Spring 2016 Description of Elective Courses  
(Alphabetical Order)

We offer a dynamic curriculum with many opportunities for specialization. To review details about specialized study programs at Akron Law visit: [http://www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum/areas/](http://www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum/areas/).

**SPECIALY SCHEDULED CLASSES**

**Sem: Corporate Legal Department Skills Development (9200:684-802)**  
Professor Kevin Krull  
January 11 – 15, 2016  
MTWThF 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

This is a wonderful opportunity to develop the credentials and skills required to function effectively as a member of a corporate legal department. This course will be taught by Adjunct Professor Kevin Krull who has nearly three decades experience as Vice President & General Counsel in international corporations. He has had the unique experience of being general counsel while at the same time having business operations responsibility. He is also a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Forensic CPA. He combines all of these skills to enhance the corporate legal department services.

You will learn how to a) develop legal strategies and tactics that will support the short term and long term goals and mission of the corporation, b) how to assess legal risk, manage risk and keep risk within an acceptable tolerance in order to meet the goals and mission of the corporation, c) how to become proactive in protecting the corporation assets, its cash flow, revenue streams and profits and d) how to use business and financial skills to become a valuable member of the corporate management team.

The areas covered are:

- Corporate Governance – including the US, German and Japanese structures.
- Corporate Structures – which one to select for different transactions.
- Entering or Exiting Markets – strategies that reduce risk.
- Bankruptcy – protecting the collection of payments due your corporation.
- Contracts – drafting techniques that reduce risk.
- Licenses – the benefits of using licenses to reduce risk.
- IP Governance – what you need to know domestically and internationally.
- Trademark and Domain Name – strategies in domestic global markets.
- Copyright Strategies – use of alternative dispute resolution to combat piracy.
- Sales, Acquisitions and Mergers – how to structure to reduce risk.

Most of all we will be doing hands on research, drafting and planning in the above mentioned area so that you can enhance the skills, techniques and strategies learned.

The course will be 3 credits. It will be graded through a paper and in-class presentations.
International Patent Prosecution (9200:824-801)
  Professor Hornickel – 1 credit
  Saturday January 16, 2016 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
  Saturday, January 23, 2016 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

This course will be lectures with class participation concerning the Paris Convention, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and the European Patent Convention to explore strategy, tactics, and procedure for the examination of patent applications beyond the USA. The student who takes this course will be asked to come to class prepared to listen, question, discuss, debate, and react to issues that (s)he is likely to face in a legal career where globalization of trade needs a clear understanding of patent law prosecution technique internationally.

TRADITIONAL SEMESTER SCHEDULED CLASSES

Accounting and Finance from a Lawyers Perspective (9200:621-001)
  Professor Newman - 3 credits
  Tuesday/Thursday 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Accounting and finance issues arise not only for lawyers who have business law practices, but also for lawyers in many other practice areas. This course is an introduction to accounting, financial statement analysis, the time value of money, valuation, and auditing. Its focus is on the basics of those subjects from a lawyer’s perspective. The course is designed for students with little or no background in accounting for finance. (A requirement for enrollment is that students cannot have more than six hours of undergraduate accounting.)

Administrative Law (9200:623-801)
  Dean Jordan – 3 credits
  Thursday 6:05 – 9:25 PM

Administrative Law is the law of dealing with the government. Every lawyer practices Administrative Law, sometimes even in criminal cases. If your client needs workers compensation or Social Security Disability benefits, you will appear before an administrative agency. If you represent a business that wants to purchase property, you will need to know both the local zoning rules and procedures and the federal regulations governing liability for cleaning up hazardous substances found in the ground – all questions of Administrative Law. Administrative Law’s reach is broader than you can imagine – Medicare, antitrust, securities, workplace safety, equal opportunity, possible FDA preemption of state tort law, and much more. It involves procedures for influencing government decisions and complex doctrines governing judicial review of agency decisions. Don’t leave law school without it!

Civil Litigation Clinic (9200:691)
  Professor Joann Sahl – 2 credits or 3 credits
  Class times to be determined

The Civil Litigation Clinic assists low-income clients who are experiencing housing problems. Cases are referred to the clinic from Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.

Students interview clients, investigate the case and prepare the case for court. Students with a legal intern certificate may represent clients in court under the supervision of the client attorney. Students have the opportunity to practice in the Akron Municipal Court, Stow Municipal Court and Barberton Municipal Court. Students may also appear in administrative hearings at the local housing authority.
Students also conduct community presentations and community clinics on landlord-tenant issues.

**Clinical Seminar II (9200:697)**
- Professor Vyas – 2 credits or 3 credits
- Class times to be determined

Clinical Seminar II is the class component to an externship to be set up after consultation with Prof. Joann Sahl. You can work in any public or non-profit placement where there is an attorney to supervise you. The class compliments your placement by focusing on ethics and practice. This class allows you to experience the practice of law in a supervised setting. Whether you are certain or not as to your future, this class will help you. You can take placements in areas you know you wish to practice or explore areas in which you think you might wish to work. Many of our students eventually go on to practice in the area of their placement. It is also an excellent way to develop a record of achievement and sometimes students are directly hired as a result of their placement work.

**Copyright Law (9200:803-001)**
- Professor Vacca – 3 credits
- Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:55 AM – 10:45 AM

What do Oscar Wilde, Martin Luther King, Jr., Alfred Hitchcock, Michael Bolton, Coors Light, Monty Python, pornography, and Mr. Rogers have in common? They have all played a role in helping shape copyright law. During the course of this semester you will discover that rarely does a day go by in which you are not affected by copyright law. From the copyrighted illustrations on the cereal box containing your breakfast, to the songs you listen to on the radio on the way to school, to the software running your computer, copyright law is at work.

In this course we will explore what rights copyright law provides, what types of work are protected under copyright law, who is entitled to copyright protection, the modern developments in copyright law in response to technological developments, how copyright law functions in an increasingly international marketplace, and much more. If you have an interest in intellectual property, the development of culture and/or technology, representing small or large businesses, working in the entertainment industry, or are curious as to how the people or products first listed make an appearance in copyright law, then you should enroll in this course.

**Corporations (9200:633)**
- Professor Padfield – 3 credits
  - Section 001 – Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:50 – 9:40 AM
  - Section 801 – Thursday 6:05 PM – 9:25 PM

The corporation can be understood as a solution to the problem of encouraging investment in socially beneficially ventures in spite of high risk. By separating ownership from control, the corporate vehicle limited investor risk to the amount of their investment. This innovation, together with the limitless duration of the corporate entity and free transferability of its ownership interests, has led to the current global dominance of the corporate form as a capital accumulation device. This “corporate solution” has given rise to its own problems, however. These can be broadly divided into three categories: (1) the “agency problem” of aligning managerial interests with those of the shareholders/owners; (2) the problem of unfair domination of minority shareholders by majority shareholders; and, (3) the problem of protecting the interest of corporate stakeholders such as employees, creditors, and the general community, without unduly limiting the corporation’s growth potential. This course will examine the ways in which the law seeks to balance these often competing interests.
Domestic Relations Clinic (9200:684-002)  
Professor Timothy Thomas  
Class times to be determined

Students in this litigation clinic handle family law matters in the Portage County Domestic Relations Court under the supervision of an experienced practicing attorney. These matters include child support contempt, dissolutions, and civil protection orders for domestic violence. Students appear in court, argue at hearings, prepare briefings, and advise clients of modest means referred by the Portage County Bar Association. Students must obtain their State of Ohio Certification as Legal Intern, which requires completion of 59 credits of the JD program. http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/admissions/interns  Prerequisite: Family Law, Family Law Practicum, Juvenile Law, or other equivalent family law experience.

Drafting for Estates (9200:667-001)  
Professor Maguire – 3 credits  
Tuesday 3:25 PM – 6:25 PM

A “how-to” course emphasizing practical applications over legal theory. Students will learn the fundamentals of drafting documents used for basic estate planning where no federal tax implications are involved. Taught by lecture and honed through regular writing assignments and a written project in lieu of a final. This course satisfies the substantial skills requirement. There are no prerequisites, however, 685 Wills, Trusts & Estates is recommended.

Externship Program (9200:696)  
Professor Dowling – 2 credits or 3 credits  
Class times to be determined

Clinical Seminar I – External Placement is the class component to an external placement. You will receive 2 or 3 credits for your externship placement. You can work in any public or non-profit placement where there is an attorney to supervise you. The class compliments your placement by focusing on ethics and practice. This class allows you to experience the practice of law in a supervised setting. It gives you the opportunity to explore different practice areas before committing to a particular area of law.

Placements have included:

1. A variety of governmental agencies on the State (e.g. Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, entities under the umbrella of the Ohio Supreme Court); County (e.g. Summit County Executive, Children Services, various prosecutors offices); and local (various city law departments).
2. Various federal judges (6th Circuit, U.S. District and magistrates) and state court judges (Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, trial courts) in Ohio and other states.
3. Various public defender offices (federal and local) and University related offices (UA and Kent State General Counsel Offices, athletic compliance offices, the MAC Conference).
4. Nonprofits that employ attorneys (e.g. Community Legal Aid, International Institute, health care providers) and a few limited private companies (State & Federal Communications, Val-Mark Securities, Signet Real Estate Development).

Family Law Practicum (9200:680-001)
Judge Judith Nicely – 2 credits
Thursday 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

The Family Law Practicum teaches lawyering skills in the context of family law. The focus is on developing lawyering skills for practice including negotiating and drafting agreements, interviewing and counseling clients, interdisciplinary work with experts, financial investigation and analysis, law office management, drafting pleadings and memoranda, and mediating disputes. Course topics include high-conflict custody cases, domestic violence, marital property characterization and evaluation, and prenuptial and separation agreements. The course grade is based on attorney work product papers including pleadings, filings, and memoranda.

The Practicum is likely to be of interest both to those interested in advancing training in family law as well as those interested in developing general lawyering skills. Its general law practice emphasis offers significant value in the employment market.

Prerequisite: Required completion of Family Law, Juvenile Law, Elder Law or Domestic Violence course.

**General Writing Requirement (9200:610)**

In conjunction with the required coursework, all students must satisfy the General Writing Requirement (GWR). This requirement can be satisfied through participation in Law Review, through coursework in a GWR-designated course, or through independent study.

The Spring 2016 GWR designated courses are:

- (001) – GWR: Individual Studies & Research
- (002) – GWR: Law Review (Professor Genetin)
- (003) – GWR: Miscellaneous
- (004) – GWR: L.L.M. Thesis
- (005) – GWR: International Trade (Professor Baumgartner)
- (006) – GWR: International Human Rights (Professor Barnes)
- (007) – GWR: International Intellectual Property Law (Professor Lipton)
- (008) – GWR: Sports Law (Professor Sahl)
- (009) – GWR: Post Conviction Remedies (Professor Belsky)
- (010) – GWR: Valuation of Firms and IP (Professor Gaughan)

**Health Law Clinic (9200:684-006)**

Professor Curry – 3 credits
Class times to be determined

Students work as part of the medical-legal partnership team to assist clients with poverty law issues that impact health. Students meet and interview clients onsite at medical facilities, and then assist with various legal aspects of the clients’ concerns like inadequate access to education services, poor housing conditions, imminent eviction, improper denial or reduction in public benefits, lack of health insurance, or need for a simple will and other estate planning documents. Students will also engage in advocacy related to systemic health law or health policy issues, addressing questions of health equity, delivery reform, education, housing, or public benefits. This off-site clinic takes place at Community Legal Aid in downtown Akron, supervised by a legal aid attorney.
Health Law II (9200:701-001)
Professor Goff – 3 credits
Friday 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

The focus of this course is on healthcare institutions (hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care facilities, insurers and managed care organizations) rather than on the individual physician-patient relationship. Topics for selective study include access to health care; private and public programs for financing and purchasing health services; the economics of health care and health care costs; the role of professionalism versus the new commercialism in health care; the legal and tax treatment of not-for-profit corporations; the regulation of commercial practice in professional fields; fraud and abuse in government programs; the application of antitrust law in professional fields; the internal organization and legal liabilities of hospitals; and public regulation of managed-care organizations. Study of the diverse legal problems encountered by a single industry, particularly one as important, complex, and intrinsically interesting as health care, may appeal to students generally interested in public policy and in law and economics as well as those with specific interest in the health care field.

Health Law III (9200:702-801)
Professor Glessner – 2 credits
Monday 6:40 PM – 8:40 PM

This course focuses on government programs that provide or finance health care including the federal Medicare program, the state and federal Medicaid program and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program. In addition, federal initiatives for expanding private health care coverage include ACA (Obamacare), COBRA, HIPPA and the Americans with Disabilities Act are covered. Specific topics may include eligibility, benefits, payments, administration and appeals and reform of these government programs and initiatives. Finally, government efforts to curtail fraud and abuse in these programs are examined including the struggle to control false claims, kick-backs and fee splitting.

Individual Taxation (9200:640-001)
Professor Dessin – 3 credits
Monday/Wednesday 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM

This course is a survey of the federal tax laws relating to individuals. I use the problem method to teach the course, and we spend most class time considering problems that simulate real-life tax issues. The course includes a broad range of topics, and will be useful to anyone who plans to earn money or advise clients in the United States. In other words, tax is everywhere and for everyone! Tax issues arise in virtually every area of practice, and we talk specifically about common issues in litigation, estates, business and domestic relations. No special background is required for the course – this is tax for music majors.

Intellectual Property Clinic aka Trademark Clinic (9200:896-002)
Professor Thompson – 2 credits
Class times to be determined

This Clinic is conducted within a pilot program of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. It will be beneficial not only for a student focusing upon an Intellectual Property Curriculum but for someone practicing in the area of business law, which frequently involves trademark and copyright issues. The program emphasizes the practical legal skills of interviewing, researching, fact investigation, counseling and drafting. Students will utilize the likelihood of confusion test for trademark examination, other Section 2 rejection bases, analyze
fame and dilution and levels of distinctiveness and disclaimer practice. Students will become familiar with the trademark and copyright application processes, how marks are evaluated by trademark examiners, the scope of typical searches and the attorney ethical rules of practice in the IP area. In short, the students will perform many, if not most, of the functions of a practitioner in the IP area under the supervision of an experienced attorney. This Clinic also has a public interest component in that the clients served have limited economic resources. Prerequisite: one of the following: Introduction to Intellectual Property; Trademark Law; Trademark Prosecution.

**International Human Rights (9200:684-004)**  
Professor Barnes – 2 credits  
Wednesday 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

In a world more globally focused every day, knowledge of international law will serve attorneys in all practice areas. Under the U.S. Constitution, treaties are as powerful as the statutory law of any state. Further attorneys who are knowledgeable as to the substance and process of international law will likely have a career advantage.

This course overs existing international conventions on human rights such as the European Convention on Human Rights, the United National Declaration on Human Rights, Amnesty International protocols, and the Torture Convention. It touches on real world happenings (migration, mass atrocities, genocide, capital punishment, and forced labor, to name a few areas) and examines how attorneys utilize different international conventions to address these matters.

GWR is available..

**International Intellectual Property Law (9200:806-801)**  
Professor Lipton – 3 credits  
Monday 5:20 – 7:50 PM

If you represent almost any business, and certainly if you practice Intellectual Property, you will benefit from the understanding of the international IP system provided by this course. The International Intellectual Property course focuses on comparative and international aspects of intellectual property, with a focus on copyright and trademark issues at the international level. Other forms of intellectual property such as patents, trade secrets, traditional cultural knowledge, databases, and internet domain names may also be discussed. Students enrolled in the course will become familiar with attempts at the international level to harmonize various areas of intellectual property law through treaties and bilateral agreements such as TRIPs, the Berne Convention and the Paris Convention. Private attempts to harmonize intellectual property government will also be addressed. Students will have the opportunity to satisfy the General Writing Requirement in this course if they choose to do so. In an increasingly globalized trading environment, today’s intellectual property lawyers should attain some familiarity with cross-border issues involving intellectual property. This course is an opportunity to develop some familiarity with the international aspects of intellectual property law.

**International Trade (9200:684-005)**  
Professor Baumgartner – 3 credits  
Tuesday/Thursday 5:10 PM – 6:25 PM

In this course, we will study the regulatory law of international trade as it pertains to international business transactions. This includes the regulation of import and export through customs duties, import quotas, non-
tariff barriers (such as safety, employment, and environmental regulation), export controls, import relief, and retaliation (or the prevention thereof). Our focus will be on the regulatory law of the United States and, to a lesser extent, of the European Communities as well as on the various treaties of the World Trade Organization (WTO). We will also have a bit of time to study the institutional framework of the European Union and the intellectual property aspects of international trade.

**Interstate Practice: Conflict of Laws (9200:631-001)**

Professor Baumgartner – 3 credits  
Tuesday/Thursday 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

The Conflicts course deals with three distinct issues arising in disputes involving the laws and/or courts of more than one jurisdiction: At the heart of the course is the study of the rules that determine the law applicable to a dispute: whether it be the law of the forum or the law of a different state or federal entity or of a foreign jurisdiction. The course then deals with decisional authority, i.e. personal jurisdiction, and with the law of recognition and enforcement of out-of-state and foreign judgments. The course is of vital importance for those who expect to represent clients in transactional work or in litigation cutting across state lines. Accordingly, Conflict of Laws is tested on the bar exam of virtually every state except Ohio.

**Juvenile Law (9200:647-801)**

Judge Bailey – 3 credits  
Thursday 6:40 – 9:40 PM

This course concentrates only on those aspects of criminal law as they relate particularly to delinquency. Those aspects are competency, infancy defense, confessions of juveniles, searches, as well as the procedural issues of Serious Youthful Offenders and transfer of juvenile for trial as adults.

Most of the course time, however, deals with abused, neglected and dependent children. My goal is to prepare students to advocate for children in the juvenile court system. This prepares students for what will most probably be their first responsibility in juvenile court – that of Guardian ad Litem – as well as background needed for prosecution of cases and defense.

We do not use a textbook, but rather assigned Ohio cases and statutes. The exam is a take-home exercise designed to see how well students can discern issues and provide meaningful argument and analysis.

**Labor Law & Collective Bargaining (9200:650-801)**

Professor Fernandez  
Monday 6:05 PM – 9:25 PM

Representation procedures. Unfair labor practices of labor and management, strikes, picketing, boycotts, lockouts. Jurisdictional disputes. Law and practice of labor arbitration and collective bargaining, including a study of the grievance arbitration process pursuant to collective bargaining agreements.

**Land Use Planning (9200:652-801)**

Professor Benjamin  
Monday 6:05 PM – 9:25 PM

Prerequisite: Property. Assumptions, doctrines and implications of planning law; zoning; legal and administrative problems involved in allocating and developing land located in metropolitan areas.
**Law & Psychiatry (9200:634-801)**

Professor Noffsinger – 2 credits  
Monday 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Law and Psychiatry is a two hour elective seminar offering each spring, taught by a forensic psychiatrist. Topics covered include basic psychiatry; competence to stand trial; testamentary capacity; insanity defense; suicide and violence risk assessment; psychiatric malpractice; civil commitment; psychic damages; stalking; correctional psychiatry; psychiatric disability; involuntary treatment and using a mental health professional as an expert witness. Teaching methods include lecture, readings, vignettes, videos and discussion.

This course will be useful for law students who plan to practice in the venues of criminal law (prosecution or defense); medical malpractice (plaintiff or defense); disability law; wills or other probate matters; or who have an interest in mental health law.

**Legal Drafting: Contract Drafting (9200:688-802)**

Professor Cohen  
Thursday 6:05 – 7:45 PM

This course covers the basics of contract drafting. Students draft three contracts.

**Legal Drafting: Law Practice (9200:688-003)**

Professor McBurney  
Tuesday 2:15 – 3:55 PM

This course covers some of the key instruments that you will be drafting in the actual practice of law. Students will begin on a simulated case by drafting an informal research memo. For there, students will draft a client advice letter, a demand letter or response, and a complaint or answer. The case will culminate with a settlement negotiation, the results of which students will memorialize in a settlement agreement. The course will also cover related topics such as email drafting and etiquette, oral presentation of research, and client counseling.

**Three Innovative Related Legal Drafting Sections**

Professors Morath, Strong, and Shaver received a grant to develop and innovative approach under which their three sections of Legal Drafting will relate to each other for a comprehensive student experience. Below is a description of their interrelated sections, followed by descriptions of the individual sections taught by each professor.

Professors Morath, Shaver and Strong are co-teaching three drafting courses in which each class of students will assume unique roles in a hypothetical lawsuit. One class will act as counsel for plaintiff. A second class will act as counsel for defendant, and a third class will act as the “court” before which the case is pending. These courses will focus on motion practice in Ohio state courts. The student-practitioners will prepare (or oppose) substantive motions filed with the court. Student-judges will take those motions under advisement and, after reviewing each side’s position, issue written opinions. The courses are designed to give students the opportunities both to refine their advocacy writing and to view the litigation process from varying perspectives.


**Legal Drafting: Litigation (9200:688-001)**
Professor Strong  
Wednesday 2:00 – 3:40 PM

In this class, students will represent the plaintiff in a hypothetical lawsuit pending in the Court of Common Pleas for Summit County. The course will focus on motion practice, including motions to dismiss, motions to compel discovery, motions for summary judgment, and pretrial motions *in limine*. The course also will discuss the preparation of other state court litigation documents, including pleadings and discovery requests and responses.

**Legal Drafting: Litigation (9200:688-801)**
Professor Shaver  
Wednesday 6:05 – 7:45 PM

In this class, students will represent the defendant in a hypothetical lawsuit pending in the Court of Common Pleas for Summit County. The course will focus on motion practice, including motions to dismiss, motions to compel discovery, motions for summary judgment, and pretrial motions *in limine*. The course also will discuss the preparation of other state court litigation documents, including pleadings and discovery requests and responses.

**Legal Drafting: Judicial Opinion (9200:688-002)**
Professor Morath  
Thursday 2:15 – 3:55 PM

In this class, students will examine and draft the various judicial opinions that could be issued during the pretrial litigation stage. Specifically, students will have the opportunity to draft pretrial conference orders and orders on several motions including a motion to dismiss, a discovery motion, a motion for summary judgment, and a motion in limine. Students will develop the writing skills necessary for issuing decisions that communicate the court’s reasoning clearly and authoritatively. While this course has obvious benefits for any student who wishes to pursue judicial externship or clerkship, or who aspires to be a judge, the practical approach of this course makes it useful for any student whose future plans call for motion practice of any sort.

**Licensing Intellectual Property (9200:805-801)**
Professor Wagner – 3 credits  
Wednesday 6:05 PM – 9:25 PM

Licensing Intellectual Property covers the vitally important transactions in which the holders of intellectual property rights license the use of those rights to others.

**Mediation Practicum (9200:684-803)**
Professor Dowling – 3 credits  
Tuesday 6:05 PM -9:25 PM

This will be a skills-based course focusing on strategic use of mediation, representation of clients in mediation and mediator training. After an initial exploration of mediation theory, students will participate in simulations involving client counseling, preparation for mediation and participation in mediation sessions. Note that the course will focus on civil disputes in general and is not intended to qualify students as Domestic Relations and Juvenile Mediators as defined by Rule 16 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio.
Experts estimate that Ohio’s Utica shale could be producing 250,000 to 500,000 barrels of oil daily by 2016. The discovery of vast oil and natural gas reserves in Ohio’s Utica shale and the development of drilling methods that permit the cost effective development of deep shale formations have put a premium on lawyers with knowledge of oil and gas law.

This course in Oil and Gas Law provides the foundational doctrine and the vocabulary unique to the world of oil and gas law that you will need to move with confidence and make immediate contributions in this increasingly important legal field. The course will focus on oil and gas drilling concepts; relevant ownership interests and leasing interests, including pooling arrangements; implied covenants; mineral estates, and relevant environmental issues; as well as oil and gas leases and related agreements associated with oil and gas production. You will also gain practical experience and exposure in Ohio’s Utica Shale Exploration by virtue of reviewing current oil and gas leases, well production records, and geological maps and analyzing real estate titles to determine mineral ownership and leasing availability. Taught primarily by practicing attorneys, the course will also explore contemporary issues in oil and gas law, real-world client problems, and client counseling.

Patent Claim Construction (9200:826-001)
Professor Kahrl – 3 credits
Tuesday 8:50 AM – 11:50 AM

This course will teach how to interpret the claims of a patent, applying the case-law rules of construction developed by the Federal Circuit. Students will learn how to draft opinion letters concerning patent scope and validity, how to craft briefs on claim construction issues addressed to the court, and how to present claim construction evidence and arguments at claim construction hearings, summary judgment arguments, and licensing negotiations. This course will emphasize the practitioner’s approach to determining the relative strength of various interpretations of a patent, assessing the risk in adopting a particular construction, and determining whether the risk is appropriate to the client’s situation. 3 credit hours.

NOTE: This course is not intended to teach claim drafting, though its content would be useful to a person who will draft claims. This course teaches how to interpret claims after the patent has issued.

Patent Prosecution (9200:807-801)
Professor Rockhill – 3 credits
Tuesday 6:40 PM – 9:40 PM

Patent Prosecution examines the process of researching, preparing and prosecuting valid and enforceable applications to obtain US patents.

Post Conviction Remedies (9200:684-001)
Professor Belsky
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

The seminar on Post-Conviction Remedies will deal with those parts of the criminal justice system that are often overlooked – what happens after someone is convicted after trial or plea. The Professor and a group of experts will talk about Sentencing, Alternatives to Incarceration, the Death Penalty, Appeals, Habeas Corpus,
Probation, Prisons, Parole, and Pardons. Speakers will also discuss the impact of a conviction on voting, job securement, residence status, and family. Students will be asked to prepare a paper on a topic that they select with the Professor’s approval and oversight.

**Remedies (9200:668-801)**
- Professor Cravens – 3 credits
- Wednesday 6:05 PM – 9:25 PM

Remedies is the study of what relief a court can provide to a successful plaintiff. The course explores both legal and equitable relief, including damages, injunctions, restitution, punitive damages, and attorney’s fees. Remedies is a recommended bar track course because its subject matter can be covered on all three parts of the bar exam. Remedies is also a capstone course that integrates and advances knowledge in core concepts of contract, tort, property, constitutional, and economic law. The course is taught as a problem-method course using many problems taken from the bar exam and is designed to encourage creative lawyering and developing legal judgment. The course is graded based on a final examination, part multiple choice and part essay, that parallels the testing of Remedies on the bar exam.

**Please note:** Beginning with the Spring 2016 semester Remedies is only guaranteed to be offered EITHER in the day or in the evening, and will alternate years. Therefore, Spring 2017 only guaranteed offering will be during the DAY.

**Secured Transactions (9200:629)**
- Professor Gibson – 3 credits
- Section 001 – Monday/Wednesday/Friday 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM
- Section 801 – Tuesday 6:05 PM – 9:25 PM

This course provides a comprehensive review of Revised Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, whose goal is to provide uniform rules to resolve personal property priority disputes arising in the context of defaults and bankruptcies. These disputes typically involve competing claims to personal property asserted by secured creditors, judicially and statutorily created liens, and purchasers. The course involves an in-depth analysis of the rules and policy considerations underlying with a goal towards mastering the subject matter. Through a blend of case analyses and problem solving, the significance of the Article 9 rules become apparent to the students. The course also includes a series of drafting assignments designed to teach the importance of legal documentation to protecting clients’ claims to personal property. The drafting assignments along with case analyses and problem solving provide add a real life dimension to the course that provides students with practical skills in the area of finance.

**SEED Clinic – (9200:683)**
- Professor Spring – 2 credits or 3 credits
- Class times to be determined

The Small Entrepreneur and Economic Development (SEED) Legal Clinic provides low-cost legal and business assistance to small and emerging businesses in the local community.

Under the supervision of a licensed attorney, second and third year law students provide non-litigation, transactional legal, and business advice including business, employment, contract/lease, and entity formation information. SEED provides advice and counsel to new or emerging businesses that would otherwise be unable to hire outside counsel. The clinic is beginning to expand their influence into the community by working with the Akron Global Business Accelerator, assisting non-profit organizations, and working with
various entrepreneurial organizations in UA’s College of Business Administration and Kent State. These are real people with real issues. SEED is 98% practical, 2% theory, and 100% useful to you if you want to know anything about the legal practicalities of small businesses. Students are able to network with organizations within the community and make presentations in various forums.

Students who have completed at least twenty-eight (28) credit hours, and have taken Basic Business Associations (626) or Corporations (633) may apply for admission into SEED. Enrollment requires completion of an admission application, execution of a confidentiality agreement, and an interview with the Director of SEED. Registration by permission of the Director.

**Sem: Business Planning (9200:672-001)**

Professor Vyas – 3 credits  
Monday 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Seminar in Business Planning is a survey course that will give you all the basic tools for working with small businesses. The course covers the full range of business types from sole proprietors to corporations. It addresses basic entity formation requirements and techniques, relevant tax issues, simple entity governance, very basic accounting and bookkeeping matters and will give you a good insight into closely-held businesses. You will know what forms to complete, the basic business lingo and do’s and don’ts for setting up small businesses. The course is 80% practical and 15% theory. The remaining 5% is just plain learning fun.

**Sports Law (9200:881-001)**

Professor Sahl – 3 credits  
Tuesday/Thursday 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Sports Law examines a variety of legal and business issues involved in professional and amateur (e.g., intercollegiate) sports. Some topics covered in the course include the following: the role of sports commissioners and talent agents; the application of antitrust and labor laws to collective bargaining agreements and other aspects of sports (e.g., franchise relocation); sports broadcasting, merchandising and intellectual property; due process, academic integrity, gender equity, commercialism and amateurism in intercollegiate sports; and personal injury from sports. Several experts visit the class throughout the semester to share their experiences in professional and amateur sports and to review legal documents (e.g., endorsement agreements). Students are expected to submit a paper at the end of the course.

**Trial Advocacy I (9200:690-001)**

Professor Cole – 3 credits  
Friday 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The purpose of this course is to provide you with a basic understanding of the techniques and skills required of a trial lawyer. You will prepare and deliver an opening statement, direct examination, cross-examination and closing argument in a safe, nurturing and supportive environment.

**Valuation of Firms & IP (9200:684-003)**

Professor Gaughan – 2 credits  
Thursday 9:55 AM – 11:35 AM

One of the most common issues facing both business people and lawyers is “what is this worth?” This course will provide a graduate-level introduction to the issues underlying the valuation of both firms and intellectual property. This will make you more attractive to potential employers and clients, whether you are an
entrepreneur, work for a company or work for a law firm. Any lawyer or business person would benefit from this course.

**Wills, Trusts & Estates II (9200:686-001)**  
Professor Newman – 3 credits  
Tuesday/Thursday 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

This is a continuation of Wills, Trusts & Estates I. It examines creation and termination of trusts, gifts to charity, will substitutes, future interests, powers of appointment, and class gifts. It also explores estate planning issues and federal transfer taxes.

**COURSES CROSS-LISTED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS**

**Practical Governing (9200:684-007)**  
Speaker Batchelder  
Tuesday/Thursday 1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Course cross-listed with Political Science Department. More information and course description forthcoming.