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Syllabus

Selected Topic: Energy and Natural Resources – One Credit
Monday 12:00pm – 2:30pm August 24 – October 12
Law Library 301

Required Text: Energy Law In A Nutshell, Joseph P. Tomain and Richard D. Cudahy
Thompson West 2004.

Readings as Assigned.

Course Format: The course will include case analysis, lectures, discussion topics and outside speakers. Readings as Assigned.

Course Coverage: Overview of existing energy resources and the regulation of use and conservation of this resource. Also includes an examination of alternative/renewable energy resources and how these resources are regulated. Some time will be devoted to national and international water resources and their impact on society and the economy.

Course Description: The focus of the course is on existing energy resources, issues and policies and their impact on the economy, society and public policy. The course will include new and emerging energy resources and policy alternatives and will address resource availability, renewable energy resources, climate change, market oversight, new technology, international issues, and the role of government in the development and management of these resources. The course will include an examination of current road blocks, the problem of incentives, transmission issues, global warming and changes in regulatory policies. The class provides a bridge between regulated entities and new commercial and consumer demands in light of changing community values, public policy, and economic necessity. Globalization of natural resources and the international demands will also be included in the seminar.

Class Participation and Attendance: Students are expected to attend class and be prepared each day. Students will be expected to read all assignments, participate in class sessions, read outside materials as current events dictate.

Grading: Final Paper

Research Paper: The final grade will be determined by a 12-15 page paper. The topic must be approved by the instructor. The paper should be a typed, double-spaced and the text should be in a 12-point font Margins should be 1" on the right side and top; bottom, and left margins should be 1¼". **The paper must be submitted to TWEN by 12:00 Midnight November 23, 2009.** The final copy will not be returned.

Date	Topic	Assignment
Aug. 24	Introduction, Energy Economic & Energy Policy	1-55
Aug. 31	Energy Policy & Energy Regulation	59-115
Sept. 7	Labor Day Holiday	
Sept. 14	Energy Decision Making & Oil	115-172
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Oct. 5	Electricity & Nuclear Power	276-331
Oct. 12	Hydropower Water & Alternative Energy Sources	332-384