REGISTRATION & SIGN-UP MATERIALS FOR 2014-2015

I. GENERAL
A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
MU degree requirements are applicable to all students. It is your responsibility to ensure that you comply with each of the requirements. PLEASE REVIEW THEM at: http://www.law.missouri.edu/academics/requirements.html

Please keep in mind that there are several required courses following your first year. Constitutional Law must be taken in the Fall of your second year. Evidence must be taken either in the Fall or Spring of your second year. Professional Responsibility and Criminal Procedure can be taken either in your second or third year. Finally, every student needs to complete an upper-level intensive writing requirement.

B. BAR EXAM PREPARATION
Missouri Bar Examination information, including subjects tested, can be found at: https://www.mble.org/appinfo.action?id=1

Links to the Bar authorities in other states can be found on the National Conference site: http://www.ncbex.org/

C. STUDENTS ON PROBATION
Students on probation are subject to certain conditions which can be found at: http://www.law.missouri.edu/students/policies/dismissal.html

II. COURSE INFORMATION
Use the information below to help prepare your course preferences. You may also review the list of courses, the “grid” of scheduled courses, and the exam schedules at: http://www.law.missouri.edu/students/schedules.html. The complete listing of courses, not all of which are offered next year or every year, can be found at: http://law.missouri.edu/academics/curriculum.html

A. COURSE PREREQUISITES
Course prerequisites are listed on the web page listing for each course. Please review them carefully as you will not be able to register for certain courses if you have not met the prerequisite(s).

B. COURSE ENROLLMENT CAPS AND ENROLLING IN CLOSED COURSES
When you go to MyZou, you will see the enrollment cap limits for each course. There are NO wait lists. As students drop courses, the online registration will indicate that there are spaces available in the course. You can create a “wish list,” but your “wish list” will
not automatically enroll you if an opening is created. YOU MUST CHECK ON A COURSE YOU REALLY WANT REGULARLY TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS AN OPENING.

C. COURSES OUTSIDE OF LAW SCHOOL THAT YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER

Law students in good academic standing are permitted initially to take up to three (3) hours of study outside the law school provided that the course is related to your field of study and provided the course is at the graduate level or above (courses numbered 7000-9999). Requests to take a course outside the law school must be presented to the Associate Dean for approval.

After taking these initial three (3) hours of non-law courses, students can petition the Associate Dean to take up to an additional three (3) hours of coursework outside the law school. Such petition will be granted upon a showing that the coursework is relevant and valuable to the student's academic and professional goals.

D. SPECIAL ISSUES CONCERNING EXISTING COURSES

Advanced Trial Practice (Prof. Henson)

As in prior semesters, please notice that Trial Practice is a pre-requisite for this course. Starting the Spring 2015, students are advised that the Intersession Session of Trial Practice will not satisfy this requirement (students who took Intersession Trial Practice in 2014 will be grandfathered and thus be eligible to take Advanced Trial Practice in the Spring 2015). Students planning on taking Advanced Trial Practice will have to enroll in either the summer or semester sections of Trial Practice.

Business Organizations (Fall Section; Professor Barondes)

The Fall section of Business Organizations (taught by Professor Barondes) will include a selected number of transactional skills exercises. Because some portion of skills exercises may be used in subsequent years, students will be required to keep confidential (and not share with students in subsequent years) information concerning skills exercises in the class. This section of Business Organizations will be offered for 3 credit hours.

The skills exercises may involve working in teams, which may include in-class work. In-class exercises will require at least one member of a team have a laptop in class. In-class exercises will require at least one member of a team have a laptop in class. Because grading will be based in part on in-class exercises and that activity cannot be made-up outside class, student attendance will be mandatory for class meetings where in-class exercises will be held. Only a minority of the scheduled class meetings will involve these in-class exercises. An attendance policy customary for a lecture-based class will apply to the majority of the class meetings.

Constitutional Law and Evidence

These two courses must be taken in your second year.
Criminal Procedure and Professional Responsibility
These two required courses can be taken either in your second or third year.

Death Penalty (Prof. Litton)
This course will be different next fall in that it will have a significant experiential learning and skills component. The primary focus of the first half of the course will be legal doctrine. We will focus on the Supreme Court’s capital punishment jurisprudence over the past forty years, and how it has shaped state statutory schemes and legal argumentation in death penalty trials. During the second part of the course we will work on skills essential to putting on an effective mitigating case at a capital sentencing hearing. Exercises will include client interviews, investigating mitigating evidence, organizing a mitigating case, crafting and presenting an effective closing argument, and may include others. This kind of work will be valuable to students interested in pursuing criminal law even if not planning on doing capital defense. Val Leftwich of the Missouri Public Defender’s Office, who has tried capital cases and currently works on post-conviction appeals, will be co-teaching the course.

Family Law Dispute Resolution
Family Law is no longer a prerequisite for this course. It is recommended that students have previously taken Family Law or take it concurrently, but this is not required.

Landlord/Tenant Practicum; Trial Practice
If you are enrolled in this class as of 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the First Day of class for a semester or at 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 21st of the fall semester for the Intersession course, you will NOT be permitted to withdraw after that date (except for “good cause” arising later in the semester, to be solely decided by the faculty teaching the course). In other words, if you are enrolled in one of these courses as of the above time, you will receive a grade for the course.

Professional Responsibility (Prof. Trachtenberg)
During the 2014-2015 academic year, we will offer three sections of Professional Responsibility, two during Fall 2014 and one during Spring 2015. All three sections will satisfy the law school’s Professional Responsibility graduation requirement. One of the sections in the Fall (Section 1) and the Spring section will proceed as Professional Responsibility courses normally do at the law school. The sections will have larger enrollments, they will have traditional law school formats, and the final grades will be determined largely by a single end-of-semester written examination.

Section 2 in the Fall semester (taught by Professor Trachtenberg) will be somewhat different. Enrollment will be capped at 12 students. Students will be primarily graded based upon written work they produce in small groups that will be tasked to research current “live” professional responsibility questions and to write draft ethics opinions for a (fictional) state bar. Class participation will count significantly toward grades. Most likely there will be no final, and if there is a final examination it will determine only a
small portion of each student’s final grade. The bulk of class time will be used for
discussions of the draft opinions, which the authors will present (and which other
students will be expected to have read in advance so they can meaningfully contribute).

E. EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

CLINICS:
The Law School offers several opportunities for students to work with clients under
expert supervision, including a Criminal Clinic, taught by Prof. Kandice Johnson; the
Family Violence Clinic, taught by Prof. Mary Beck; the Legislative Practicum, taught by
Prof. Dan Hall; the Mediation Clinic, taught Prof. Jim Levin; and, the Veterans Law
Clinic, taught by Prof. Angela Drake. Each of these clinical experiences can be taken
only one time. Information is available at:
http://law.missouri.edu/academics/clinical.html

Externships:
The externship program is available each semester. Only students who have completed
their first year of law school and are in good academic standing can register for the
Externship course. Externs must attend two class meetings at the beginning of the course
and five class meetings at the end of the course. During the fall and spring semesters
those class meetings will be arranged by the instructor. For summer sessions, class
meetings will be scheduled at the end of the spring semester and the beginning of the fall
semester.

For three credits, externs will work for a total of 150 hours at the placement sites of their
choice where they will be supervised by attorneys and judges who have agreed to serve
as mentors. For two credits, externs will work a total of 100 hours at their placement
sites.

Students will be permitted to register for the Externship during two or three semesters or
summer sessions. Students can earn no more than three externship credits during any one
semester or summer session. Students cannot take more than 6 hours of Externship
credits. Credits earned in the Landlord/Tenant Practicum count toward that 6-hour
Externship limit. Graded S/U.

In the Fall 2015 semester one of the Externship sections will be focused exclusively on
externs with placements as judicial clerks. As with the regular Externship Program, the
Judicial Externship offers students an opportunity to develop some of the skills necessary
to bridge the gap between law school and law practice. Students undertaking the Judicial
Externship, however, all will secure placements with a state or federal judge. The work
of Judicial Externs will consist primarily of research and writing for the judge and his or
her judicial law clerks, and externs should have the opportunity to attend hearings, draft
opinions, and perform administrative and other duties within the judge’s chambers. The
arranged class meetings at the Law School will focus on the special duties and
responsibilities of both judges and their clerks and the unique roles that both of them play
within our legal system. Through the Judicial Externship, students prepare for "effective and responsible participation in the legal profession" (ABA Std. 301) by applying the core concepts learned in law school courses to the challenges presented in the actual practice of law.

In the Summer 2014 one of the Externship sections will focus on students who are interested in extern in Jefferson City doing government work. The section will be taught by Mr. Jack McManus. Mr. McManus, who works at the Missouri Attorney General's Office will assist students in finding placements with government agencies in the capital city, and meet with students during the summer to discuss their experiences.

**Innocence Project:**
The School of Law is part of a joint innocence project involving the UMKC Law School, the MU School of Journalism and a non-profit group The Midwestern Innocence Project. Innocence Project at MU is supervised by Prof. Rod Uphoff and is available to only 8 students in the Spring semester. Wrongful Convictions, a fall course, is a prerequisite. Information about the Clinic can be found at: [http://www.innocenceprojectmidwest.org/index.php](http://www.innocenceprojectmidwest.org/index.php)

**F. Research Course**
Independent Research with a faculty member is available during the Summer, Fall and Spring Semesters. Credit is earned at the rate of 20 pages per credit hour. No more than three hours of Research may be taken or counted toward the law degree. Enrollment in 5875 may, but need not, be structured so as to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement. There is a 3 hour limit on the number of hours you may take as Independent Research.

Students are responsible for identifying the faculty member who will serve as a supervisor. The student and the faculty supervisor will agree on the number of hours in which the student will enroll. The student will then consult with Denise Boessen to process the enrollment.

**G. Pass/Fail Courses (S/U)**
**You may not choose** to take a class pass/fail. The faculty decides whether a course is to be conducted on a graded basis (65-100) or on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Most courses are graded. If you have a question about whether the course is graded, you should ask the instructor. There is no limit on the number of S/U hours that a student may have.
III. STL Summer Program

We are pleased to announce the inaugural year of our Summer St. Louis Program. The program allows students to earn course credit during the summer in a major metropolitan area where they can work during the day while taking evening/weekend classes. In this inaugural year we will offer second and third year law students an exciting opportunity for intensive study of cutting-edge litigation topics. In addition, students enrolled in the program will also have the opportunity to participate in a number of networking opportunities with the school’s extensive St. Louis alumni base. Courses will be taught in sequence at UMSL’s modern classroom facilities close to downtown St. Louis. Students may choose to take selected courses or the entire set.

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<td><strong>Electronic Discovery</strong> (1 credit)</td>
<td>M to F (6 to 8:30)</td>
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<td>May 26 – June 2</td>
<td><strong>Complex Litigation</strong> (1 credit)</td>
<td>Tu to F (6 to 8:30) &amp; Sat (5/31) (9 to 11)</td>
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<td>June 3 to June 21</td>
<td><strong>Jury Instructions and the Trial Process</strong> (2 credits)</td>
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<td>June 23 to July 12</td>
<td><strong>Federal Tax Practice &amp; Procedure</strong> (2 credits)</td>
<td>T, Th (6 to 8:30) &amp; Sat. (9-12)</td>
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IV. London Law Consortium Spring 2015

The Law School cooperates with several other law schools to provide students with a special opportunity to spend the Spring semester of their second or third year in London. Enrollment in the London Law Consortium is limited, so you should still sign up for the Spring Semester courses you expect to take at MU. We will hold informational meetings about the London Law Consortium in the Spring and Fall semesters. Information about prior years is available at: http://law.missouri.edu/academics/study-abroad/england.html

V. FACULTY

A. FULL-TIME AND ADJUNCT FACULTY

You can find biographical information on most members of the faculty at: http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/directory/.

In addition to our permanent faculty, the law school regularly asks a handful of highly qualified Adjunct Professors to lend us their expertise each year. The law school has some “permanent” visitors including Ray Phillips, retired from the faculty of the
University of Georgia, and Bill Fisch and Peter Davis, retired from our own faculty, all of whom will assist in working with you. You can find biographical information about the adjunct faculty at: [http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/directory/adjunct-directory.html](http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/directory/adjunct-directory.html)

B. **NEW FULL TIME FACULTY**

Professor Erika Lietzan

Professor Lietzan joins the Missouri faculty in the summer of 2014 after seventeen and a half years of private practice in Washington, DC, most recently as an equity partner in the international law firm of Covington & Burling, LLP. She practiced in the firm's Food and Drug group and its Government Affairs group, where she specialized in the regulation of drugs, biological products, and medical devices. She had a broad ranging practice that ultimately included regulatory and strategic counseling, advocacy in courts and before federal agencies, legislative drafting and lobbying, advice and assistance with international regulatory and intellectual property policy, service as an expert witness on regulatory and intellectual property issues, transactional and licensing work, and white collar defense. She has been named one of the "Best Lawyers in America" in Biotechnology Law since the year she was elevated to partnership (2006) and has been listed in the International Who's Who of Life Sciences Lawyers as well as Who's Who in America. She served on her firm's Evaluation Committee (assessing candidates for promotion to partnership) for several years and was responsible for professional development of associates in the firm's Food and Drug Group for many years as well. In addition to working in a large law firm setting, Professor Lietzan served for three years as Assistant General Counsel of PhRMA, the primary trade association of the innovative biopharmaceutical industry, where she had primary responsibility for legal support to its federal legislative division. Professor Lietzan earned her law degree from Duke and, before that, earned a Master's Degree in history from UCLA. She clerked on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals after law school. Professor Lietzan has also taught at the Georgetown University Law Center and the George Mason University School of Law.

C. **New Adjunct Faculty**

David Townsend

David Townsend is the founder of Agents National Title Insurance Company. After graduating from the University of Missouri School of Law, David was in private practice in Columbia, Missouri with Ford, Parshall and Baker, LLC. After moving to St. Louis, David became involved in the title insurance industry as an in house attorney for a local title agent. David then went to work for First American Title Insurance as an agency representative and underwriting counsel.

VI. **Registration for the Summer Session**

All Registration will be done online. Go to: [https://myzou.missouri.edu/psp/prd/?cmd=login](https://myzou.missouri.edu/psp/prd/?cmd=login) and enter your Pawprint. Then, click on “Self-Service” and you will get to the registration section.
Summer registration begins at 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday April 8.

VII. REGISTRATION FALL & SPRING

A. GENERAL INFORMATION
   All Registration will be done online. Go to: https://myzou.missouri.edu/psp/prd/?cmd=login and enter your Pawprint. Then, click on “Self-Service” and you will get to the registration section.

B. DATES AND TIMES
   For incoming 3L students, registration for both Fall, 2014 and Spring, 2015 will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9.

   For incoming 2L students, registration for both Fall, 2014 and Spring, 2015 will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10.

   Once registration is open for your group, you may register at any time thereafter.

C. COURSES REQUIRING STUDENT SPECIFIC PERMISSION
   Enrollment in some courses requires specific permission. To enroll, student will need to work with Denise Boessen in 203. Courses requiring specific permission will be identified in MyZou accordingly.

D. CHANGES TO THE COURSE SCHEDULES
   Please be aware that circumstances could arise which might require the Law School to make changes to the course schedules. Some courses might have to be cancelled due to lack of enrollment or unavailability of the professor. Some new courses might be added and there might be some changes in the professors assigned to any particular course. We will try to minimize the disruptions that those changes might have on your schedule and will work with you to adjust your schedules in case late scheduling changes have to be made.

E. RECENTLY ADOPTED COURSES
   Below is a list of courses which are new offerings. In addition, below is some information about a new section of Professional Responsibilities that we are offering this coming semester.

   Contracts in the Courts (Prof. Barondes)
   In this course, students will analyze filings of pending cases presenting issues of the law of contracts (and, to a lesser extent should the need arise, other doctrine related to voluntary business transactions). We will examine the analyses presented in the briefing. Students will analyze the briefing and provide their independent analyses. These analyses will contribute to a public web site collecting commentary on pending cases, designed to be a resource for those interested in pending issues in these
subject areas.

Professor Barondes provides this additional information:

Briefs for appellate litigation pending in a number of jurisdictions are now readily available through electronic resources, e.g., Westlaw. In this class, students will:

- select pending cases presenting issues the students find of interest;
- analyze legal arguments in appellate cases that are currently pending that present issues of contract (and other transactional legal doctrine);
- examine the observations of other students; and
- comment on pending cases by preparing internet (blog) posts.

A web site collecting these posts will be maintained. The objectives of the class include:

- involving students in typical practice activities, thereby enhancing students’ development of skills;
- providing a vehicle allowing students to promote to prospective employers the students’ intellectual work-product, after having had the opportunity to benefit from expert mentoring oversight; and
- generating a resource useful to the public as a whole.

**Federal Tax Practice & Procedure** (Prof. Neill) (only offered as part of the STL Summer Program)

The course will focus on the administrative and judicial procedures for resolving federal tax controversies. Covered topics will include: Organization of the Internal Revenue Service; administrative procedures when handling tax examinations and appeals; statutes of limitations; summonses and privileges; the criminal referral and investigation process; Tax Court litigation; tax refund litigation; civil tax penalties; ethical responsibilities of tax practitioners; and federal tax collection procedures.

**Firearms Law** (Prof. Barondes)

This class will examine the historical development and modern context of the regulation of firearms. Although emphasizing domestic law, some international and comparative perspectives will be examined. The class may be taken for writing credit. Prerequisites: Constitutional Law.

**Medical Malpractice Reform** (Prof. Peters)

The course will cover the policy debate surrounding medical malpractice adjudication, including a brief review of malpractice law, a serious examination of the evidence of malpractice law’s strengths and weaknesses, and an evaluation of the major legislative reform proposals (past and present).

**Regulation of Drugs and Medical Devices** (Prof. Lietzan)

This course examines the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) interpretation and
implementation of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) and the Public Health Service Act (PHSA). FDA regulates food, drugs, animal drugs and feed, cosmetics, medical devices, tobacco products, and biological products (broadly speaking “food and drugs”). The course considers not only the substantive regulations and policies applicable to food and drugs, but also issues of administrative law (agency practice and procedure, as well as judicial review), enforcement authority (powers and priorities), the agency’s place within our federal system, and the place of food and drug law in the larger legal environment. The scope of the class will vary from semester to semester, usually covering at least drugs and devices.

**Tax Planning** (Prof. Cecil)
This course will examine the application of corporate and partnership tax planning principles to accomplish common business objectives. Students will interview hypothetical clients, prepare written planning documents, present their tax plans to the class, and analyze associated substantive tax and business issues in a seminar format. The grade in this course will be based on written planning documents, a class presentation, and class participation. There will be no final exam. Prerequisite: Basic Federal Income Taxation, Business Organizations (concurrent enrollment will be allowed). Students are strongly encouraged to have taken or be concurrently enrolled in Corporate Taxation or Partnership Taxation

**Tax Policy** (Prof. E. Hawley)
This seminar examines issues of federal tax policy and theory made critically important by the budget deficit and projected shortfalls. We will discuss the major features of the U.S. tax system, identify significant problems, and analyze current reform proposals. Topics will include income distribution, tax treatment of the family, corporate tax reform, capital gains taxation, the alternative minimum tax, the estate tax, taxation of health benefits, consumption or value-added taxes, and tax expenditures.

**The Law and Practice of Criminal Sentencing** (Prof. Bowman)
This simulation-based course examines the substantive law and practical operation of state and federal criminal sentencing systems and seeks to provide students with entry-level competence as advocates in the sentencing phase of criminal cases. Students will participate in a series of simulated sentencing proceedings in state and federal court, acting as counsel for the government or the defendant, or as the sentencing judge. Criminal Procedure and Criminal Justice Administration are recommended, but not required.

**Title Insurance Practice** (Mr. David Townsend)
Title Insurance is integral to the real estate market in the United States. Students will be exposed to the development and need for title insurance. They will learn what is necessary to become a title insurance producer and how to run a practice that incorporates both title insurance issuance and how to work within an agency and an underwriter.
VII. REFUND OF FEES

Information about refund of fees is available on the MU Cashier’s Website. Make sure you look at the information that applies to the School of Law: http://cashiers.missouri.edu/refund_schedules.htm

Please notice that refund amounts are based on the percentage of class length elapsed before dropping. Students dropping classes receive refunds as follows:

- 0% of the class (i.e. class dropped before the first day of the session) — 100% refund
- Less than 10% of class — 90% refund
- 10% - 25% of the class — 50% refund
- 25% - 50% of the class — 25% refund
- More than 50% of the class — no refund

Thus, if you drop a class after the first day of Law School classes (regardless of when the class you are dropping meets for the first time) you will not receive a full refund.