Law 7010, Administrative Law, Prof. Erin Fuse Brown

Administrative law is a must-take course if you’re going to practice in a regulated area (which is every area of the law). Loosely speaking, it is the law that governs the relationships between administrative agencies and the three branches of government. It is in many ways like “Constitutional Law III,” and we cover statutory interpretation, requirements for agency regulation, and separation of powers.

Law 7025, Wrongful Convictions Seminar, Prof. Russell Covey

The emergence of DNA testing in the last twenty years has exposed the dark side of the American criminal justice system: the conviction of numerous actually innocent men and women. This course will provide an opportunity for students to learn about the systemic errors in the criminal justice system that have led to the conviction of innocent people. The seminar will explore (1) the factors that contribute to the phenomenon of wrongful convictions including eyewitness misidentification, false confessions, ineffective assistance of counsel, jailhouse informants, police and prosecutor misconduct, “junk science,” and forensic fraud, (2) potential reforms that could be implemented to guard against the conviction of the innocent, (3) legal and philosophical problems related to the concept of “innocence,” and (4) legal doctrine and case law addressing claims of innocence and regulating access to post-conviction relief. Readings are selected from the ever-growing literature on wrongful conviction, including an examination of the leading social science research on the incidence and causes of wrongful convictions. Depending on availability, there may be opportunities for students to assist with an ongoing innocence case or investigation.

Law 7031, Advanced Criminal Litigation, Prof. Jeff Brickman

This course is specifically designed for third year students who are seriously committed to improving their trial advocacy skills and who want to pursue a career in Criminal Law. This is an incredibly practical and hands on class, with a unique inside look at the state and federal criminal justice systems at work. Through the use of actual court case fact patterns, students will take on the role of both prosecutor and defense attorney each and every week, as they navigate their way through the criminal trial process. While class discussion is encouraged and often lively, the great majority of the class requires “on your feet” assignments, weekly preparation and a willingness to accept and provide constructive criticism to and from your fellow classmates. Ethics, professionalism and the appropriate use of discretion is a common theme woven into the class.
Law 7036E, Advanced Evidence, 3 sections taught by Profs. Milich, Dammers, & Deane

This course is 100% simulation exercises in direct and cross-examination and making and defending evidence objections. Meets writing requirement. Each section limited to 14 students. Permission of instructor required to register. To be included in the lottery for the course, sign up in Room 226 (Cindy Perry's office - signup sheet on top of file cabinet).

LAW 7041, Advanced Income Taxation, Prof. Sam Donaldson

This course will build on the material introduced in the Basic Federal Income Tax class. Yes, Basic Federal Tax is a pre-requisite for this course. Like Basic Federal Tax, this course will focus on the federal income taxation of individuals. (We have separate courses for the taxation of business entities like corporations and partnerships.) Unlike Basic Federal Tax, however, we will “roll up our sleeves” and dig deeply into complex Code and regulation provisions that would frighten many Basic Federal Tax students. Specific topics to be addressed will likely include rules related to the time value of money, nonrecognition provisions, and more complex aspects of capital and section 1231 gains and losses. It is a good course for those who might have an interest in federal tax practice or who are considering an LL.M. in Taxation. Grades will be based on a combination of daily assignment worksheets plus an in-class, three-hour final examination.

Law 7065, Antitrust, Prof. Ramsi Woodcock

This course covers the laws that promote competitive markets. Have Google, Facebook, and Amazon become so large that the Justice Department can break them up, as it did AT&T and Standard Oil? Can online retailers use algorithms to coordinate prices? Can airlines use personal information to charge flyers individualized fares? Take this course and find out.

Law 7064, Animal Law, Prof. Megan Boyd

Animal law is a developing area that changes on a constant basis and encompasses nearly every substantive area of law in some way. Do you wonder how lawsuits brought on behalf of animals are initiated (after all, an animal can’t bring suit--or can it)? Are you interested in learning ways that governments have attempted to shut down puppy mills? Do you want to learn more about laws that govern animal testing? Are you curious about why Ringling Brothers shuttered its doors (tent flaps?) earlier this year? Then this three-hour course, which meets the upper-level legal writing requirement, is for you! This course has no exam; students will select an animal law topic of interest to them and prepare a 25-page paper. If you still have questions about the course or its content, email Professor Boyd at mbovd7@gsu.edu.
Law 7091, Basic Bankruptcy, Prof. Summer Chandler

Basic Bankruptcy is a study of the substantive bankruptcy issues confronting consumer or business debtors seeking financial liquidation under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code or financial reorganization under Chapter 11 or 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. Among the issues considered are pre-bankruptcy planning and negotiations for businesses and individuals, the treatment of various types of claims in bankruptcy, the benefits and challenges to businesses in Chapter 11 reorganization and the comparative benefits of the Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy for individuals. Bankruptcy is important if you are interested in practicing business or commercial law, real estate law, or consumer finance/consumer protection law. It is useful if you want a general understanding of bankruptcy law as part of a well-rounded legal education. Take-home 4-hour exam that includes multiple choice problems and an essay.

Law 7094E, Bankruptcy Assistance + Practice Program I, Prof. Summer Chandler

The Bankruptcy Assistance + Practice Program (BAPP) is an experiential course in which students work in teams of two to handle consumer bankruptcy cases from the client interview through a Chapter 7 discharge of debts. Students are partnered with and work under the supervision of a local bankruptcy attorney. BAPP students also work in the BAPP pro se assistance center, located in the Richard B. Russell Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Atlanta and here in the College of Law. In the center, students work with attorneys to provide free legal guidance through twenty-minute consultations to individuals who are representing themselves in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. The seminar component of the course meets once each week. For the seminar component, area bankruptcy judges, trustees, and attorneys attend as guest speakers. In class, we discuss issues that frequently arise in bankruptcy cases (both consumer and business cases) and also discuss and learn about things such as negotiation, mediation, dealing with difficult clients and opposing counsel and other issues attorneys address in practice. This course is essential for anyone who is interested in practicing bankruptcy. It will be useful for anyone interested in developing and honing practice skills. This course is a graded 3 credit hour course. There is no final exam.

Law 7095, Basic Federal Taxation, Prof. Ted Afield

Federal Taxation touches every area of practice in the law. Most law students will not become tax attorneys, but all lawyers need to know how to recognize a tax issue when they see one. As for the students who do decide to become tax attorneys, many of them only make this decision after begrudgingly taking a tax course because someone told them it was important and then realizing that the subject is much more interesting than they thought. As for the students who came to law school because they were told there would be no math, if you can add, subtract, multiply, and divide with the assistance of a calculator, you can take any tax course without fear. Finally, if you want to do the Tax Clinic, you need to take Federal Taxation either before or concurrently with your enrollment in the Tax Clinic.
Law 7116, Constitutional Tort Litigation, Dean Kelly Timmons

Constitutional torts covers when and how to sue the government or a government official or employee for damages for violating someone’s constitutional rights and how to defend against such lawsuits. Con torts suits are brought against police officers, prison guards, prosecutors, and public school teachers, among others. This class is essential if you want to practice civil rights law or if you want to clerk for a federal judge (con tort claims make up a substantial part of federal court dockets); it’s useful if you want to work as an attorney for a state or local government or in a firm that represents state and local governments or government officials. If you are interested in issues of federalism, the balance of power between the states and the federal government, the protection of the rights of individuals, and the question of how we make governments accountable to their citizens while still allowing them to function effectively, this may be a good class for you. In-class, 3-hour essay exam.

Law 7193, General Employment Law, Dean Kelly Timmons

General Employment Law is a survey of employment law, including an overview of antidiscrimination law. It covers general and reason-specific job security (most employment litigation involves people suing over losing their jobs), employee privacy, employee duties and promises, and regulation of employee compensation and leave time. This class is essential if you want to practice employment law (which is a great practice area; see https://insidelaw.gsu.edu/document/employment-law/ ). It’s useful if you want a general understanding of employment law as part of a well-rounded legal education and because employment is so important in people’s lives. Finally, the class serves as a good review for the bar exam because it covers contracts, torts, and constitutional law issues as they apply in the employment context. In-class, 3-hour essay exam.

Law 7204, Urban Environmental Law, Prof. John Marshall

This research seminar is where questions about urban development and decay meet our cities’ long history of challenges associated with the clean air, clean water, and a clean, healthy and equitable built environment. Cities frame perhaps the greatest challenges the nation faces. Greenhouse gasses are disproportionally generated in cities, and the harshest effects of climate change hit cities the hardest. Economic inequality is also concentrated in cities, but at the same time, economic growth is generated in cities. Solutions to the challenges our nation faces—if they will be solved at all—will very likely arise in and emanate from our cities. This class involves in-depth examination of challenges Atlanta faces, focusing on redevelopment of properties thought to be affected by serious environmental contamination. In addition to active and engaged class participation, the principal requirement for this class is preparation of a 20-page research paper and a 15-20 minute in-class presentation on that paper topic.
Law 7229, Georgia Appellate Practice, Prof. Bob Marcovitch

An immersive, experiential course addressing all aspects of written appellate advocacy, from developing case strategy to approaches to briefing. Guests usually include attorneys working on the appeal that is the focus of the course, as well as judges from the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Georgia. The brief students write qualifies to satisfy the third year writing requirement.

LAW 7234, Food & Drug Law, Prof. Patti Zettler

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is one of the most powerful administrative agencies in the federal government, regulating approximately 25% of the U.S. consumer economy. This course has two main goals. The first is to understand FDA law and policy, including the agency’s civil and criminal enforcement power, as well as product-specific legal and policy questions with respect to food, drugs, biologics, devices, and tobacco. The second goal is to use the FDA as a case study in administrative law and regulatory practice, which makes this course useful for a well-rounded legal education and particularly useful for anyone interested in fields in which administrative agencies are involved. Two assignments and a take-home final.

Law 7240, Health Law: Finance and Delivery, Prof. Erin Fuse Brown

Health Law: Financing & Delivery is a fully online course, and one of two required foundational courses for the health law certificate. We cover all of the major statutory and regulatory regimes that health lawyers apply in practice: the Affordable Care Act, Medicare & Medicaid, ERISA, Tax, fraud & abuse laws (False Claims Act, Stark, Anti-Kickback Statute), and health care antitrust. A good class whether you aim to practice health law or simply want to be able to better understand the debate about the future of health reform.

Law 7242, Advanced Property Seminar, Prof. Julian Juergensmeyer

The Advanced Property Seminar is a 2-credit hour course that covers key legal strategies for the planning of urban areas including transportation planning, impact analysis and infrastructure finance. Statutes, cases and programs throughout the United States will be studied. Final grade will be based on presentations and an individual research paper. This class meets Tuesdays from 10-11:40 a.m.
**Law 7257, Healthcare Fraud and Abuse, Profs. Mike Paulus and Scott Grubman**

Healthcare is one of the fastest growing and most heavily-regulated industries in the United States. Regulators and law enforcement have dedicated tremendous resources to rooting out and punishing fraud and abuse in healthcare. As a result, healthcare fraud enforcement and defense has become one of the fastest growing fields in the law. This course taught by experienced healthcare fraud practitioners with a number of prominent guest lecturers (including state and federal prosecutors) will focus on real world experience of prosecuting and defending healthcare fraud cases. The course will cover the key statutes and regulations; nuts and bolts of a healthcare fraud investigation; as well as insight into client counseling and professional responsibility concerns. The course final will provide students with opportunities to hone litigation drafting and oral argument skills while applying the substance of the course.

**Law 7291E, Interviewing & Counseling, Dean Lisa Bliss**

In this course students learn about the lawyer-client relationship, communication theory, how bias impacts communication and decision-making, and the structure of client interviewing and counseling. Students engage in simulated interviews and counseling sessions to practice what they learn and to develop their communication skills. Students receive both faculty and peer feedback on their performance.

**LAW 7293, Seminar on Judicial Power, Prof. Clark Cunningham**

Prerequisites: Constitutional Law I and II, Criminal Procedure: Investigations, or permission of the instructor. The course may be used to satisfy the writing requirement. Enrollment may be limited. This course addresses the use of doctrine to constrain judicial power, especially in the Supreme Court. In particular, the doctrine of originalism will be explored through leading works of legal scholarship and famous cases. Students will learn how to use textual analysis and historical research and will write papers applying what they have learned to the interpretation of statutes or constitutional provisions.

**Law 7331, Law and Health Equity, Prof. Courtney Anderson**

This is an experiential learning class that allows you to be a community lawyer as you work with a partner: a local legal service provider, non-profit or advocacy group to eliminate a health injustice in our city. There is no exam; your grade is based on participation and the work product delivered to your partner.
Law 7363, History of the Common Law, Prof. Ryan Rowberry

“History of the Common Law” examines the development of lawyers, judges, and legal institutions in the Common Law system from Anglo-Saxon times to the present day. Course taught through online, translated primary source materials. No book and no need for fluency in Latin or any other foreign language. Limited to 15 students. Paper class, and it may satisfy the writing requirement. **Up to 6 students from this class may join me and Prof. Yarn in a Spring Break Study Abroad in Oxford, England in March 2018. At Oxford you will stay in one of the old medieval Oxford colleges and learn about the places and people in Oxford and London that were critical to the formation of the Common Law.

Law 7397, International Perspectives on Urban Law and Policy, Prof. Julian Juergensmeyer

International Perspectives on Urban Law and Policy brings three distinguished scholars from around the world to lead small, focused seminars about land-use planning and environmental law in their countries. This year’s guest lecturers include Prof. Romulo Sampaio from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Claudio Monteiro from Lisbon, Portugal, and Jack Lee from Singapore. Note this class does not meet every Monday and Wednesday from 2:10-4:10 p.m., but follows the schedule of our guest lecturers. Each guest lecturer will give an exam after their visit. This course is offered as a two or three credit hour course; a comparative research paper can be written for the extra credit hour. No study abroad program will be offered in conjunction with this course this spring.

LAW 7414, Negotiation, Prof. Charity Scott

Negotiation is one of the principal skills of all practicing lawyers, whether they are litigators or transactional lawyers. This course provides an introduction to the fundamentals of negotiation. You may not enroll in this course if you have taken Law 7060 (Alternative Dispute Resolution). Attendance at EVERY class for the entire class session every week throughout the semester is MANDATORY. Enrollment is purposely limited to 16 students in the class, and the weekly simulated negotiations will be done on a one-on-one basis or in teams of two-on-two (or other even-numbered configuration). Thus, all of the exercises and role plays depend on having at least one counterpart to negotiate with, and if you are absent, you leave your counterpart(s) without someone to do the role plays with. If you know now that you cannot attend every class, or cannot be in class from 9:00 am – 11:45 am for every weekly session in spring semester 2018, please do not take this class. There is no exam for this course. Grades will be determined as follows: 1/3 = class participation and professionalism: 1/3 = six short reflection essays: 1/3 = final term paper.
Law 7482, Theories of Justice. Prof. Bill Edmundson

This seminar explores the relationship between justice and democracy. Is a just, but undemocratic society possible? Conversely, is a democratic society necessarily just? Democracy has been variously defined, and has both been extolled as an ideal and deplored as a mere prelude to tyranny. Even those who esteem democracy differ about what makes it the good thing that it is. Some say it is its fairness; others that it best reveals truths about the common good. One common idea is that democracy entails equality – but equality of what?

Law 7605E, Partnership & LLC Taxation Lab, Prof. Cass Brewer

LLCs are the most popular form of business entity today. Every transactional lawyer must be familiar with LLCs. The Partnership & LLC Taxation Lab simulates drafting LLC articles of organization and operating agreements for “real-life” client situations. Because LLC operating agreements are not well understood (or drafted) by most lawyers, students who complete the Partnership & LLC Taxation Lab can become indispensable (i.e., “unfireable”) to their employers and clients. Note: Partnership & LLC Taxation is a prerequisite/co-requisite.