NOTICE TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: The information contained in this syllabus is available in alternative formats upon request. If you have a disability and need accommodation, please notify Associate Dean David Mitchell as soon as possible.

To request academic accommodations (for example, a notetaker), students must also register with The Disability Center, S5 Memorial Union, 882-4696, disabilitycenter@missouri.edu. It is the campus office responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting academic accommodations, and for accommodations planning in cooperation with students and instructors, as needed and consistent with course requirements.

For other MU resources for students with disabilities, see http://disabilitycenter.missouri.edu.

Advanced Legal Research (Law 5320)
Fall 2019, 2 Credits
Friday 9:00 – 10:40, Courtroom
Professor Randy Diamond, diamondrdj@missouri.edu, Room 224J Law Library

Learning Outcomes

Students will:
- develop proficiency in identifying and finding legal authorities in litigation and transactional matters routinely assigned to newer attorneys;
- become familiar with conducting factual, investigative, and other non-legal research in litigation and transactional matters routinely assigned to newer attorneys;
- conduct increasingly complex legal, factual, and investigative research in a specialized practice area or on a substantial legal issue;
- develop knowledge as legal research consumers in choosing among various research products for different research needs;
- improve their ability to compile, analyze, synthesize, and report research at a competency level hiring attorneys expect from newer attorneys and judges expect from judicial clerks.

Assessment: formative and summative
Standard 303 compliant (simulation/law clinic/field placement)? No

Assignments and Grading:
Individualized Research Assignments: 60%
In-Class Research/Homework: 20%
Research Presentation: 15%
Participation and Professionalism: 5%

Course Materials
TWEN course page contains course info and materials.
**Attendance**
Regular attendance is required and expected. I will take attendance every class. A student who misses more than three classes will have his or her final grade reduced.
Consistent and thoughtful class participation is expected. Successful class participation encompasses participating in discussions, asking questions, being an active listener, and paying attention to the comments of others. Quality, not quantity, of comments and questions count most, as will contributions to a positive, attentive, and engaged learning environment, including respect for others and opposing points of view.

**Class Meetings**
Lectures, demos, discussions, and in-class assignments. Dates/topics below subject to change.

**Office Meeting w/Professor (schedule on TWEN: September 12-20)**
Research assigned for major course project at this meeting.

**Week 1 – August 23**
- Course Objectives and Assignments
- See Course Bulletin Board for pre-class assignment due August 22, 2pm
- Panel – past ALR students discuss their summer research experience and employer expectations
- In class exercise

**Week 2 – August 30**
- Bloomberg Law basics review and advanced features/new enhancements
- Terms and Connectors Reboot
- Google for Lawyers

**Week 3 – Sept 6**
- Missouri Legislative Research (Cindy Shearrer, Associate Law Librarian)
- Federal Legislative Research

**Week 4 – Sept 13**
- Westlaw Edge advanced features/enhancements
- Office meeting w/professor – schedule on TWEN (Sept 12 – 20)

**Week 5 – Sept 20**
- Lexis Advance basics review and advanced features/new enhancements

**Week 6 – Sept 27**
- Social Media Research (Resa Kerns, Associate Law Librarian)

**Week 7 – Oct 4**
- Regulatory and Standards research

**Week 8 – Oct 11**
- Business and Transactional Research
- Transnational Litigation Research
Week 9 – Oct 18
- Attend JDR symposium first plenary https://law.missouri.edu/faculty/symposia/comparative-law/

Week 10 – Oct 25
- Medical Research for Lawyers (Cindy Bassett Electronic Resources Librarian)

Week 11 – Nov 1
- Expert Witness Research

Week 12 – Nov 8
- Class does not meet

Week 13 – Nov 14 & 15
- Research Presentations
  - Nov 14 6pm - 8pm
  - Nov 15 10am - Noon

Week 14 – Nov 21 & 22
- Research Presentations
  - Nov 21 6pm - 8pm
  - Nov 22 10am - Noon
  - Final research projects due Nov. 30 5pm

University and Law School Policies

A. 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. In the event that you violate our Academic Integrity rules on any portion of the work required for this class, you may expect a failing grade in this course as well as possible disciplinary sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion. When in doubt about plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, collaboration, or any other form of cheating, consult the course instructor.

B. Intellectual Pluralism
The Law School welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions concerning the quality of instruction in this course may address concerns to either myself, one of the law school deans, or the University’s Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (http:osrr.missouri.edu). All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of this course and the instructor at the end of the course.