Summer 2023 Notes

Enrollment Caps
Appellate Advocacy 15
Emerging Tech and the Law 20
Legal Drafting – Litigation 15
Mediation 16
Pre-trial Litigation 20

AWR-D
Appellate Advocacy
Legal Drafting – Litigation
Mediation
Pre-trial Litigation

AWR-R
Supervised Independent Research

Experiential
Field Placements/Clinics
Mediation
Pre-trial Litigation
Semester in Practice

Students cannot use the same course for more than one: AWR-R, AWR-D, Experiential.

Prerequisites
Appellate Advocacy LW I and II
Clinics and Externships See notes below
Legal Drafting – Litigation Civil Procedure I and II
Mediation Must be FT 2L or FT 3L; PT 3L or PT 4L
Pre-trial Litigation Civil Procedure I and II

Notes

Clinics and Externships: Students (1) must have completed a minimum of 29 law school credits prior to the commencement of any field placement work and must be in good academic standing at the time the field placement begins; (2) must have satisfactorily completed BLS-Research and BLS-Writing; (3) must be accepted at a pre-approved field placement location or obtain field placement director’s approval before beginning a field placement that has not been pre-approved; and (4) must complete all registration forms required by the field placement director.

Employee Benefits Litigation: This course examines the evolving area of employee benefits litigation. Students will study litigation involving claims for benefits as well as claims for breaches of the fiduciary duty of those who administer the plans. Cases involving the risks employees face when purchasing employer stock from their employer, discretion accorded the employer in making decisions regarding claims for benefits, the elimination of retiree health benefits, the limitation of damages for medical claims, as well as other topics, will all be studied.
**Pre-trial Litigation**: This class is a hands-on skills course; students will be making presentations each week. The presentations will include interviewing fact witnesses and clients and conducting depositions. Students will argue motions and participate in a mediation and pre-trial conference. Students will also prepare a complaint, an answer, written discovery, and summary judgment motions. Students taking this class are encouraged to take Judge Thomas and Professor Wirthlin's Trial Advocacy course in the fall, as the case that is prepared and readied for trial in this class will be tried during the Trial Advocacy course.