LEGAL METHODS LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will be competent in the following areas:

I. Understanding the American legal system, including concepts of federalism, sources of law, hierarchies within court systems, and weight of authorities

II. Analyzing legal problems set in specific jurisdictions, including critically reading legal authorities, identifying and diagnosing legal issues, synthesizing diverse precedents, and applying the synthesized precedents to facts of problems to reach conclusions

III. Conducting legal research and citing to legal authority like a lawyer

IV. Conveying legal analysis to a particular audience, for a distinct purpose, and through different forms—both spoken and written

V. Appreciating the writing process and refining writing abilities

VI. Adhering to the expectations of attorneys as professionals, from ethical responsibilities to good practices