

**Syllabus – Health Law Externship
Fall Semester – 2013
Hamline University School of Law**

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Please note: This course will NOT meet every week so it is important to check the syllabus for the class schedule.

There will be seven classroom meetings for the Health Law Externship. All classes will take place on Thursdays from 2:30am to 4:40pm in Room 4 with the exception of the first class. **All Externship students must attend this first meeting (Externship Orientation) which will take place on Thursday, August 22nd at 11:20 in Room 105.**

You are expected to meet with your mentor no later than August 23rd, 2013 to properly introduce yourself, discuss academic expectations of the Health Law Externship, develop a preliminary schedule for your work hours, answer any questions your mentor may have about the externship, and articulate several specific experiences that you hope to have during your externship. Please email me after you have had this initial meeting.

Classroom meetings are devoted to discussing student experiences while working with hosting organizations, and the discussion of issues relating to health law in general. Each week students will be expected to reflect on an issue addressed in the externship setting. Additionally, each student will be expected to make a brief presentation on a health related issue identified in the field. More details to come. Class will be held on the following dates:

- Aug. 22: Mandatory meeting with the Director of Experiential Learning (11:20-Room 105).
- Sept. 5: Organizational Structure and Governance/Confidentiality/HIPAA
 - Come to class prepared to discuss the organizational structure and governance of your hosting organization.
 - Come to class prepared to discuss the confidentiality policies of your hosting organization.
 - Familiarize yourself with HIPAA. Is your hosting organization a “covered entity” or a “business associate”?
 - Consider this question: Do you come to your externship with a bias?
- Sept. 19: Conflicts of Interest/Regulatory Infrastructure
 - Come to class prepared to discuss your hosting organization’s conflict of interest policy/policies.

- Come to class prepared to discuss how your hosting organization interfaces with the health care regulatory infrastructure.
 - Oct. 10: Alternative Dispute Resolution in Health Care
 - Come to class prepared to discuss your hosting organization's experience with alternative dispute resolution.
 - Oct. 24: Implementation of the ACA
 - Come to class prepared to discuss whether the implementation of the ACA will influence the "business operations" of your hosting organization. If so, be prepared to share one specific example.
 - Nov. 7: Presentations – More information to come.
 - Nov. 14: Career Planning/Resume work/Reflections
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READINGS AND WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

This is not a heavy reading course; however, every student will be responsible for a general appreciation for the following:

- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) found at www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/.
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, a summary of which is found at <http://www.kff.org/healthreform/upload/8061.pdf>
- ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct concerning confidentiality and conflicts of interest.

Other readings and assignments for classroom meetings may be distributed from time to time.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students have widely varying experiences in the health law externship. Course objectives include:

- Applying classroom learning to the real world of practice.
- Improving problem-solving skills and becoming more self-confident in the work setting.
- Exploring career interests.
- Providing service to others.
- Working with persons different from you.
- Improving your prospects for employment.
- Building a professional network.

Prior to the end of the Fall semester you are expected to formally thank your mentor through a personal letter of appreciation.