Hawaii Summer Law Program 2021
Course Descriptions

SUMMER SESSION 1

Advanced Legal Research – Dan Blackaby

The Advanced Legal Research course provides depth and advanced research techniques in specific practice areas such as Hawaii Law. In this course, we review basic practices and focus on critical analysis of the law and how it changes the courses of your research. This course employs a variety of assessment methods. Assessment methods will depend on the topic specialty and the instructors' preferences.

Bar Exam Toolkit – Liam Skilling, Garret Halydier

The Bar Exam Toolkit is a course designed to help students acquire the knowledge, skills, and habits that lead to success on the bar exam, specifically on the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) (the multiple-choice portion of the bar exam). The course will provide students with an introduction to the content, test strategies, and study skills necessary to succeed on the MBE. In the course, students will complete and review hundreds of MBE questions. In the process, students will relearn and reinforce key substantive topics in Civil Procedure and Real Property while also practicing MBE specific test-taking skills. In addition, the course will inculcate successful learning strategies for bar exam preparation and teach students to apply the concepts of metacognition, spaced repetition, and retrieval practice to enhance their learning in the course, in law school, and during bar preparation.

International Law – Sherry Broder, Ved Nanda

An examination of the evolving process of formulating rules to govern the transnational problems requiring global solutions. After looking at the United Nations and other international and regional organizations, students focus on: (a) the Law of the Sea negotiations, (b) the laws of war, (c) human rights, and (d) economic problems. Students examine both the substantive content of the current rules and the procedures by which they are being developed. Finally, the course examines the enforcement mechanisms and ways in which international law can be used in the courts of the United States.

International Business Transactions / Joint Ventures – Ellen Eichberg

In today’s business world, operating together as partners is a common phenomenon among enterprises. The reasons range from acquiring the necessary capital, technology or know-how to finding a way to enter a market to which one company alone would not have access. This course is designed to give 2nd and 3rd year JD- or MBA-candidates the legal background to examine
Joint Venture structures and to achieve a sense of risk and problem-orientation when working with businesses operating as a joint venture. We will work with actual Joint Venture Agreements, do a virtual due diligence exercise, review sample clauses - up to negotiating a JV-Agreement and mediating in a deadlock-situation.

While the course encourages group work, negotiation tactics, contract drafting and student presentations, it shall also enable the students to look beyond borders and to evaluate examples from other jurisdictions.

**Mediation Workshop – Tracey Wiltgen**

Students in this workshop receive training in mediation and alternate dispute resolution techniques and simulated experience in the mediation of community disputes.

**Professional Responsibility- Ken Lawson**

A study of the lawyer’s legal obligations and professional responsibilities to clients, the profession and society under the rules of conduct and laws governing lawyers. Personal choices and the impact of those choices, along with the structure of the legal profession, also are explored.

**SESSION 2**

**Administrative Law – David Forman**

This course covers the legal regime applicable to federal, state and local agency decision-making and the role of the courts in reviewing agency decisions through study of the federal and Hawai‘i Administrative Procedure Acts and the case law arising under them.

**Environmental Compliance – Frank Cioffi**

Modern businesses and industries are heavily regulated by a myriad of federal and state environmental laws. Ensuring compliance with these important and complex laws is a critical function of corporate law today and can have far-reaching positive impacts on the environment. Conversely, failure to comply with these laws and their accompanying regulations can lead to serious civil and criminal penalties. This course covers the environmental regulatory structure that impacts businesses and explores the compliance issues that arise under the statutes, regulations, and case law.

**Ethics & Integrity in the Real World – Will Weinstein**
An interactive course addressing important topical ethical issues in areas including the corporate, entertainment, medical, legal, political, education, and sports worlds. Renowned knowledgeable guests will discuss critical issues in their respective fields through panel conversations.

**International Economic Law – Richard Chen**

This course will explore the legal principles and institutions that underlie the global economy. International economic law encompasses the fields of international trade, investment, and finance.

**U.S. Territories – The Island Cases – Judge Gustavo Gelpi**

This seminar is comprised by a comparative study of the historical and constitutional development of the various United States territories acquired since 1898. These include Hawai‘i, Puerto Rico, Guam, Philippines, Guantanamo Bay, Panama Canal Zone, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, among others. As part of the study, the applicable case-law of the U.S. Supreme Court will be discussed, as well as that of other federal courts. Additionally, those federal executive and congressional actions which affect each jurisdiction will be discussed, as well the acts that each jurisdiction has employed in order to improve its political status and relationship with the United States.

**Second-Year Seminar – Malia Akutagawa, Troy Andrade**

All students are required to take a LAW 530 seminar for which they must write a substantial paper of publishable quality. This seminar is taken during the spring semester of a student’s second year. Seminar offerings will be announced early in the fall for the spring semester. Seminar placement is by lottery. Prior topics have included Torts, Environmental Law, Property, Jurisprudence, Antitrust, Intellectual Property, Legal History, Constitutional Law, Japanese Law, Native Hawaiian Rights and U.S. and Asian labor and employment.