DEATH PENALTY CLINIC: SYLLABUS FALL 2014

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Please be advised that the Texas Innocence Network office (located at TUII-45) is generally open from 10:00–4:00 Monday–Thursday. However, unless students have scheduled a specific appointment, we reserve the right to be out of the office at any time on meetings/investigations/etc. and the office lobby may be closed.

Text/Supplemental Materials

Materials will be made available via in class and/or via e-mail.

Attendance Requirement

Pursuant to UH Law policy, you must attend at least 11 of the 14 regularly scheduled classes (80%). Class will be held on Tuesday from 4:00-6:00. It will begin with a lecture in a classroom TBA, followed by a case meeting session in a classroom TBA. In the highly unlikely event a make-up class is necessary, it will be scheduled in accordance with UHLC policy.

Class Requirements/Grading

A total of 120 hours (including class time, meetings, etc.) must be spent on work performed for Death Penalty Clinic. As part of the required 120 hours, you must attend classes, complete class assignments/case work, submit a timesheet in Excel format, and return all case files. "Billing" takes place in .25 hr increments. In addition, you also must adhere to the end-of-the-semester procedures (to be discussed in detail on the last day of class, to be held on November 25, 2014).

At any point in the semester, if you foresee having difficulty reaching 120 hours, please contact Professor Jeu immediately. She will work with you on reaching a mutually amenable solution that adheres to university requirements. Failure to complete the 120 hours will result in an incomplete or failing grade. All class assignments are due by 5 pm on Monday, December 22.

In accordance with UHLC policy, the ordinarily applicable weighted average for this class will be between 2.8–3.2. This weighted average is ordinarily applicable for classes with fewer than ten students and mandatory for classes with ten or more students. Grades will be based on the quality of student work performed during the semester and class participation.

Class Date	Class Discussion *	Assignment Due
August 26, 2014	Class introduction	• n/a
	• Confidentiality / TDCJ forms	
	Case meeting	
September 2, 2014	AEDPA	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
September 9, 2014	• State Habeas – drafting & claims	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
September 16, 2014	Clemency	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
September 23, 2014	Physical Evidence – Part I	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
September 30, 2014	Physical Evidence – Part II	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
October 7, 2014	• Chapter 64	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
October 14, 2014	Appellate Advocacy – Part I	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
October 21, 2014	Appellate advocacy – Part II	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
October 28, 2014	• Criminal Law & legal ethics	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
November 4, 2014	• Interviews & Affidavits	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
November 11, 2014	 Causes of Wrongful Convictions 	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
November 18, 2014	Criminal procedure: Arrest to trial	• Case assignments TBA
	Case meeting	
November 25, 2014	Capital vs. non-capital trial strategy	• Case assignments TBA
	• End of semester procedures	
	Case meeting	

^{* -} Class lectures subject to change