

PROPERTY/LAND USE/GOVERNMENT COURSES

Many of you who have taken Property have asked what courses to take in order to continue your interest in property and land use issues. Here are some suggestions:

A course in **Real Estate Transactions** will be given next fall. Here is the course description:

This course will cover contracts for real estate, real estate conveyancing, mortgages and mortgage substitutes, the secondary mortgage market and selected topics in real estate development. The primary focus is residential transactions and financing and fundamental real estate principles that apply to residential and commercial transactions.

Courses in **Commercial Real Estate Drafting** will also be available next year. In the fall **Real Estate Practice, Negotiations & Drafting** will be offered. Here is the description:

This two (2) unit theory and practice course is designed to take students through the general process of acquiring, developing, financing and leasing commercial real estate. The course combines the study of substantive law with practical application, drafting and negotiation from a private practice perspective. Over the course of this program, students will be asked to analyze and approach specific issues from the differing viewpoints of buyer/seller, developer/lender and lessor/lessee as well as learn about governmental controls and trade-offs impacting growth. Although not strict prerequisites, students will likely find this course more informative if they have previously taken Real Estate Transactions or Commercial Law.

In the spring, **Commercial Real Estate Practice & Drafting** will be offered. Here is the course description:

This two (2) unit theory and practice course is designed to take students through the general process of acquiring, developing, financing and leasing commercial real estate. The course combines the study of substantive law with practical application, drafting and problem solving through principled negotiation. Over the course of this program, students will be asked to analyze and approach specific issues from the differing viewpoints of buyer/seller, developer/lender and lessor/lessee as applicable. Although not strict prerequisites, students will likely find this course more informative if they have previously taken Real Estate Transactions or Commercial Law because many of the topics we will cover encompass and build upon the legal principles embodied in those areas of law.

Land Use Law will be taught next spring. Here is a course description:

The course in Land use Law considers the land we live in, how we use and preserve it, and how we build our cities and towns. We begin by reviewing the land use planning process and what it means, and then consider the takings cases that set limits on land use

regulation. Zoning is next, including the decision making process for zoning, and we then consider a series of special topics including land subdivision, growth management, urban design and historic preservation. The emphasis throughout is on how the system works and on how to provide effective regulatory programs.

A course in **State and Local Government** will be taught in the spring of 2016. Here is a course description:

State and local governments have a vast influence on our personal and professional lives, and this course gives students an opportunity to study and understand the major legal and policy issues facing these governments today. They include topics such as voting rights, the role of the chief executive, labor relations, and public and school finance. Lawyers also need to know how state and local government regulation, which is extensive, can affect their clients. Additional topics covered include annexation and incorporation; government structure and powers; tort, section 1983 and antitrust liability; special legislation and delegation of legislative power; licensing, and the role of courts in policy making.

These two courses are taught in alternate years.

Related courses of interest are:

Administrative Law

Environmental Law

Environmental Litigation Seminar

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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