

INNOCENCE INVESTIGATIONS: SYLLABUS SUMMER 2013

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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.

CLASS/ATTENDANCE

Pursuant to UH Law policy, you must attend at least 14 of the 17 regularly scheduled classes. Class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 – 4:00. It will begin with a lecture in **TBA**, followed by a case meeting session in **TBA**. In the highly unlikely event a make-up class is necessary, it will be scheduled on **TBA**.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS/GRADING

A total of 240 hours (including class time, meetings, etc.) must be spent on work performed for Innocence Investigations. As part of the required 240 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. *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 5pm on Wednesday, August 14, 2013.*** Pursuant to the UHLC handbook, the 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 ASSIGNMENTS

Unless otherwise instructed, investigation assignments are due by 4pm two weeks after they are assigned. Unless otherwise instructed, screener files and memos are due by 4pm the week after they are assigned.

If you are assigned to draft a letter or e-mail, you should draft the correspondence and then e-mail it to Professor Jeu at ccjeu@central.uh.edu. She will review, edit, and send the correspondence. You will receive an initialed hard copy of the correspondence, which should be placed in the inmate file. The initialed copy will indicate that you successfully completed your assignment on time. Your e-mail will provide proof that you turned in the assignment on time, in the event that the initialed copy of the correspondence is misplaced.

If you are assigned to make a call, you may do so from our offices. You may also use your home phone to make calls. However, unless you are calling courts, law enforcement agencies, or attorneys, we strongly suggest that block your phone number. You must thoroughly document any calls you make in your investigation memo for that specific case.

If you are assigned to scan/make copies of any case materials, you may use the scanner/copier in our offices.

If you are assigned to terminate an investigation file (rather than a screener file), please write a large "T" on the file, complete an investigation memo for the case, and turn in the file at the end of the semester.

To complete Innocence Investigations, students must do the following by ***Wednesday, August 14, 2013***:

- E-mail Professor Jeu your timesheet in Microsoft Excel format.
- Complete all screener memos/investigation assignments.
- Write an investigation memo for each investigation and place a hard copy in the file.
- Turn in all case files to Professor Jeu.

If you have any questions regarding class assignments, please e-mail Professor Jeu ASAP to resolve any issues.

| <i>Class Date</i> | <i>Class Discussion *</i> | <i>Assignment Due</i> |
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| June 4, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class introduction • Confidentiality / TDCJ forms • AEDPA & common habeas claims • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a |
| June 6, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| June 11, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-conviction relief (state habeas & clemency) • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| June 13, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| June 18, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Evidence – Part I • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| June 20, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| June 25, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Evidence – Part II • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| June 27, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| July 2, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 64 • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| July 4, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independence Day Holiday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a |
| July 9, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appellate Advocacy • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| July 11, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| July 16, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital vs. non-capital trial strategy • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| July 18, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| July 23, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal procedure: Arrest to trial • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| July 25, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| July 30, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of wrongful convictions • Case meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case assignments TBA |
| August 1, 2013 | <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