

# **CRIMINAL PRACTICE CLINIC**

**SPRING 2014**

## **Classroom Assignments**

**Week 1 INTRODUCTION**

**Course Overview**

**Week 2 ROLE OF PROSECUTOR AND DEFENSE LAWYER**

**Prosecution Principles: A Clinical Handbook (PPACH)**

**Read Chapters 1, 2, and 3**

**Week 3 PLEA BARGAINING**

**Prosecution Principles: A Clinical Handbook (PPACH)**

**Read Chapter 5.....prepare to discuss practical exercises 1,2,3,4,5**

**Week 4 CHARGING DECISION**

**Prosecution Principles: A Clinical Handbook (PPACH)**

**Read Chapter 4.....prepare to discuss practical exercises on pages**

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**Week 5      BOND, BOND HEARINGS AND WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS**

**Criminal Litigation & Legal Issues in Criminal Procedure**

**Read Class 3.....pages 25-28**

Prepare to discuss and argue hypo 2, 3, 5

**Week 6      DISCOVERY**

**Prosecution Principles: A Clinical Handbook (PPACH)**

**Read Chapter 9 .....prepare to discuss practical exercises 1,2, 3, 4, 5**

**Week 7      HANDLING MOTIONS AND OBJECTIONS**

**Prosecution Principles: A Clinical Handbook (PPACH)**

**Read Chapter 17.....prepare to discuss practical exercises 1,2**

**Week 8      PRETRIAL MOTIONS**

**Criminal Litigation & Legal Issues in Criminal Procedure**

**Read Class 4....Pages 41-42**

Prepare to discuss and argue hypo 1 and 2

Week 9

**PRETRIAL MOTIONS**

**Criminal Litigation & Legal Issues in Criminal Procedure**

**Read Class 8...**pages 93-94

Prepare to discuss and argue hypo 1, 4, 5

Week 10

**PRETRIAL SUPPRESSION MOTIONS**

**Criminal Litigation & Legal Issues in Criminal Procedure**

**Read Class 5.....**pages 53-56

Prepare to discuss and argue hypo 1, 3,

Week 11

**PRETRIAL SUPPRESSION MOTIONS**

**Criminal Litigation & Legal Issues in Criminal Procedure**

**Class 5...**pages 53-56

Prepare to demonstrate hypo 5

**Read Class 6.....**pages 69-70

Discuss and argue hypo 2 and 3

Week 12

## **VOIR DIRE ISSUES**

### **Criminal Litigation & Legal Issues in Criminal Procedure**

**Read Class 7.....pages 85-87**

Prepare to discuss and argue Batson hypos:

State v. Gerger

State v. Edwards

### **Harris County District Attorney's Office Assignment**

The Harris County District Attorney will assign each student to a misdemeanor court. Students will be responsible for assisting assistant district attorneys in preparing court dockets and cases for trial. The Harris County District Attorney's office will endeavor to assign trial cases and/or evidentiary motions to students to present before the judge or jury. Each student is required to have a student bar card.

**Additionally, during the course of the semester students are required to complete the following:**

Observe Felony Docket Call

Observe Juvenile Court

Visit with prosecutors in DA Grand Jury Division

Observe in DA Intake