also be addressed. In addition to discussing the rules, a focus of the class will be on drafting and responding to interrogatories, requests for production, and requests for admissions.</p>   |

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| Effective Corporate Compliance | P. Pesek   | <p>This course provides a high-level overview of the importance and structure of an effective compliance program within a business, with the purpose of mitigating legal risk. The Federal Sentencing Guidelines specify the elements of an effective compliance program, and some federal agencies like have interpreted these or implemented them through regulation. Corporations are facing an ever-changing regulatory environment in a multitude of sectors, and this course prepares students with a foundational level of how compliance professionals build effective compliance programs, using a relevant fact pattern to bring the course material to life. Students who choose to work for a corporation (even in the legal department) will need to be familiar with how that corporation implements the elements of an effective compliance program, so as to effectively defend or advise the corporation.</p> |
| Employment Discrimination      | B. Bullock | <p>This course focuses on the study of the significant cases and statutes that protect employees from discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, and disability, with emphasis on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.</p>   |
| Energy Law                     | S. Gosman  | <p>Energy law governs the life cycle of energy resources, from resource development and generation of electricity to the end use in homes, businesses, and cars. In this growing area of practice, energy lawyers represent energy companies, government agencies, and non-profit organizations. The course provides a survey of how different sources of energy—hydropower, oil and natural gas, coal, nuclear energy, and renewables—are regulated.</p>  |

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| Essential Legal Research                                  | D. Bell     | This course covers the research techniques, books, and databases essential to practicing law. Skills developed include creating a research plan to solve specific practice problems, identifying and locating all of the case law, regulations, and statutes on a question in a jurisdiction and determining their current status through later citation, accessing government documents, assessing what statutes and regulations are in force at a given time, locating or creating legislative histories, locating foreign law, locating international law, determining how best to use treatises, monographs, and journals, and developing elementary skills in finding and utilizing materials and resources from other disciplines, such as medicine, science, or the social sciences. |
| Estate Planning   | R. Hurst    | Students are strongly encouraged to take either Wills, Trust and Estates or Federal Estate and Gift Taxation prior to taking the course.  |
| Evidence  | B. Bullock  | Study of the rules of evidence under which trials are conducted; the methods by which items of evidence are admitted or excluded; relevancy, real evidence, testimonial proof, and hearsay and its exceptions.  |
| Externship Seminar (Required for first time externs only) | A. Menendez | Integration of legal doctrine, theory, skills and legal ethics in a realworld professional setting. In the academic component of the course, students will explore how they can learn from experience, specifically experience working with clients, solving problems and developing a sense of who they are and the kind of lawyer they want to be.  |
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| Family Law  | D. Bousquet | Survey of family law, including the statutory law of domestic relations as well as constitutional restraints on the state's regulation of the family. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, divorce, child custody, domestic violence, reproductive rights, and family privacy.   |
| Federal Courts  | T. Gray     | Focus is on essential aspects of federal court procedure, the scope and limits of federal judicial power, and the underlying principles of federalism and separation of powers. Topics will include federal court jurisdiction, the power of Congress to limit that jurisdiction, Supreme Court review of state court judgments, and abstention and justiciability doctrines.   |

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| Federal Income Tax of Business Entities | W. Foster    | Focus on tax issues in business formation, operation, distributions, and liquidations.   |
| First Amendment                         | D. Rice      | An in-depth examination of the Supreme Court's First Amendment jurisprudence, with an emphasis on core free-speech doctrines and modern developments concerning the Free Exercise Clause and Establishment Clause.   |
| Government Management                   | A Hutchinson | TBA  |
| Independent Legal Research              | TBD          | Independent legal research conducted under the supervision of faculty members. Ordinarily a student may not accumulate more than two semester hours of credit for Independent Legal Research. This cumulative maximum may be exceeded only by special permission of the dean, who in exceptional circumstances may approve a cumulative maximum credit of three semester hours of credit for Independent Legal Research. |



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| International Human Rights   | U. Ewelukwa | <p>An introductory survey of international human rights law and procedures, including detailed examination of global, regional, and national institutions to protect human rights. This course will examine the developing law of international human rights, with an emphasis on international human rights agreements, international and regional human rights courts and tribunals, the role of the United Nations in protecting human rights, and international human rights organizations, both governmental and non-governmental. The course will examine the postwar emergence of civil and political human rights, the development of social and economic human rights, and the more recent articulation of collective and group human rights. The course will trace the development of contemporary concepts of human rights, including issues of universality, whether or not certain categories of rights have priority over others, and the means for enforcing human rights law. It will also explore the normative justifications for enforcing human rights beyond the bounds of national sovereignty and challenges to these justifications. Timepermitting, regional systems for human rights protection, including African, inter- American and European systems will also be explored. Ultimately, this course seeks to address key questions concerning the basis for an international human rights system that would pose limits to states' treatment of their own nationals. For example: What fundamental rights, if any, do individuals throughout the world have in relation to governments? Are human rights universal or relative (e.g. dependent on culture)? Who may legitimately articulate and enforce such rights, and through what mechanisms? What are the key challenges to enforcing international human rights standards in the world, today?</p> |
| Interschool Competition Team | A. Hurst    | <p>Interschool Competition Team provides an avenue for outstanding student advocates to register their completion of a rigorous interschool competition for purposes of academic credit. Students may register for this credit after satisfying the standards for approval of non-graded credit for Interschool Competition Credit, as outlined in the University of Arkansas School of Law Board of Advocates Bylaws and relevant Bylaw and Academic Standards provisions, as promulgated by the Faculty.</p>   |

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| Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation | C. Kelly     | This course provides instruction and practice in interviewing and counseling clients and in negotiating on behalf of clients in a wide variety of situations. In addition to teaching strategies and techniques, the course will provide extensive practice through the use of simulated exercises. When you complete this course, you should be familiar with the most common interviewing, counseling, and negotiating techniques and strategies, and you should be able to implement those techniques and strategies in many different situations that lawyers face.   |
| Intro to Commodity Regulation            | C. Goforth   | This is a one-credit, asynchronous distance class taught during the first eight weeks of the semester. This course will introduce students to the ways in which commodities transactions are regulated in the U.S. under the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA). Issues covered include understanding how derivatives trading works, the roles of various market professionals, regulation and oversight by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), and public and private enforcement under the CEA. Some attention will be given to the question of whether the CFTC's authority should be expanded to cover the physical commodities markets.   |
| Intro to Insider Trading                 | C. Goforth   | This is a one-credit, asynchronous distance class taught during the first eight weeks of the semester. It will provide an overview of the prohibition against insider trading on the basis of material, non-public information in connection with the purchase and sale of securities. The focus is on the federal securities laws and regulations promulgated thereunder, with a particular emphasis on Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5, and section 14(e) and Rule 14e-3. Course coverage will include liability by conventional and constructive insiders, persons who misappropriate confidential information, tippers and tippees, and those who aid and abet such conduct. Short-swing profit liability for a more limited class of insiders under sections 16(a) and (b) will also be covered. |
| Journal Food Law & Policy                | S. Schneider | Students receive credit for completion of duties on the Law School's publication of The Journal of Food Law & Policy.   |
| Land Use                                 | S. Clowney   | Covers public land use controls such as zoning, subdivision regulations, and eminent domain (including private property rights, takings, and inverse condemnation). Heavy emphasis is placed on planning at state and local levels.   |

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| Law & Economics             | J. Thorlin  | Law and Economics examines legal and policy issues using economic insights and methods. The class teaches analytical techniques useful in virtually any legal field or practice, while also reviewing important concepts for core bar exam subjects like Torts, Contracts, and Property. No prior economics experience is required.   |
| Legal Research & Writing II | A. Killenbeck, T. Farr, A. Fisher, A. Hurst, D. Weatherby | An introduction to the persuasive writing for trial and appellate courts. Emphasis will be placed on intermediate library research techniques and basic legal research using computers. Students will also engage in brief-writing and appellate argumentation.   |
| Mastering Legal Analysis    | T. Jordan-Percifield                                      | In this course students will revisit and expand upon the core principles of legal analysis. This course will be based on an active-learning model with a focus on practicing legal analysis under time-pressured conditions. The professor will provide extensive individualized feedback on exercises. The materials for this course will largely be drawn from the written portions of the bar exam (both Arkansas and UBE).  |
| Mediation & Practice        | J. Taylor   | This is a skills class and therefore includes a lot of interactive work, including mock mediations. All students are required to actively participate in the mock mediations. While lecture is part of the course, a significant portion is class discussion and all students are expected to have completed the readings and contribute to the discussion. Due to the condensed structure of the course, the reading for the weekend sessions is very heavy. It is expected that students will have completed the weekend reading assignment prior to class. |
| Military Law                | G. Ham  | This seminar explores the nature and function of contemporary military justice, the application of international human rights, and strategies for reform. Topics will include the roles of the commander; unlawful command, presidential-, and congressional-influence; constitutional rights of military personnel; court-martial jurisdiction and offenses; judicial independence; punishment; military commissions; and summary (nonjudicial) proceedings.   |
| Patent Law                  | D. Pieper   | Study of the patent system of the United States, including conditions for a valid patent, procedures of the patent office, and litigation relating to patents.  |

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| Privacy Law                      | D. Cook              | Information Privacy and Security Law will explore arguments regarding the importance of informational privacy and provide an overview of U.S. laws and regulations including those protecting the privacy of children, students, employees, patients, customers, and citizens. Special attention will be given to the expanding role of the FTC as well as the importance of risk management. Additional issues include artificial intelligence, government surveillance, drones, mobile device tracking, facial recognition technology, data breach response, online behavioral advertising, and use of "big data." The sectoral nature of US privacy law and the influence of international laws and frameworks will also be covered. |
| Professional Responsibility      | D. Bousquet          | Role of the lawyer as counselor, advocate, and public servant; obligation to society of the individual lawyer and the profession as a whole; ethical problems of the profession; representation of the unpopular cause and the desirable client, lawyers' obligation to law reform; lawyer and the press; the lawyer in public service; the aspects of law office management.   |
| Property                         | C. Circo, S. Clowney | This course deals with the creation and transfer of rights over property. The primary emphasis will be on entitlements in land. Subject to variations among professors, topics will include the rights of landowners to exclude and condition the entry of others, estates in land, co-ownership, landlord-tenant law, real estate and personal property transactions, and servitudes.  |
| Real Estate Transactions         | J. Joyce             | Focuses on real estate transfer, real estate finance and real estate development. Issues relating to the sale of land and conveyances of real property, mortgages and the planning, financing, constructing and marketing of modern real estate developments are treated.   |
| Regulation of Cryptotransactions | C. Goforth           | This is an upper-level elective designed to introduce students to the regulatory environment in which cryptotransactions currently operate. While the focus is on U.S. law, international developments will also be mentioned more briefly. Class will start with an overview of terms and concepts, along with the history of money and blockchain developments. Then regulation of crypto as currency, as a commodity, and as a security under federal law will be covered. State laws and international law will illustrate a variety of alternative regulatory approaches. Taxation of crypto will not be covered in any depth. There are no pre-requisites.  |

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| Remedies               | H. Brill              | Covers equity (jurisdiction and powers of courts of equity, injunctions, including adequacy of legal remedies, balancing of equities, interests protected, and defenses), damages (compensatory, exemplary, and nominal damages; direct and consequential damages; mitigation; special application in contract and tort actions) and restitution (relief afforded by the judicial process, to prevent unjust retention of benefits).   |
| Rule of Law Colloquium | C. Kelley             | This course's purpose is to help you answer this question: What does the rule of law mean to you? Its goal is to encourage you to think about this questions throughout your career. This course will examine four board topics: what is the rule of law and why does it matter; the role of the rule of law in economic development; the role of the rule of law in post-conflict and other transitional societies; and the causes, consequences, and cures of corruption. The course materials will be distributed to you-this course does not use a textbook. you will be asked to participate in class discussion and to write an essay during the exam period. Your essay may be an essay explaining what the rule of law means to you. |
| Torts                  | S. Cravens, S. Gosman | An introduction to basic principles of civil liability for harm to persons and damage to property. The course focuses on the basic doctrines of the three primary theories of tort liability: intentional torts, negligence, and strict liability. It will also include analysis of defenses to these theories of liability, rules regarding apportionment of damages, and underlying principles and policies justifying liability and imposition of damages.  |
| Trial Advocacy         | T. Brooks             | An introduction to actual trial work and trial techniques through simulated exercises and the conduct of a mock trial.   |

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| ULW: Advanced Contract Drafting   | P. Pesek      | Advanced Contract Drafting is an upper-level course that teaches basic practical contract skills by having students work “in role” as lawyers undertaking various contract drafting tasks in a series of exercises. The course will be taught by an Adjunct Professor, who is a retired General Counsel with significant experience in drafting, editing, and negotiating thousands of contracts. While the skills taught will be basic, they will also be translatable to more sophisticated contracts. The course will feature lectures and class discussions regarding the various components of a contract, and in-class contract issue-spotting and drafting exercises, with an emphasis on the drafting exercises. Students will learn how to structure and format each type of contract, write to maximize brevity and clarity, and allocate risk between the parties to the agreement. All drafting exercises will receive feedback from the instructor. Grading will be on the basis of the written drafting assignments and class participation. |
| ULW: Civil Pretrial Docs          | E. Esterbrook | Students will draft core pretrial documents, including a complaint, a motion to dismiss, and a motion for summary judgment, while engaging with a complex civil record drawn from actual federal court filings. Course features advanced drafting and editing strategies, personalized writing feedback, and instruction on local and federal rules.   |
| ULW: Federal Appellate Litigation | G. Jones      | Students will further their skills in research, writing, and oral advocacy, with a particular focus on the drafting and editing process. In addition to the primary assignment of completing a polished appellate brief, the course will help students critically engage with their own writing, understand the litigation process, and effectively communicate legal arguments. The course will make an effort to address students’ specific concerns about legal writing.  |

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| ULW: Literature & the Law | C. Circo  | This course explores the relationship between law and literature by investigating two distinct questions. First, what can great literature teach about timeless legal principles and themes? These principles and themes include: justice, equity, mercy, retribution, and the rule of law; legitimate forms of government; abuse of power; the letter versus the spirit of the law; and religious influences. Second, what lessons can we draw from the best literary expositions of law? On this question, we consider influential judicial opinions and commentaries on legal arguments and analysis. Scholars in the field sometimes label the first inquiry the study of law in literature and the second the study of law as literature. |
| Veterans Law              | R. Henry  | The class presents the statutory and regulatory provisions pertinent to the issues that commonly arise in pursuing claims for veterans and their family members. We will review relevant cases, discuss practical explanations about how to work through claims, and navigate how to work with the government officials who process veteran's claims.  |
| Water Law                 | P. Hickey | Are "water wars" coming to our favorite stream or to our ground water aquifers? Water is the natural resource of life. In the United States access to and ownership rights in the world's most valuable natural resource are governed by different real property principles and statutes. These principles and statutes reflect the competing interests of stakeholders based on the need and scarcity of water. This course will include the study of these real property principles, the federal and state statutes controlling use of water, and current water issues and disputes.   |
| Wills, Trusts, & Estates  | W. Foster | This is the study of the traditional areas of wills and trusts (intestate and testate succession). The trusts area includes both the private trust and the charitable trust.   |