WIDENER LAW COMMONWEALTH COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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LAW 530: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (3 CREDITS)

This course studies the law governing administrative agencies, including executive departments, in the task of carrying out governmental programs. Topics include interrelations of legislative, executive and judicial agencies in development of public policy; decision-making processes and internal procedures of administrative agencies and legislative, executive and judicial controls on them.

LAW 879: ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (2 CREDITS)

This course considers alternatives to traditional adversarial state and federal court adjudication, such as arbitration, mediation, negotiation, dispute prevention, conciliation, neutral facilitators, and private judging. It also examines court-annexed dispute resolution. Having identified and examined the emerging alternative techniques, the various methods are examined for effectiveness in light of the growing acceptance of ADR by the courts in all areas, including public policy questions. The course consists of a combination of lectures and class discussions, videos, and guest speakers.

LAW 788: ADVANCED TRIAL METHODS (2 CREDITS)

This course is designed to provide students interested in trial practice with an opportunity to study and participate in the various aspects of a trial. Students will develop a thorough understanding of each aspect of a trial, including jury selection, opening and closing statements, introduction of evidence and examination of witnesses. Case theory, courtroom ethics and professionalism will be discussed.

Pre-requisite: Trial Methods or ITAP

LAW 738: BANKRUPTCY (3 CREDITS)

This course will address state law creditor collection remedies such as garnishment and execution, and state law priorities among competing creditors. After examining state law remedies and priorities, we will focus on the federal Bankruptcy Code. We will discuss elements common to all (business and consumer) bankruptcies, and the principal focus of the course will be Chapter 7 liquidations in the consumer context and Chapter 13 wage-earner payout plans. At the end of the course, we will discuss some issues particular to Chapter 11 business bankruptcies.

LAW 631: BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (3 CREDITS)

A.J.D./LL.M survey course that analyzes the conduct of business in each of the principal forms of business organization, and the relative rights and liabilities of the members of such organizations and third persons. The course reviews the uniform partnership statutes, the Model Business Corporation Act, and the Delaware General Corporation Law, and considers the legal principles governing agency and partnership relationships as well as corporations. The course introduces the federal securities laws and the state statutes governing limited liability companies, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships.

LAW 504: CIVIL PROCEDURE II (3 CREDITS)

A continuation of Civil Procedure I, this course studies civil litigation procedure, with emphasis on modern federal practice. Topics include subject matter jurisdiction, personal jurisdiction, venue, joinder, the Erie doctrine, and related concepts.

LAW 803: CLINICAL EXTERNSHIPS (2-4 CREDITS)

This course provides an extern clinical assignment in the practice of law with cooperating agencies such as a district attorney, public defender; legal aid society, etc. A weekly classroom component is also part of the externship program

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Pre-requisite: Evidence

Co-requisite: Professional Responsibility

LAW 508: CONTRACTS II (3 CREDITS)

A continuation of Contracts I, this course studies the law governing contracts and contractual relationships. The course introduces the student to contract formation, performance, and non-performance, and explores the role of contract law in a market society.

LAW 505: CRIMINAL LAW (3 CREDITS)

This course studies the general principles that underlie statutory criminal liability, including a consideration of their judicial application in the context of selected offenses and defenses.

LAW 784: CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: ADJUDICATION (2 CREDITS)

This course surveys the criminal justice process from arrest through appeal. Constitutional provisions, statutes, rules of criminal procedure, and practice strategies concerning prosecutorial discretion, initial appearance, pre-trial release or detention, preliminary hearing, grand jury procedure, plea bargaining and selected trial and appellate issues are considered.

Pre-requisites: Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure

LAW 506: CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: INVESTIGATION (3 CREDITS)

This course provides In-depth consideration of the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable search and seizure, the Fifth Amendment's right against compulsory self-Incrimination, and the Sixth Amendment's right to counsel, all with particular emphasis on the judicial Interpretation of the application of these constitutional provision's within the context of police Investigation of crime.

LAW 7026X: DEAL SKILLS: MERGER & ACQUISITIONS (1 CREDIT)

This class is a requirement in order to participate in the national transactional Moot Court competition. This class will introduce students to the legal issues and role of the lawyer in the documentation and negotiation of merger and acquisition ("M&A") transactions. Students will study and analyze the key legal issues and legal approvals required for M&A transactions and understand the key provisions in M&A documentation. At the end of the semester, students will participate in an interclass negotiation exercise where they will apply the knowledge and skills that they have learned to a M&A transaction. This course is also a prerequisite to participating in transactional "moot court" negotiation competitions

LAW 7043X: DEMENTIA, PLANNING & ADVOCACY: LEGAL, PRACTICAL, AND COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES (1 CREDIT)

This interdisciplinary course provides an in-depth examination of dementia from medical, legal, financial, caregiving, and advocacy perspectives. Students will explore the lived realities of individuals with dementia and their caregivers, examine legal and financial planning tools, learn best practices for providing comfort and dignity, and develop skills to serve as effective community advocates. The course emphasizes practical application, real-world case studies, and community engagement.

LAW 798/799: DIRECTED RESEARCH (1 OR 2 CREDITS)

Students may write research papers for credit under the supervision of a full-time member of the faculty. The faculty member must approve the subject.

Pre-requisite: Successful completion of one Seminar

LAW 833: EMPLOYMENT LAW (2 CREDITS)

This survey course examines the state and federal law governing non-union employment relationships. Among the topics covered are: employees versus independent contractors, the arbitration of employment

disputes, the rise and fall of employment at will, wrongful discharge, employee privacy rights, defamation, non-competition agreements, protection of trade secrets, Title VII, ADA and ADEA employment discrimination, the Family and Medical Leave Act, wage and hour legislation including the Fair Labor Standards Act, unemployment compensation, and liability for workplace injuries.

LAW 831: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (3 CREDITS)

This course surveys the federal and state statutes and regulatory programs which attempt to limit water pollution, air pollution, environmental degradation, species extinction, hazardous waste, and chemical regulation problems. The course will examine how and why these statutes and programs are structured the way that they are, how the laws work, and the extent to which our environmental laws achieve their goals.

LAW 836: EVIDENCE (3 CREDITS)

This course studies the law governing proof of disputed factual matters in criminal and civil trials, including, but not limited to, issues of relevancy, competency, hearsay and other exclusionary rules, and the privileges of witnesses.

LAW 636: FAMILY LAW (3 CREDITS)

This course considers state and constitutional issues relating to the regulation of sexual and family relationships. Among the areas that may be covered are defining what constitutes a family, entry into marriage, divorce, and its economic consequences (alimony, property distribution and child support) and child custody. The course draws on constitutional principles, statutes, and the common law to study the family in the legal system.

LAW 7009: FEDERAL CIVIL PRACTICE (2 CREDITS)

In litigation, while the trial itself captures most of the attention, seasoned litigators know that much of the action happens before and after the trial. This course will use a hypothetical federal civil case to explore how pre- and post-trial practice shapes a case, including how the use of motions to dismiss, discovery and depositions, motions in limine, motions for summary judgment, and post-trial motions affect case and trial outcomes. You will prepare and "file" several of these documents and responses to them.

LAW 747: FEDERAL COURTS (2/3 CREDITS)

This course explores the role of the federal judiciary in our system of government. First, it examines the tensions inherent in the separation of powers between the political branches of the federal government and the judiciary. Second, the course explores the complicated issues of federalism presented by the existence of two sets of courts – state and federal. This course combines the study of constitutional theory with the reality of politics and jurisdictional practice in the federal courts. Topics that may be covered include standing, mootness, ripeness, the political question doctrine, Congressional power to limit federal court jurisdiction, the Eleventh Amendment, abstention, habeas corpus, §1983 civil rights actions, and other

important jurisdictional doctrines not covered in the basic Civil Procedure courses.

Pre-requisite: Constitutional Law Co-Requisite: Administrative Law

LAW 610: FEDERAL INCOME TAX (3 CREDITS)

This course surveys and analyzes the federal system of income taxation. Topics include gross receipts, gross income, exclusions, gain-seeking and personal deductions, CREDITS, rates and tax accounting.

LAW 810: FIRST AMENDMENT (3 CREDITS)

This course focuses on constitutional rights involving speech, press, and religion. Rights of political participation, wartime limits on civil liberties, state action, associational freedoms, and constitutional and prudential limits on judicial powers are also potential topics.

Pre-requisite: Constitutional Law

LAW 690: FUNDAMENTALS OF THE BAR EXAM (2 CREDITS)

Fundamental of the Bar Exam is a pre-bar review skills-development course that uses bar examination materials to familiarize students with techniques for answering the multiple choice, essay, and performance test questions found on the bar examination. The course focuses on bar exam skills and is not a comprehensive review of the substantive law tested on the bar exam. This course is not a substitute for a commercial bar preparation course.

LAW 819: GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING (1 CREDIT)

This course provides a discussion of the elements, practices and processes of government contracting dealing with applicable statutes, regulations and policies. Topics include authority of government agents to contract, methods of procurement, issues of disputes and claims, socioeconomic programs, contract changes and terminations, debarment and suspension, and procurement ethics.

LAW 6035: GOVERNMENT LAW COLLOQUIUM (1 CREDIT)

This seminar examines the substantive, procedural, and strategic complexities of litigating civil matters involving government agencies. Drawing directly on senior executive-level state defense practice and federal judicial insight, the course explores core issues such as mandamus, statutory interpretation, immunity doctrines, administrative preclusion, and constitutional challenges to state actions. Through real-world case studies ranging from regulatory disputes to emergency injunctions, students will develop practical skills through examining high-stakes public-law controversies.

LAW 511: INTENSIVE LEGAL ANALYSIS (I.L.A.) (2 CREDITS)

This course provides students with the opportunity to develop and refine their legal reasoning and analysis

skills. Topics include: identifying an individual's learning style and problem-solving skills, critical reading of legal authorities, simple and complex rule -based reasoning, and methods of deconstructing legal rules and organizing the analysis of new legal questions. Exam-style essays and "in-basket" projects are used to practice and reinforce analytical skills.

LAW 772: INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION (1 CREDIT)

Students may earn one or two credits for participation in interscholastic moot court, trial advocacy and other competitions sanctioned by the law school as appropriate interscholastic competitions. The list of approved interscholastic competitions includes but is not limited to National Moot Court, Jessup International Moot Court, Douglas Moot Court, Patent Moot Court, Polsky Moot Court, American Trial Lawyers Association Competition, Texas Trial Lawyers Competition, American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition and like events.

LAW 809: JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP (2-4 CREDITS)

Students enrolled in the Judicial Externship Program are assigned to selected state and federal trial and appellate judges for a maximum of two semesters. Externs prepare legal memoranda, conduct legal research and perform duties normally assigned to a law clerk under the supervision of the assigned judge and the judge's graduate law clerk. The program is designed to enhance the student's writing and research skills, familiarize the student with court procedures, permit observation of court proceedings and enable the student to learn the operation of judicial chambers. Students will meet with the faculty supervisor for mid-semester and end-of-semester reviews. Students are required to keep a daily log and retain a copy of all written work produced for the court. Graded Pass/No Pass.

Pre-requisite: Evidence
Co-requisite: Professional Responsibility

LAW 770: WIDENER LAW REVIEW BOARD (1 OR 2 CREDITS)

Please contact Widener Law Review for more information.

LAW 763: WIDENER LAW REVIEW STAFF (1 CREDIT)

Please contact Widener Law Review for more information.

LAW 510: LEGAL METHODS II (3 CREDITS)

This course expands on the analysis, writing and research skills introduced in Legal Methods I, and introduces new skills. Students will learn basic techniques of persuasive legal arguments, and will draft persuasive documents such as a trial memorandum and an appellate brief. Students will also learn how to research court rules, and will prepare and deliver an appellate oral argument.

LAW 512: LEGAL METHODS III – CONTRACT DRAFTING (2 CREDITS)

This course provides students with the opportunity to learn and practice the basic principles of contract drafting and interpretation. Emphasis will be placed on drafting agreements that effectuate clients' need and anticipate potential legal problems. Students will be required to work collaboratively in class, will have regular homework assignments to complete, and will individually draft several written contracts.

Pre-requisites: Legal Methods I & II

LAW 512: LEGAL METHODS III—ESTATE PLANNING (2 CREDITS)

Students will learn to draft fundamental estate planning documents (wills, trusts, financial and health care powers of attorney and beneficiary designation forms) against the background of state property law, financial institution contracts and the state (and, sometimes, federal) laws concerning testamentary and non-probate distributions. The course will not focus on federal or state tax issues, although they may occasionally be discussed. Instead, the course will focus on the critical non-tax issues on document drafting.

Pre-requisites: Legal Methods I & II
Co-requisite: Wills & Trusts

LAW 512: LEGAL METHODS III - LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (2 CREDITS)

The goals of this course are to provide the student with: insight into the dynamics of a legislative body; appreciation of the importance of legislative history for interpreting the meaning behind legislation; an understanding of and political constraints on legal legislative and regulatory drafting; and practical drafting experiences.

Pre-requisites: Legal Methods I & II

LAW 512: LEGAL METHODS III – INNOVATION AND IP INSTRUMENTS (2 credits)

This course is intended to expose students to documents prepared for innovative organizations, while refining skills associated with legal writing. We will emphasize writing for the correct audience, meeting client expectations for projects, balancing use of AI tools, ethical considerations that apply while writing documents, and self-learning efforts to allow continued growth in practice. Use of AI will be an integral part of this course.

Pre-requisites: Legal Methods I & II

LAW 512: LEGAL METHODS III – WRITING FOR THE BAR EXAM AND BEYOND (2 CREDITS)

This course helps jumpstart students' preparation for the essay and performance tests on the bar exam. In this course, students will enhance their legal writing, analytical, and organizational skills through

intensive studying and writing practice. Students' legal and factual analytical reasoning skills and writing skills will be developed through multiple practice essay exams and performance tests. This course is designed to help students develop the skills needed to succeed on the bar exam and as newly admitted attorneys. This course is not a substitute for a bar preparation course. Students are encouraged to take this course in the year immediately preceding graduation.

LAW 645: LEGLISLATION (3 CREDITS)

This course studies the enactment and interpretation of statutes, principally on the national level. As such, the course is one of separation of powers, as we consider the exercise of governmental power by, and the relationship between, the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. Students will learn tools for interpreting statutes and for arguing in favor of one interpretation over another; the course is not designed to teach doctrinal lessons. Students should have a basic familiarity with the legislative process and the separation of powers before beginning the course, which one can learn by reading an introductory text.

LAW 936: MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AND HEALTHCARE LIABILITY (2 CREDITS)

This course provides a practical examination of medical malpractice and health care liability litigation from the perspective of practicing attorneys. Students will explore the legal principles governing claims against physicians, nurses, hospitals and other health care providers, including standards of care, causation, damages, expert testimony and institutional liability. The course will emphasize hands on litigation skills, including case evaluation, pleadings, medical record analysis, depositions, expert reports, motions in limine, and the preparation of opening statements, closing arguments and other components of trial.

LAW 7019X: MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW (2 CREDITS)

This course gives students a real-world look at what it means to represent a medical marijuana grower, processor, dispensary, or laboratory client. As such, students will study the conflict between state and federal law and its impacts on industry participants. Students will also draft and defend proposed regulations, participate in mock regulatory appeals, and study the impact this emerging law has on other areas of law.

LAW 902: MOOT COURT INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION (1 credit)

Please contact Moot Court Honor Society for more information.

LAW 741: PA CIVIL PRACTICE (2 CREDITS)

This course provides a general survey of civil practice and procedure in Pennsylvania state trial courts, based primarily on the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure and the Judicial Code. This is a skills class. The emphasis will be on a on a practical application of the relevant procedures, their interpretations through developing case law, and their function and importance in the litigation process. Trial strategies will also be a focus. Students will draft pleadings, motions, and trial documents. Time keeping and

billing exercises will also be included. Students may have the opportunity to observe an arbitration or jury trial in the Court of Common Pleas Dauphin County.

LAW 7031X: POST-CONVICTION LITIGATION (2 CREDITS)

Course Description: This course provides an introduction to post-conviction litigation in state and federal courts. Using textbook(s) and sample case materials, the course provides an overview of the developments in post-conviction law, and gives students a sample case from which to develop a litigation strategy and draft a post-conviction petition, culminating in a mock argument at the end of the semester. The weekly classes will include group discussion of the assigned readings and the development of a litigation strategy for the example case. Writing assignments will consist of developing a case memo which will become a final pleading. Students' assignments will be discussed in class in an anonymized format.

Prerequisites: Criminal Procedure

LAW 7008: PRO BONO PRACTICE I (2 CREDITS)

This class will cover basic law and skills that an attorney needs to handle pro bono referrals from Legal Services or Legal Aid. Students will study protection from abuse orders, child custody, child support, divorce proceedings, unemployment compensation hearings, landlord/tenant disputes, and expungements. Students will draft complaints and answers, conduct mock client interviews, and make oral arguments.

LAW 652: PRODUCTS LIABILITY (2 CREDITS)

This course studies the development of liability of the distributors (manufacturers, vendors and other suppliers) for harm caused by defective products. Emphasis is placed on the development and nature of theories of strict liability in tort, negligence, misrepresentation, and warranty liability under the UCC.

LAW 702: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (3 CREDITS)

This course examines the duties of lawyers toward clients, courts, and society. Ethical problems which confront the lawyer are raised and discussed in terms of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the Model Code of Professional Responsibility and case law. The areas covered include confidentiality, conflicts of interest, competence and unauthorized practice.

LAW 516: PROPERTY II (2 CREDITS)

A continuation of Property I, this course studies the basic elements of the law of real and personal property. Topics in personal property may include ownership and possession, finders' rights, bailment, bona fide purchasers, gifts, bank accounts, and accession. Topics involving real property include adverse possession, estates and future interests, marital interests, concurrent ownership, and landlord-tenant law. The course may also include other topics which are covered in more detail in upper level electives: nuisance law, zoning, constitutional limitations on public land use regulations, eminent domain, private land use

restrictions (easements, licenses, servitudes), and real estate conveyancing and recording.

LAW 655: REMEDIES (3 CREDITS)

This course examines the various forms of relief available to prevailing parties in civil actions, primarily actions based in contract or tort. Thus, it covers damages, restitution, and equitable relief (specific performance and injunctions). The course also treats the use of the contempt power to enforce court orders.

LAW 646: SALES AND LEASES (3 CREDITS)

This course covers Articles 2 and 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code. Coverage generally includes all the stages of contracts for the sale and lease of goods from formation to breach and remedies. Documents of title (Article 7) and payment by means of letters of credit (Article 5) may also be covered. The course may also include comparisons and contrasts with the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.

LAW 7044: SEM: AGENCY (2 CREDITS)

The American regulatory state touches all aspects of contemporary American society. In this seminar, we will endeavor to understand the characteristics of the regulatory state through studying a peculiar feature of the regime: the American correctional system. The correctional regulatory regime is a fertile area for this purpose because the operation of a correctional agency—which provides, e.g., housing, food, health care, education, vocational training, and controlled supervision for its inmates—necessarily requires a comprehensive administrative apparatus designed to govern a person's everyday life, albeit in a controlled environment. Further, the purpose of this system has developed over time to accommodate evolving penal objectives in America. The materials we will read will include criminology, the history and purpose of punishment, federal correctional regulations and policies, and comparative penology, as well as the sentencing and penal policy literature. This seminar aims to explore and explain these distinctive characteristics, with a particular focus on the administrative apparatus that has emerged as a consequence.

LAW 664X : SEM: CLIMATE CHANGE (2 credits)

Climate change driven by global warming is one of the great environmental, economic, social and legal challenges facing the world, and is already reshaping the legal landscape. This seminar will examine the science, economics, and social implications of climate change driven by global warming. The seminar will consider the diverse array of local, state, national, and international legal responses to these daunting challenges. Student papers will research and analyze concrete legal developments in the U.S. (primarily at the state level), in other nations, or internationally. This seminar is intended to provide students with the legal tools and conceptual framework needed to practice in and shape the emerging law of climate change.

LAW 7041: SEM: VETERANS BENEFITS LAW (2 CREDITS)

This seminar course provides students with an in-depth understanding of veterans' benefits law. Students will learn about the structure, history, laws, and policies that form the basis of the veterans'

benefits system in the United States. The course will use a combination of traditional and experiential teaching methods to help students understand relevant statutory and regulatory provisions and key case law. Additionally, this course will help students develop the skills necessary for effective advocacy on behalf of veterans.

LAW 881: SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW (2 CREDITS)

The sports law portion of this course will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the role of a sports agent/attorney for a professional athlete or a college athlete looking to market and commercialize their name, image and likeness. This includes the issues an agent/attorney faces when helping a college athlete pursue a professional career and the agent's fiduciary duty to the client. Other critical aspects of the representation industry, including the application of intellectual property law, labor law and contract law, will be discussed with practical examples such as negotiating player contracts and endorsement and marketing agreements.

The entertainment law portion of this course will identify and explore key legal principles and contractual relationships within the television and film industries. By using the text, cases, guest speakers, and video clips, students will gain a legal and practical understanding of key subjects in the industry, including idea protection, defamation, privacy, the right of publicity, trademark and copyright. In addition, students will be taught how to negotiate manager and personal representation agreements as well as other critical film and television agreements, including literary option/purchase agreements, shopping agreements, life rights agreements, and talent employment agreements while at the same time gaining practical knowledge as to how the industry functions. The course will also explore independent film finance and distribution deals.

LAW 800: STATE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (2 CREDITS)

This course examines the practice of administrative law in the states with particular emphasis on Pennsylvania. Building on the foundation of the first-year federal administrative law course, State Administrative Law has two objectives. One goal is to help students develop a pragmatic orientation in preparation for the practice of state administrative law. The second objective of the course is to examine differences between state and federal administrative law. First, state procedural due process and separation of powers law are different, and frequently litigated. Second, the text of the Pennsylvania constitution itself is unique, which has led to variations from federal administrative law. Third, Pennsylvania has its own statutory administrative code, which is different from the federal Administrative Procedure Act. Fourth, some areas of administrative law are more pervasive in the states. For example, licensing application, renewal, suspension and revocation practice and procedure are major parts of state law. The course will examine all of these areas at length.

Pre-requisite: Administrative Law or Professor Family approval

LAW 519: TORTS I (2 CREDITS)

This course examines and analyzes the general theories of tort liability for injuries to persons or property: intentional misconduct, negligence, and strict liability. The course may also introduce principles and theories of products liability. Defenses to all theories of liability are also covered.

LAW 520: TORTS II (3 CREDITS)

A continuation of Torts I, this course examines and analyzes the general theories of tort liability for injuries to persons or property: intentional misconduct, negligence, and strict liability. The course may also introduce principles and theories of products liability. Defenses to all theories of liability are also covered.

LAW 7045X: VICTIMS RIGHTS AND PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY (2 CREDITS)

This course explores the intersection of gender-based violence, crime victims' rights, and public policy advocacy, with an emphasis on Pennsylvania law and the legislative process. Students will examine how legislation and public policy shape the rights of crime survivors, the administration of criminal and civil justice, and the availability of services and resources.Through simulated legislative scenarios, applied legal research, policy writing, legislative analysis, and advocacy exercises, students will develop practical skills in evaluating proposed legislation, articulating legal and policy arguments, communicating complex legal issues to nonlegal audiences, and designing strategic advocacy initiatives.Instructional approach: Students will function as policy counsel for a fictional statewide victim advocacy organization. Each assignment will simulate a professional responsibility and contribute to a final legislative advocacy portfolio.

LAWH 7003: VITA (1 CREDIT)

This course offers students the opportunity to provide federal and state tax preparation to clients. Students get training and certification by the IRS after satisfactorily completing an open book exam. Depending on their level of certification, they are taught to correctly identify filing status, and to prepare returns with wages, tips, interest, dividends, unearned income, social security and retirement income, and self-employed income for Schedule C-EZ. While VITA volunteers are not required to train to fill out Schedules C, D, and E, certain sites may be able to help with such returns. Students start by talking to the client and finding out what his or her particular situation is. This helps the student develop interview skills while providing the taxpayer with the appropriate services for his or her needs.

LAW 834: WILLS & TRUSTS (4 CREDITS)

The course covers in testate succession; testamentary capacity; execution, revocation and component parts of wills; interpretation of wills; constructive trusts; will substitutes; creation and interpretation of inter vivo and testamentary trusts; future interests; the Rule Against Perpetuities; and ethical and practical considerations in drafting wills and trusts. The course may cover charitable trusts; powers of appointment; fiduciary responsibility; administration of trusts and estates; introduction to estate and gift tax law.