Spring 2016 Workshops Description

Study strategies for Understanding Property

Property is loaded with lots of legal concepts and the sheer volume could be daunting. In this workshop, we will explore study strategies for understanding property law. We will explore the “big picture” and discuss useful study strategies.

Participants will get good tips on how to organize course materials for effective mastery of important legal rules as well as get a good head start on exam prep.

Study Strategies for Understanding Torts

All law classes are not the same. There are specific study strategies that work better for certain classes.

This workshop will give an overview of the Law of Torts and suggest useful study strategies. It will also give participants tips on how to organize course materials for effective mastery of important legal rules.

Study Strategies for Understanding Crim. Pro. / Study Strategies for Understanding Civil Pro II

Criminal Procedure

Criminal Procedure is all about the constitutional rights and protections of an individual charged with a crime. It focuses on how, when, where, and against whom the State may bring criminal charges within the constraints of the law to safeguard against arbitrary application of criminal codes.

The presentation will give an overview of the different stages of criminal procedure, study tips for getting the most out of classroom discussions, and how to organize course materials with finals in mind.

Civil Procedure II

This course covers the “choice of forum” when filing a law suit. In which state should a Plaintiff sue? Who may be sued and where? Several rules apply to this seemingly simple question that is regulated by federal statutes and Supreme Court cases.
This presentation will give useful insights and concrete study tips to help with the mastery of the legal concepts (personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction and venue) central to understanding how to choose proper forum.

**Study Strategies for Understanding Constitutional Law I**

Constitutional Law concepts are heavily coded. To get a solid grasp, students must not only learn to decode, but they must also understand the scope of the subject as well as develop an appreciation for the interconnectedness of the “coded-concepts”.

This workshop will provide an overview of constitutional law and help participants gain the insight necessary to organize course materials in an efficient manner. “Coded-concepts” will be decoded so students can understand classroom discussions at the deeper level required of a constitutional law student.

**Study Strategies for Understanding Administrative Law/Study Strategies for Understanding International Law**

**Administrative Law**

Administrative Law concerns itself with federal administrative agencies and focuses on how these agencies are created, how they make their own make rules, how they operate, and how their decisions may be challenged.

This presentation will discuss underlying legal concepts that students need to know to grasp the essence of administrative law. We will also look at resources available for study strategies and exam prep.

**International Law**

Taking a class on International Law will feel very different from taking traditional law classes because it does not dwell primarily on case law. It is a class designed to shed light on how countries (States) “play together” or not, on the world stage. A global understanding of the rules governing international relations is required.

This workshop will give practical study guidelines on how to understand the scope, the sources, and the practice of international law, and how to prepare for finals.

**Study Strategies for Understanding Business Organizations I**

The law of Business Organization is concerned with how different types of business entities are formed, structured, and operated within the provisions of relevant rules and regulations. Beyond these, there are ethical and public policy considerations that inform business practices.
The presentation will give a quick overview of different kinds of business associations and suggested study tips for staying abreast of classroom discussions. We will also look at best strategies to adopt for outlining course materials and doing very well on the final exam.

Appellate Brief-Writing for Moot Court

Writing an appellate brief is a big deal for the parties involved: one party (the appellant) wants reversal of the lower court ruling, and the other party (the appellee) wants the ruling affirmed. The appellate brief presents a unique advocacy opportunity to craft arguments to address the specific issues raised on appeals. This presentation will give a general overview of appellate brief writing, discuss the dos and don’ts of writing an effective appellate brief, and provide concrete tips for moving smoothly through the writing process: from outlining to editing final draft.

Blue-booking for Law Journals and Beyond

One of the most challenging aspects of writing a scholarly essay is the required comprehensive and standardized citation. This presentation will address how to cite legal materials taken from different sources. Special focus will be placed on aspects of legal citation that are most frequently tested during the write-on process.

Scholarly Writing Tips for Law Journals

Are you preparing to enter the write-on competition for one of UW’s law journals? If so, plan to attend this presentation on how to write for a law journal. Professor Klug will cover the goals, format, and style of law-journal writing and suggest some strategies for success in the competition. Topics will include organizing, writing, and editing your submission.