

Advanced Topics in Law Courses and Seminars Fall 2022

Advanced Topics in Law courses and seminars cover topics of current interest not covered by the College of Law's standard curricular offerings. The subject matter of these courses and seminars varies each semester.

The College is pleased to offer the following as *Advanced Topics in Law* subjects in Fall 2022. Descriptions are provided below. If you would like more information, please feel free to reach out to the professors teaching these courses and seminars or to Associate Dean Cooper.

Courses

LAW 6932 Advanced Topics in Law A: Asylum Law

Professor Maritza Reyes, maritza.reyes@famu.edu

Thursday 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

2 credits

Refugees are at the center of the immigration story of the United States. This asylum law course is an in-depth analysis of the statutory, case law, policy, and human aspects of asylum law and policy. The course is designed to give students a general understanding of the rules governing asylum and provide them with practical skills in client interviewing, legal analysis, research, writing, preparing evidence, and advocating in an asylum representation. Topics covered include the definition of refugee; sources of U.S. asylum law; affirmative asylum and defensive asylum; and legal standards for demonstrating eligibility for asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture. The course is meant for students who think they might want to specialize in asylum practice and/or provide *pro bono* asylum representation. It is also a course for students interested in learning about how the United States handles the plight of refugees.

LAW 6933 Advanced Topics in Law B: Professionalism and Morality

Adjunct Professor Faye Allen, Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, Orange County,

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Tuesday 3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

2 credits

This course will cover many aspects of professionalism, ethics, and morality in the law. It will include a review of jurisprudential origins of ethics and morality and the current day application to professionalism in the law. The course will cover major ethical theories and their influence on the law. The course will expose students to types of professionalism issues they might face as a practicing attorney ranging from proper etiquette and civility in court proceedings to handling sensitive ethical issues with clients. A review of professionalism issues that have arisen in the virtual court era will be explored. Students will engage in critical analysis of the application and attributes of professionalism for a successful legal career.

Seminar

LAW 6934 Advanced Topics in Law Seminar A: Marijuana Law and Policy

Professor Jennifer Smith, jennifer.smith@famu.edu

Tuesday 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

2 credits

Marijuana is one of the most popular drugs in the country and one of the most highly regulated. Federal and State laws and policies concerning both medical and recreational use of marijuana are changing rapidly. Many states, including Florida, have legalized marijuana for medical use and efforts to legalize its recreational use are gaining ground. Marijuana law is a new body of law governing a host of marijuana-related behaviors, from possessing the drug to employing those who use it, along with a host of intriguing questions regarding who has authority to regulate the drug. This class will address these and related questions surrounding the nascent marijuana industry.