

FALL 2019- Course Classifieds

1. LAW 794Q-Sem: The Second Amendment- Professor Rhee

This seminar will (1) provide you with a survey introduction to federal and state law concerning the Second Amendment of the US Constitution, and (2) help you write an original research paper of publishable quality about the Second Amendment. We shall explore often volatile “right to bear arms” issues in a safe, respectful, professional environment where *all* viewpoints are encouraged and examined.

Coursebooks:

- FIREARMS LAW AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT: REGULATION, RIGHTS, AND POLICY (Nicholas J. Johnson, David B. Kopel, George A. Mocsary & Michael P. O’Shea, eds. Aspen Publishers, 2d ed. 2018) (required).
- STEPHEN V. ARMSTRONG & TIMOTHY P. TERRELL, THINKING LIKE A WRITER: A LAWYER’S GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE WRITING AND EDITING (Practicing Law Institute 3d ed. 2009) (either buy hardcopy or use free Bloomberg Law online version).

If you have any questions, please e-mail Professor Rhee at william.rhee@mail.wvu.edu.

2. LAW 689K- Sem: Civil Disobedience- Professor Disalvo

This class will be offered fall semester – Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:20 pm.

- It carries two credits, fulfills your seminar writing requirement, and is a perspective.
- The class asks a variety of questions: What is civil disobedience? What justifies it? Can it change the law? How? What view of conscientious lawbreaking should the legal system take?
- Topics include, among others, the woman’s suffrage movement, the civil rights movement, the anti-war movement, the movement for the liberation of colonial India, and the movement to stop climate change. We will read Gandhi, King, Thoreau, and many others.
- The class is operated as a guided discussion in which everyone is expected to participate. (No lectures, no student presentations.)
- There is no exam. Rather, there is a research-and-analysis paper.
- There is a fair amount of reading, writing, and film-watching.
- This course is a ton of work – and a ton of fun!

Questions? Please feel free to contact me at cdisalvo@wvu.edu

3. **LAW 734- Intellectual Property- Professor Olson**

Intellectual Property is a comprehensive review of copyright and patent law, taught from the perspective of the application in business as well as a firm grounding in the statutory and constitutional underpinnings of these federal protections. The same casebook is used in Business Torts offered spring 2020.

4. **LAW 778-Antitrust- Professor Olson**

Antitrust law, offered as an element of a concentration in commercial law, provides a comprehensive review of a bedrock principle of competition law: antitrust. Antitrust law touches every aspect of a commercial law practice as it regulates pricing, product development, and trade associations. The course includes a problem approach to emphasize the practice dimensions of antitrust law

5. **LAW 729-Constitutional Law II- Professor Bastress**

Constitutional Law II focuses strictly on the freedoms of expression and conscience contained or implied in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. They include the freedoms of speech, press, assembly, petition, association, and religion – the fundamental rights that enable individuals to develop their faculties and to participate in society and in the democratic processes. In addition to defining the scope of protection accorded to individuals who engage in expressive activities, the course addresses modern issues relating to the mass media, the Internet, and campaign finance. Study of the First Amendment would be of considerable value to anyone who wants to work in government, civil rights, the media, or who wants to participate in public discussion or the political process. It is also useful to anyone who will be taking a bar examination; forty to fifty percent of the multistate constitutional law questions historically have been based on First Amendment issues.

6. **LAW 763- Employment Discrimination- Professor Bastress**

As its name communicates, Employment Discrimination provides a detailed study of federal and West Virginia fair employment laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and religion), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Equal Pay Act, the West Virginia Human Rights Act, and anti-retaliation provisions under all of them. The course is taught to prepare students for litigation on the anti-discrimination laws, which provide the largest number of litigated claims in all of employment law – and the most work for lawyers. The course would also prove useful for persons interested in human resources positions and in-house corporate work. Employment Discrimination is a bar exam subject in some states, including Pennsylvania.

7. **LAW 633-International Business Transactions- Professor Martin**

International Business Transactions is also known as the “buffet course.” Why? Because unlike many law school courses where you do a deep dive into one area of the law, IBT covers *so* many different areas that it would be impossible to tackle all the jurisprudence in this three-credit course without gorging yourself at the table. As a result, the purpose of the course is to make

you exceptional issue spotters at the legal issues that may arise when one part engages in a business transaction with a party from another country. Among the goals that I have for this course are to have you; (1) identify the appropriate legal structure for organizing international business transactions; (2) distinguish between a distributor relationship, a licensing arrangement and; foreign direct investment and (3) analyze the “soft law,” cultural and ethical implications involved in a variety of international business transactions. Bon Appetit! (Just make sure that you don’t overeat in the process).

8. LAW 784-Securities- Professor Martin

Securities Regulation serves as a foundation for any law student interested in pursuing a career as a transactional, securities, or corporate law. In short, you need this course more than you think: not to be too dire but, the *number one* type of legal malpractice cases for business lawyers is not advising their clients on the role of the securities laws. Why? Because securities regulation can pertain to orange groves, payday schemes and even horse racing. But wait! That’s not all. In addition to being a regulatory overlay for a basic business practice, securities regulation deals with anything and everything to do with the stock market; from mergers and acquisitions, fraud, and of course, insider trading. One final thing – for anyone wishing to know more about commercial transactions and the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) please feel free to register for Sales and Secured Transactions – I would hate to see the rush out the door when people realize that Securities Regulation is something different.

9. LAW 768- International Law- Professor Friedberg

International Law plays a major role in many of today's most important public issues. We will address some of these issues as well as covering basic theory and doctrine of International Law. Topics will include war and peace, human rights, international environmental concerns, the United Nations, international tribunals, and the emergence of new states. We also will pay special attention to international current events, particularly conflicts that threaten global stability as they arise and are covered in the news. I look forward to working with you to make this course a worthwhile and enjoyable experience

10. LAW 723-Immigration Law-Professor Friedberg

Immigration issues dominate the news these days. This course will provide you with some significant expertise in this area and hopefully enable you to distinguish law from nonsense. The practice of immigration law will only grow in importance in the next few years with issues of asylum, refugees, borders, employment of non-citizens, deportation, etc. being critical both to national political dialogue and to your practice as attorneys. Knowing immigration law will put you in a valuable position for advising your clients and consulting to your colleagues. Obviously, it is a growing area of practice where employment opportunities are significant.