

DEATH PENALTY CLINIC: SYLLABUS SPRING 2015

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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. Class will be held on Thursday from 4:00 – 6:00. It will begin with a lecture in a classroom TBA, followed by a case meeting session. 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 April 30, 2015).

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, May 18, 2015.***

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.

<i>Class Date</i>	<i>Class Discussion *</i>	<i>Assignment Due</i>
January 22, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class introduction • Confidentiality / TDCJ forms • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
January 29, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEDPA • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
February 5, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Habeas – drafting & claims • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
February 12, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clemency • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
February 19, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Evidence • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
February 26, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 64 • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
March 5, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appellate Advocacy – Part I • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
March 12, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appellate advocacy – Part II • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
March 19, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Break 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
March 26, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Defense law & legal ethics • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
April 2, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews & Affidavits • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
April 9, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of Wrongful Convictions • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
April 16, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal procedure: Arrest to trial • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
April 23, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital vs. non-capital trial strategy • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA
April 30, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of semester procedures • Case meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA

* - Class lectures subject to change