

SYLLABUS – HEALTH LAW PRACTICUM
Fall Semester – 2009
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CLASS SCHEDULE

There will be six classroom meetings for the Health Law Practicum. All classes will take place on Tuesdays from 2:30pm to 4:20pm in Room 104 with the exception of the first class which will take place on Thursday, August 20th from 11am to 1pm in Room 104.

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 practicum 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. 20: Mandatory Meeting with the Director of Practicums
- Sept. 15: 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”?
- Sept. 29: 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. 13: Alternative Dispute Resolution in Health Care
 - Come to class prepared to discuss your hosting organization’s experience with alternative dispute resolution.
- Oct. 27: Presentations – More information to come.
- Nov. 10: Career Planning/Reflections

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/.
- ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct concerning confidentiality and conflicts of interest.
- Other readings and assignments for these classroom meetings may be distributed from time to time.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students have widely varying experiences in the health law practicum. 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.
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