

SUMMER 2018-Course Classifieds

1. **LAW 712-Analytical Legal Methods (For Forensic LLM students)- Professor Rhee**

The subtitle of this course is “Lying with Statistics in Law and Forensics.” Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. famously wrote that while lawyers with expertise in the “rational study of law” and the “blackletter” law dominated the age, the lawyer of the future would have to be a master “of statistics.” Although this course will not make you a master of statistics, it shall provide you with a foundational understanding of core statistical concepts. Armed with this foundational knowledge, you then will be able to read and evaluate empirical work and master the specific empirical issues at stake in your particular cases, policy proposals, legislation, or regulations. Lawyers who are not afraid of numbers and statistics have a clear competitive advantage over lawyers who are afraid. After covering the substantive equivalent of a college-level introductory statistics course (if you have already taken one, it will be a good review), we shall look at specific forensic science and social policy examples to learn how to recognize lying with statistics. No mathematics above algebra required. Plus your main textbook is the graphic novel, *An Adventure in Statistics: The Reality Enigma*.