HABEAS CORPUS & POST-CONVICTION RELIEF
Spring 2018
Wednesdays, 5-6:50 p.m. in Room 6

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Course Description: This is a practically-oriented course intended to help students
devlop advocacy skills through exposure to litigating post-conviction issues in
criminal cases and challenging governmental deprivation of liberty in certain
limited civil contexts. Weekly classes will be a combination of lectures,
exercises, and group discussions. The first half of the semester will be reading
intensive. The second half of the semester will apply the readings to actual
case files.

Required Text: Lyons, Andrea D., et al., FEDERAL HABEAS CORPUS: CASES AND
MATERIALS 2nd ed. (Carolina Academic Press 2011)

Policies and Procedures

Grades: Attendance and Participation – 25%
   Written Exercises & Arguments (PCR Motion + Habeas Petition) – 50%
   Final Examination (practical-problems/petition) – 25%

Attendance: The class format is contingent upon active participation and discussion
of weekly topics. Because participation is a significant factor in your grade,
students who miss more than two classes can expect it will adversely affect his
or her grade.

Disability Policies: If you anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements
of this course, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or
if you need to make arrangements in case the building must be evacuated,
please let me know as soon as possible. If disability related accommodations
are necessary (for example, a note taker, extended time on exams, captioning),
please register with the Office of Disability Services
(http://disabilityservices.missouri.edu), S5 Memorial Union, 573-882-4696,
and then notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. For other
MU resources for students with disabilities, click on "Disability Resources" on
the MU homepage.

Academic Integrity: Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and
principles of the School of Law. All members of the law school community must
be confident that each person's work has been responsibly and honorably
acquired, developed, and presented. Any effort to gain an advantage not given
to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. The law
school community regards breaches of the School of Law’s Honor Code as extremely serious matters. Sanctions for such a violation may include academic sanctions such as failing the course, and disciplinary sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion. Please consult me when in doubt about plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, collaboration, or any other form of cheating.

Reading Assignments

Week 1 – January 17
   No class.

Week 2 – January 24
   Skim Chapter 1. Read Chapter 2 & 3; Congressional Report.

Week 3 – January 31
   Aloha from Hawai‘i. I will be on my honeymoon and will not hold class. I’m not even sorry.