HAMLINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER CLINIC SYLLABUS
SPRING SEMESTER 2010

I. January 21, 2010 Thursday 3:00-4:50	**INTRODUCTION.** Course requirements and grading; office policies and procedures; prison practices and procedures as they relate to the clinic.
II. January 28, 2010 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50	**PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.** Discussion of common ethical dilemmas which confront the practicing attorney, including client confidentiality, conflicts of interest, zealous representation, and exercise of independent professional judgment. **INTERVIEWING.** Discussion of interviewing techniques and interviewing in the correctional institutions. **CASES:** Hand out students' cases and explain basic SPD file and file summary. Read Chapter 11 on Professional Responsibility and the Student Practice Rule.
III. Time and Place to be Announced	**TOUR OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.** Students will tour one of the Minnesota Correctional Facilities at a time and place to be announced.
IV. February 4, 2010 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50	**JAIL CREDIT AND RANDOLPH REQUESTS.** Discussion of substantive and procedural issues related to these types of cases. Read Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4.
V. February 11, 2010 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50	**DRAFTING AND CRIMINAL POSTCONVICTION MOTIONS.** Discussion of the drafting of motions, correspondence and related documents and various post conviction issues. **FILE SUMMARIES.** Each student should hand in a written file summary and a first draft of their motion papers on their case.

VI. February 18, 2010 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50	**DISCUSSION OF FIRST MOTION DRAFTS AND CASES.** Each student should hand in the second draft of their motion papers and be prepared to present their case to the class. **APPELLATE PROCESS, SENTENCING APPEALS AND GUILTY PLEAS.** Discussion of substantive and procedural issues related to these subjects. Read Chapters 7, 8, 9 and 10.
VII. February 25, 2010 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50	**CONDITIONAL RELEASE.** Discussion of substantive and procedural issues related to conditional release cases. Read Chapters 5 and 6.
VIII March 4, 2010 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50	**DISCUSSION OF SELECTED STUDENT CASES.** Each student should be prepared to present one of their cases to the class and to discuss any progress and problems. **PAROLE REVOCATION PROCESS AND LAW.** Discussion of substantive and procedural issues related to parole revocation cases.
IX. March 11, 2010 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50	**WRAP UP.** Discussion of selected cases of the students. Discussion of future responsibilities. Evaluation of class.

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