

Chapman University Fowler School of Law
Upper-Level Course Descriptions
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Advanced Topic: Separation of Powers (3) – Law-7639

In this course, we will explore the structural advantages and disadvantages of the three branches of federal government, the states versus the federal government, and the use of the process of constitutional amendment. Individual topics will be chosen to illustrate not what outcome is best from a policy perspective, but which branch is best suited to resolve any given issue in public policy. Topics will be chosen from recent public policy controversies, which will be covered in a course reader. Other subjects will be those provided in the text, T. Campbell, *Separation of Powers in Practice*. Among the topics for analysis will be: regulation of speech, substantive due process, affirmative action, burdens of proof in civil rights litigation, education policy, and war powers. There will be an in-class final exam.

Antitrust Law (3) Law-7509

In a free market economy, there needs to be concern over abuses of power. Antitrust law serves that function. It has a criminal law component—identifying and prosecuting price-fixing and collusion between competitors. It has a civil law component—dealing with how companies with dominant market positions can destroy competition from rivals to the detriment of consumers and society. It has a regulatory law component—allowing or preventing mergers, based on international, national, and local perspectives. While mostly focusing on US national antitrust law, the course will also consider foreign countries’ antitrust laws, and the antitrust laws specific to California. There will be an in-class final exam. **This course is an approved elective for the Business Law Emphasis Certificate.**

Business Associations (4) Law-7146 California Bar Tested & Uniform Bar Exam Tested

In this course, students undertake an in-depth study of the law governing various business forms/entities, including sole proprietorships, general partnerships, corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships. In addition to covering basic questions regarding the formal creation of various entities, we address a number of topics/concepts, including the Board of Directors, fiduciary duties, limited (and unlimited) liability, shareholder derivative suits, initial public offerings, insider trading, hostile corporate takeovers, and “poison pills.” Coverage of various business entities in the context of a single course offers students the opportunity, via comparison and contrast, to appreciate the unique legal character of specific business forms. This knowledge will enhance their ability to advise clients with respect to which entity best achieves their clients’ overall business objectives at various stages. The course also serves to prepare students for advanced study in arenas in which prior knowledge of various business entity fundamentals is assumed. Students should be prepared to devote considerable attention to the study of various model statutes (e.g., the Model Business Corporations Act). **This course, OR Corporations, is a core course requirement for the Business Law Emphasis. Students who have completed the course in Corporations may not enroll in this course. Knowledge obtained in this course is tested on the California Bar and on the UBE. As of March 2024, the UBE will be the bar exam in 43 states and all U.S. territories (except Puerto Rico).**

Civil Rights Law (3) Law-7519

This course will study the laws and constitutional provisions that protect civil rights, particularly the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, age, disability, and other protected characteristics. The course will focus on legal strategies to bring lawsuits under or defend actions alleging unlawful discrimination. This course also will consider legal actions that seek redress for violations of other federal constitutional or statutory rights, as well as relevant policy issues. **This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement.**

Client Interviewing and Counseling (3) Law-7520

Students will learn and practice skills involved in interviewing and counseling clients. Through the course of the semester, students will take one simulated case from the initial phase of gathering and evaluating facts supplied by a client, conduct substantive legal research, write a memorandum to the client file, and provide oral and written advice to the client based on consideration of facts and applicable law. The course will focus on interpersonal aspects of client relationships as well as ethical problems that may arise in the context of client representation. Students participate in simulated interviews and counseling sessions, portraying both client and attorney. Students will complete several written products, including a client letter, a memo to the file, and papers analyzing the lawyering process from the perspective of both attorney and client. **This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement OR the Experiential Course Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements at the same time. This is a core requirement in the Certificate in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution. This course is an approved elective for the Entrepreneurship Certificate Track 1.**

Community Property (2) Law-7302 California Bar Tested

The organizing idea for the text and the course is that California community property is a “classification” system; property is either community or separate property based upon the date and source of acquisition of the property. Problems arise when spouses claim separate property interests in community property, community property interests in separate property, devote community effort to separate property, or make agreements, before or during marriage, or after date of separation or dissolution of the marriage, but before judgment is entered, on their property issues. All these issues, and more, from acquisition of community property to its division upon dissolution of marriage, will be explored.

Constitutional Law (4) Law-7126 California Bar Tested

This course covers the powers of the three branches of the federal government, the relationship of the branches of the federal government to each other and to the States, the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, including the effect of the Fourteenth Amendment on the application of the Bill of Rights to the States, and an introduction to issues involving equal protection. **This course is a core requirement for the ENLURE Certificate.**

Copyright Law and Practice (3) Law-7822

Copyright law is critical across many different arts, technologies, and industries. The digital revolution has transformed how we think about this body of law. We will examine its application to, and implications for, music, books, film and computer software, for example. Students will learn how to interpret and apply the statutory provisions, to identify and articulate the scope of U.S. copyright protection and its limitations, the essential elements of a copyright infringement claim, the defenses, and strategies available to a defendant, and the related bodies of law typically involved in copyright disputes. The classes will focus on applying case law and statute to various hypothetical situations with the goal of preparing students to handle the copyright issues and problems typically encountered by a lawyer in practice. This course is an approved elective for the Entertainment Law certificate. **This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement.**

Corporations (3) Law-7145 California Bar Tested

This course provides a basic understanding of both closely held and publicly held for-profit corporations. Particular attention is given to the way in which corporations organize and operate. The course also examines the respective roles, relationships, responsibilities, and liability exposure of shareholders, directors and officers. The study of corporate litigation and regulation under key portions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations of the S.E.C. is included. **Students who have completed the course in Business Associations may not enroll in this course. This course, OR Business Associations, is a core course requirement for the Business Law Emphasis.**

Criminal Procedure/Police Practices (3) Law-7301 California Bar Tested

This course provides a close examination of the laws of criminal investigation. Topics include constitutional limits on arrests and stops, search and seizure, interrogation of suspects, right to counsel, and the

privilege against self-incrimination. **Students with a first year cumulative GPA below a 2.6 must take this course as a graduation requirement. This course is a core requirement for the Criminal Law Certificate.**

Directed Research Project (1-3; 12 and ½ pages minimum per credit based on standard format) Law-7850

Courses are available to 2-4Ls only to study and research topics which are not provided for by regular curricular offerings. To register for Directed Research, students must complete a Directed Research form and submit the completed form to the Registrar's Office for processing. The signatures of the supervising full-time professor and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs are required. The completed Directed Research form must be submitted to the Registrar's office by the given Add/Drop deadline for the semester. Students cannot register for a Directed Research project online. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.6 at the end of their first year to participate in a Directed Research project. **Students may not make changes to the number of credits past the Add/Drop deadline for the semester.**

Employment Law (3) Law-7536

This course explores selected topics in employment law in the non-union workplace. The course covers the evolving common law and statutory approaches to regulating the employer-employee relationship from hiring to firing. Topics include employee privacy, protections against workplace discrimination, regulation of wages and hours, sexual harassment, and remedies for wrongful termination.

Entertainment Industry Contracts (3) Law-7830

This course provides an inside look at what it's like to be an entertainment lawyer and prepares students to work in the industry, whether at a studio, a firm, or representing artists. Students receive hands-on experience with entertainment industry contracts, from the inception of a creative idea to acquiring rights and hiring talent (including writers, directors, actors, composers, and more). Students will negotiate deal terms and draft a variety of contracts involved in the making of a feature film, streaming series, and other media. Students will also learn how to effectively communicate with clients and other lawyers. The entertainment attorney's role as advocate, negotiator, drafter, and communicator throughout the course of a deal will be examined. The skills learned in this course apply not just to entertainment deals, but to negotiating and drafting clear, enforceable contracts in all areas of law. **This course is a prerequisite to the Entertainment Law Clinic. This course satisfies the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement OR the Experiential Course Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements at the same time. This course is a required course to obtain the Entertainment Law Certificate and an approved elective for the Business Law Certificate and the Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Certificate.**

Entertainment Law (3) Law-7538

This course explores the legal issues connected with the development, production, and exploitation of entertainment product, focusing predominantly on filmed entertainment, to some extent on musical compositions and recordings, and incidentally on other forms of entertainment. The course examines the legal doctrines, statutes, case law and agreements that fall under the umbrella of "entertainment law." Topics will be drawn from the following: the structure of the entertainment industry, contractual issues, right of publicity, selected copyright and trademark issues, non-literary rights, credit, compensation and control, ethics and regulation of talent representatives such as agents, lawyers, and managers, and the legal and business controversies surrounding "newer" and emerging technologies and distribution methods. Copyright law is not a prerequisite, and this course should not be considered as a replacement for the copyright course. **This course is a core requirement for the Entertainment Law Certificate.**

Estate and Gift Tax (3) Law-7833

A comprehensive study of the federal wealth transfer tax system, including the gift tax, the estate tax and the generation-skipping transfer tax. Coverage includes the tax treatment of property owned at death and property transferred during life, the marital and charitable contribution deductions and other deductions and credits. The course includes procedural and valuation issues, including related income tax basis planning. Nontax law aspects of estate planning are also studied for taxable and nontaxable estates. **Prerequisite: Federal Income Tax. This course is a core requirement for the Certificate in Taxation and an approved elective course for the Business Law Certificate.**

Evidence (4) Law-7142 California Bar Tested

This course covers the standards regulating admissibility of evidence in both criminal and civil trials. Special emphasis is placed on the Federal Rules of Evidence. **This course is a core requirement for the Criminal Law Certificate.**

Note: Dean Mainero's Evidence section in the fall semester covers both Federal Evidence and California Evidence, both of which are tested on the California Bar Exam.

Family Law (3) Law-7542

This course will cover California family law. It will be a doctrinal class with a final exam. The following topics will be covered: cohabitation and marriage; divorce and annulment; parentage and child custody; spousal support and property division; and domestic violence. It may also include one or more of the following topics: adoption, surrogacy, in vitro fertilization, Islamic and Jewish religious norms impacting family law issues, and international child adoption. The class will be helpful for taking the California bar and practicing family law. The course will include family law attorneys and family law judges as guest speakers discussing the practicalities of being a family lawyer.

Federal Income Tax (3) Law-7133

This course is designed to introduce law students to fundamental concepts in the federal income taxation arena and to develop statute-reading skills. The tax system is studied with emphasis on basic concepts and congressional policy goals rather than on detailed computations. Although primary attention is devoted to rules applicable to individuals, the course also addresses provisions governing business-related transactions. Coverage includes the rules regarding the deduction of mortgage interest, charitable contributions, medical expenses, state/local taxes, and "ordinary and necessary" business expenses. The course also addresses exclusion rules (e.g., those applicable to gifts, fringe benefits, certain settlement/litigation damages) and timing. A careful study of Internal Revenue Code provisions and Treasury Regulations is expected. **This course is a core requirement for the Taxation Emphasis program and the Business Law Emphasis program. Students interested in the Tax Emphasis Certificate must take this course in the 2L year, given that Federal Income Tax is a prerequisite for other tax courses.**

Healthcare Law (3) Law-7549

This course will cover fundamental principles of health law, including a review and analysis of foundational common law rules, applicable statutes and administrative regulations, constitutional standards, and interpretive case law. Topics which will be discussed and analyzed over the semester include licensing and liability of health care professionals and institutions; professional relationships between patients, physicians, and hospitals; policy issues in health care, including discrimination and unequal treatment; and patient choices with respect to reproduction, birth, and at the end of life. The goal of the course is to provide a broad overview of this complex and dynamic area of the law, and to analyze the framework relative to the delivery, regulation, and management of, and emerging policy issues related to, healthcare and the delivery of care by providers to patients.

Immigration Law (2) Law-7552

This course provides an introduction into the examination of US law (constitutional, statutory, and administrative) governing the entry, presence, and expulsion of foreign nationals (aliens). Topics include sources of federal immigration power, immigrant and non-immigrant categories, exclusion, admission, deportability, refugees, and unauthorized migrants.

International Environmental Law (3) Law-7557

One Earth. One Atmosphere. Nearly 200 countries. Immense economic differences. Numerous irreversible environmental challenges. An intentional legal system with nearly no compulsory jurisdiction. What can lawyers do? This is the question that this course, International Environmental Law, will explore. The objective of the course is to explore legal responses to a range of environmental challenges, from climate change to ozone layer depletion, biodiversity depletion, and human rights violations from environmental harms. The course is designed to develop international lawyering skills, and to think creatively in using law as a tool to address a host of critical

environmental problems. Students will not only acquire knowledge about treaties and other international environmental law instruments, but also regarding intersection between domestic law and international law in addressing environmental problems. Students will be encouraged to think critically about the scope and limits of law, and to envision “out of the box” legal solutions. **This course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing requirement, and it is an approved elective for the International Law Emphasis and the ENLURE emphasis programs.**

Law and AI (3) Law-7957

This course will cover the legal implications of rapid progress in artificial intelligence. We will consider the relationship in both directions—how the legal system governs AI, and how AI will change the practice of law. Topics may include, among others, copyright, deep fakes, algorithmic discrimination, catastrophic risks, attorney-client privilege, confidentiality, and AI as a tool for lawyers.

Law, Lawyers, and the Legal System in Film (3) Law-7546

The class focuses on film portrayals of law, lawyers, and the legal system as a means of exploring questions of public policy, jurisprudence, professional responsibility, and even personal philosophy and psychology – all through the lens of filmic storytelling and filmmaking technique. Topics to be discussed include the adversary system, ethical dilemmas, various lawyer-character archetypes, the jury system, the role of judges, the tension between popular notions of justice and certain legal regimes, and the strengths and limits of the legal system as a means of resolving disputes and providing remedies.

Laws of War (3) Law-7956

This course explores the historical and contemporary sources of international humanitarian law, or the laws of armed conflict, including treaties, customary international law, and case law. We will examine the basic principles governing the conduct of war -- humanity, proportionality, distinction, and necessity – as applied to past and present conflicts. The course will consider such issues as the distinction between civilian persons and objects from military ones; the legitimate scope of armed conflict; lawful and unlawful weapons and tactics; the treatment of prisoners of war; the prevention and punishment of war crimes; war’s impact on vulnerable communities (including women, children, and LGBTQ persons); and the laws of war’s application to emerging technologies in conflicts, including artificial intelligence and cyber weapons. This course will help students prepare for careers in international human rights, military law, and national security. An introductory course in international law is helpful preparation for this course but not required. **This course is an approved elective for the International Law Certificate. This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement.**

Lawyers and Leadership (3) Law-7958

This course will examine the special duties and responsibilities of lawyers acting in leadership roles, as well as the challenges and opportunities of leadership generally. Leadership theory and case studies will offer the opportunity for students to consider styles of leadership, values, and approaches that will permit them to develop effective leadership skills and apply leadership principles, strategies and techniques to their own careers and lives. Coverage includes core competencies such as decision making, influence, communication, conflict resolution, innovation, crisis management, stress and time management, and social and organizational change. The class will also consider leadership challenges for lawyers in different contexts; diversity and gender issues in leadership; cognitive bias; conflict management techniques; moral leadership and scandals; and professional responsibilities for lawyers in non-legal roles. Depending upon the availability of guest speakers, topics may include: corporate counsel; military lawyering; lawyers as government leaders; leadership in literature and film. Assignments will afford opportunities to reflect upon assigned materials, as well as to explore a leadership topic of personal interest. No final exam. **This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement.**

Mediation (3) Law-7581

This course focuses on different theories and approaches to mediation. Mediation is gaining importance as a mechanism for parties to heal differences without the expense and trauma of litigation. Competent practitioners should understand how mediation works and how to represent clients effectively in a mediation setting. Students in this course have an opportunity to function as both advocates and mediators, using a variety of techniques to resolve

disputes. The course grade is based primarily on papers assigned by the instructor. **This course is an approved elective for the Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Certificate and the Business Law Emphasis. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course Requirement.**

Negotiations (3) Law-7816

Students will practice preparing for and conducting legal negotiations. Students will learn about different approaches and theories of negotiation, develop their skills, understand their negotiating preferences and those of others, as well as deal with ethical issues. Students will do simulated negotiations involving transactions, litigation and other situations lawyers may encounter in practice. In addition to researching and preparing for the negotiations, students will draft agreements and will be asked to reflect upon and write about their learning. This course is a core requirement for the Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Certificate. **This is a core requirement in the Certificate in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution. This course is an approved elective for Business Law Emphasis. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course Requirement.**

Practice Foundations Transactions (3) Law-7657

This course will introduce students to transactional law practice by exploring the role of lawyers in executing business-related transactions. Students will participate in exercises and simulated transactions that lawyers handle in practice. Students will practice communicating with and advising clients, drafting documents, dealing with other attorneys and handling transactions. Students will learn how transactional lawyers add value and solve problems for clients by identifying client objectives, understanding the business context of the matter, spotting legal and business issues, evaluating options, and closing a deal. Students will receive feedback about their progress and work. **This is an upper-level course requirement and does not satisfy the practice-oriented writing requirement. This course will satisfy either the Practice Foundation Transactions (PFT) requirement or the practice-oriented writing requirement, but not both requirements at the same time.**

Professional Responsibility (3) Law-7139 California Bar Tested (Essay and MPRE)

This course is designed to master the law tested on the MPRE and the California Bar exam on the subject of legal ethics. Students will focus on the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct, the California Rules of Professional Conduct, and relevant California state statutes. Topics include the ethical rules governing attorneys in every facet of their practice. This course also explores what lawyers must do when confronted with a request from a client that challenges the lawyer's ethics and the conflict between the obligations to whistle-blow and to maintain client confidentiality.

The following course description is for Professional Responsibility section with Professor Paton.

Law-7139-02

This course is a study of the ethical issues confronting an individual lawyer in practice as well as an examination of questions confronting the legal profession as a whole. We will examine complex professional responsibility problems in some of the most important areas of concern for practicing lawyers, including confidentiality, conflicts of interest, and litigation tactics. We will also consider the history, governance and transformation of the legal profession, competence in an age of artificial intelligence, and requirements of professionalism and civility. While this course will assist in your preparations for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination and for the California Bar Examination, it is not designed simply to be an MPRE or bar prep course. The lectures, materials and class discussions will also seek to give both a theoretical and practical foundation for you to think about what it means to practice ethically, and to prompt reflection about what it means to be a lawyer.

Real Estate Transactions (3) Law-7870

A study of various aspects of real estate transactions and financing. Topics may include contracts of sale, brokerage, buyer-seller rights and obligations, title insurance, development, commercial leasing, mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, foreclosure, receivership, priorities, subordination, suretyship, securitization, tax considerations, and strategies of negotiation and drafting. **This is a core requirement in the Certificate in Environmental Law, Land Use, and Real Estate Law. This course is an approved elective for Business Law Emphasis.**

Remedies (3) Law-7328 California Bar Tested

This course presents students with an analysis of the judicial remedies available in the American system of jurisprudence. The course is designed to familiarize students with the principles of the law of damages, the law of restitution, and equity and equitable remedies. **Students with a first year cumulative GPA below a 2.6, but not in the bottom 25% of their class, must take this course as a graduation requirement. Remedies with Practice Lab, Law 7367, may be taken instead.**

Any student who at the end of their first year of study is ranked in the bottom 25% of their class MUST take Remedies and Practice Lab (Law 7367) as a graduation requirement.

Remedies and Practice Lab (4) Law-7367 California Bar Tested

This course presents students with an analysis of the judicial remedies available in the American system of jurisprudence. The course is designed to familiarize students with the principles of damages, restitution, and equitable remedies. **All students who at the end of their first year of study are ranked in the bottom 25% of their class MUST take Remedies and Practice Lab as a graduation requirement.**

Sports Law (3) Law-7829

This course will cover selected legal issues in amateur and professional sports including player draft and option systems; labor and employment relations in professional sports; eligibility and discipline issues; agents and player representation; inter-league disputes; buying and moving teams; sex discrimination in sports; and Olympic competition. **This course is an approved elective for the Entertainment Law certificate.**

Trademarks and Unfair Competition (3) Law-7824

This advanced course in intellectual property covers topics related to trademarks and unfair competition. The course will address the economic and policy aspects of trademark and unfair competition law in the federal and international systems, including related areas of comparative advertising and consumer protection law, and their adaptation to the internet age. The course will probe fundamental concepts like priority, use in commerce, distinctiveness, likelihood of confusion, geographical indicators, dilution and fair uses. Through a combination of assignments and guest lectures from diverse California industries, students will be exposed to the challenges facing trademark practitioners, including selection and federal registration of marks, licensing, pursuing counterfeiters, defending against infringement claims, and assessing non-infringing uses.

During the semester, students will be expected to undertake and complete several practical assignments that together will apply toward satisfying the course's writing requirements (which is in lieu of a final exam). These may include conducting an initial trademark clearance search, preparing an opinion letter on the availability of a mark for a new business, filing a (mock) intent to use registration at the USPTO, preparing a cease-and-desist letter, drafting a trademark license, and providing a client advisory on a recent case of interest. In addition to casebook assignments, students will be responsible for monitoring and analyzing trademark and unfair competition disputes in the news and presenting them in class. **This course will satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement.**

Trial Practice (3) Law-7617

This is a practical skills course in advocacy which introduces students to the fundamental components of a typical civil and criminal trial. It requires students to perform exercises involving each component and try a mock civil or criminal case from provided problem materials. The course requires student participation in discrete exercises, including jury voir dire, opening, and closing statements, and direct and cross-examination. **Prerequisite or concurrent enrollment: Law-7142 Evidence. This is a core requirement in the Certificate in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution. This course is an approved elective for the Criminal Law Certificate. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course requirement.**

Wills and Trusts (3) Law-7334 California Bar Tested

This course examines rules pertaining to intestate succession; testamentary dispositions; execution, modification, and revocation of wills, testamentary capacity and will contests; interpretation of wills; protection of spouse and children; and the use of will substitutes. The creation, types, and characteristics of trusts are also

examined, including coverage of the construction of trusts, trust administration, and wealth transfer taxation. **Students with a first year cumulative GPA below a 2.6 must take this course as a graduation requirement.**

Bar Preparation Courses

Enrollment in Bar Preparation Courses is limited to third- and fourth-year students.

Advanced Selected Topics in American Law (3) Law-7676 California Bar Tested

The enrollment in Advanced Selected Topics in American Law in the Spring will give priority to students entering their final year of law study ranked in the bottom 25% of their class and will be a small section course with no more than fifteen (15) students per section that will focus entirely on intensive writing practice in advance of the Bar Exam. Advanced Selected Topics will thus not be offered in the Fall Semester. All students are eligible for the Legal Analysis Workshop, which will be offered both in the Fall and in the Spring. **Advanced Selected Topics in American Law is only offered in the spring semester.**

Legal Analysis Workshop (3) Law-7504 California Bar Tested

This course will focus on two of the three portions of the bar exam: the performance test and multiple choice. The performance test is a closed-universe test of your skills; bar takers are given a task memo, a file (set of documents from which to extract their client's facts), and a library (a set of cases and/or statutes to determine the relevant law). Bar takers have ninety minutes to determine what their task is, what the legal issues and relevant law are, their client's relevant facts, and to draft the legal document they have been asked to write. This could be a memo, a portion of a brief, a client letter, interrogatories, etc. This class will teach students how to approach a performance test, what is expected of them, and how to accomplish the task within the requisite time. This class also teaches students the necessary skills for bar exam multiple choice questions, touching on Constitutional Law, Contracts and Sales, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, and Torts.

Selected Topics in American Law (3) Law-7636 California Bar Tested

This is a skills-development course that provides students with an intensive substantive review of selected legal material routinely tested on the bar exam and relevant to law practice, including contracts, torts, civil procedure, criminal law and procedure, real property, evidence, corporations, constitutional law, professional responsibility, wills and trusts, community property, and remedies. Through the use of problems and exercises in a bar exam format, students will become familiar with the techniques for analyzing, organizing, and writing essay questions based on California law. This is not a substitute for a bar review course, but a course on how to write good legal analysis in a particular area in a short window of time. **All students entering their final year of law study ranked in the bottom 25% of their class MUST take Selected Topics in American Law in the fall semester and MUST take Advanced Selected Topics in the spring semester.**

Because of the helpful and important nature of Selected Topics in American Law, all students are strongly encouraged to enroll even if it is not required.

Clinical Courses

Criminal Defense Clinic (4) Law-7945

Offered in partnership with the Orange County Public Defender's Office (OCPD), the Chapman University Fowler School of Law Criminal Defense Clinic (Clinic) provides a unique opportunity for second and third-year students to explore careers in advocacy, litigation, and criminal law, especially criminal defense law. Beginning on the first day of the Clinic, the professor, a Deputy Public Defender, will work with students on all aspects of the clients' cases. This will require students to attend court several hours each week. The Clinic will also have a classroom component covering practice skills involved in creating and maintaining a client's file, interviewing and counseling clients, reviewing and evaluating discovery, working with a defense investigator to gather and evaluate facts, conducting substantive legal research, writing compelling motions, and being an effective courtroom advocate. The assigned reading will be available to you through free resources; no textbook is required.

Prerequisites: Students are required to have taken or be concurrently enrolled in Evidence, and students will be expected to become certified law students with the California Bar. Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Trial Practice are helpful but not required.

Additional Requirements: Email Professor Laura Jose at Ljpubdef@gmail.com (1) with any questions you may have, (2) a copy of your updated resume; (3) a one-paragraph description of why you would like to join the Clinic; (4) a completed copy of the Volunteer Intern Application; and (5) a completed Volunteer Waiver form, which authorizes the Public Defender's Office to conduct a background check (including a Livescan at no additional cost to you). Once the background check is completed and the Professor approves a student's enrollment in the Clinic, the Registrar's Office will enroll the student in the course. **Note: Enrollment is subject to OCPD approval. The law school is not involved in the selection process and is not provided with any information about why an applicant is or is not selected.**

The clinic satisfies the experiential course requirement, and it is an approved elective for the Criminal Law Emphasis. In addition, students may elect to work on more extensive briefs or motions to satisfy the practical writing requirement.

Entertainment Law Clinic (3) Law-7631

This course will provide students with the opportunity to work with low budget independent filmmakers. Students conduct client interviews with Directors and Producers who are about to begin production on feature length films. Students prepare documents and contracts for 1-6 films each semester, including: forming an LLC; acquisition of underlying rights; employment contracts for director, producer, actors and crew; location agreements and releases. Students communicate directly with the filmmaker, prepare briefing memoranda on issues unique to each film, and create client files. Students will meet to discuss drafting challenges and issues and the role of the production attorney in advising a filmmaker or production company. **Prerequisite: Entertainment Industry Contracts. This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement OR the Experiential Course Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements. This is an approved elective for the Entertainment Law Certificate.**

Tax Law Clinic (variable credit 2 – 3) Law-7941

(Replaces course formerly titled U.S. Tax Court Clinic.) In this variable unit course students handle actual tax controversy and collections cases for taxpayers on a pro bono basis before the IRS and in U.S. Tax Court under special rules of student practice. Under supervision of attorney-professors, students are responsible for all aspects of their cases including interviewing clients, gathering facts and evidence, researching applicable laws, and meeting with the IRS for potential settlement. If the case is for trial, the student normally represents the client in court and completes all post-trial work. **This course is required for the Tax Law Emphasis Certificate. This course is an approved elective towards the Business Law Emphasis Certificate. This course will satisfy the Experiential Course Requirement. Prerequisite: Federal Income Tax.**

Co-Curricular Courses (variable credits) Academic credit is on a pass/no pass basis.

Externship I (variable credits) Law-7946

Externships I is for students who wish to enroll for 2 or more units of experiential course credit on a pass/no pass basis. (For an explanation of experiential course credit, please see the Student Handbook.) Externships offer law school credit for practical experience working for a judge, District Attorney or Public Defender,

government agency, non-profit, private law firm or corporation. Externs work under the supervision of experienced practicing attorneys or judges who provide guidance and training in research, writing, and other lawyering skills. For information on how to obtain an externship, and to read the Externship Handbook, visit

<https://canvas.chapman.edu/courses/27235>

Externship I can be taken for between 2 and 5 units during the school year and for between 2 and 6 units over the summer, details on how many hours must be worked per unit, as well as how many externships can be taken in all, see the Externship Handbook at the above link. The Director of the Externship Program, Professor Carolyn Young Larmore (larmore@chapman.edu), must approve all externships. To apply for admission to the Externship Program, submit a completed Externship Application to the Director as soon as possible, or at least 1 week before the start of the semester. The link to the application is found at the end of the Externship Handbook. If the Director approves the externship, students will receive a code to enroll. In addition to fieldwork, first-time externs must participate in a one-time hour-long orientation held during the first two weeks of the semester. All Students must also complete, readings, exercises, reflections, time entries, and other assignments. Details will be provided once the student is enrolled.

Externship II (variable credits) Law-7947

Externships II is for students who do not wish to receive experiential course credit. (For explanation of experiential course credit, please see the Student Handbook.) Students who enroll in Externship II will not earn experiential course credit, but rather regular pass/no pass credit. Externships offer law school credit for practical experience working for a judge, District Attorney or Public Defender, government agency, non-profit, private law firm or corporation. Externs work under the supervision of experienced practicing attorneys or judges who provide guidance and training in research, writing, and other lawyering skills. For information on how to obtain an externship, and to read the Externship Handbook, visit <https://canvas.chapman.edu/courses/27235>.

Externships can be taken for between 1 and 5 units during the school year and for between 1 and 6 units over the summer, except for select judicial externships that are considered “full time” and can be taken for 10 units. For details on how many hours must be worked per unit, as well as how many externships can be taken in all, see the Externship Handbook at the above link. The Director of the Externship Program, Professor Carolyn Young Larmore (larmore@chapman.edu), must approve all externships. To apply for admission to the Externship Program, submit a completed Externship Application to the Director as soon as possible, or at least 1 week before the start of the semester. The link to the application is found at the end of the Externship Handbook. If the Director approves the externship, students will receive a code to enroll. In addition to fieldwork, first-first-time externs must participate in a one-time hour-long orientation held during the first two weeks of the semester. All Students must also complete, reflections, time entries, and other assignments. Details will be provided once the student is enrolled.

Law Review Law-7860

The Chapman Law Review is a legal journal edited and published by School of Law students selected on the basis of academic achievement and a writing competition. Students on the Chapman Law Review receive credit for demonstrable competence in scholarly writing and editing. Students are required to produce a student note as a Directed Research project under the direction of a faculty member during their first year on the Law Review. Students may receive up to three units of credit for Directed Research during the spring semester. Students are also registered for one unit of credit in the spring semester of the first year of service on Law Review which is graded by the Law Review's faculty adviser. Thereafter, subject to approval prior to registration by the faculty adviser, senior editors may receive up to three ungraded units of academic credit per semester of participation.

Skills Competitions Law-7861

Experiential competitions are an important component of legal education. Such competitions offer realistic opportunities to practice research, writing, analytical, and communications skills, and to develop ethics, judgment, and professionalism. Students may earn one unit of credit for negotiations, mediation, and client counseling competitions outside the law school, or three units for trial and appellate competitions outside the law school. This course may satisfy the Experiential Course Requirement with a two (2) credit minimum. Only competitions that involve a brief-writing component may satisfy the Practice Oriented Writing Requirement, and only if Professor John Bishop, or another member of the faculty, agrees to supervise the revision of the brief. **This course is only available for students who have been invited to join one of the competition boards: Moot Court Board, Mock Trial Board, and ADR Board.**