

**HAMLIN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**  
**STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER CLINIC SYLLABUS**  
**FALL SEMESTER 2009**

<p>I. August 20, 2009 Thursday  3:00-4:50</p> <hr/>	<p><b>INTRODUCTION.</b> Course requirements and grading; office policies and procedures; prison practices and procedures as they relate to the clinic.</p>
<p>II. August 27, 2009 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50</p>	<p><b>PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.</b> Discussion of common ethical dilemmas which confront the practicing attorney, including client confidentiality, conflicts of interest, zealous representation, and exercise of independent professional judgment.</p> <p><b>INTERVIEWING.</b> Discussion of interviewing techniques and interviewing in the correctional institutions.</p> <p><b>CASES:</b> Hand out students' cases and explain basic SPD file and file summary.</p> <p>Read Chapter 11 on Professional Responsibility and the Student Practice Rule.</p>
<p>III. Time and Place to be Announced</p> <hr/>	<p><b>TOUR OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.</b> Students will tour one of the Minnesota Correctional Facilities at a time and place to be announced.</p>
<p>IV. September 3, 2009 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50</p>	<p><b>JAIL CREDIT AND RANDOLPH REQUESTS.</b> Discussion of substantive and procedural issues related to these types of cases.</p> <p>Read Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4.</p>
<p>V. September 10, 2009 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50</p>	<p><b>DRAFTING AND CRIMINAL POSTCONVICTION MOTIONS.</b> Discussion of the drafting of motions, correspondence and related documents and various post conviction issues.</p> <p><b>FILE SUMMARIES.</b> Each student should hand in a written file summary and a first draft of their motion papers on their case.</p>

<p>VI. September 17, 2009 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50</p> <hr/>	<p><b>DISCUSSION OF FIRST MOTION DRAFTS AND CASES.</b> Each student should hand in the second draft of their motion papers and be prepared to present their case to the class.</p> <p><b>APPELLATE PROCESS, SENTENCING APPEALS AND GUILTY PLEAS.</b> Discussion of substantive and procedural issues related to these subjects.</p> <p>Read Chapters 7, 8, 9 and 10.</p> <hr/>
<p>VII. September 24, 2009 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50</p>	<p><b>CONDITIONAL RELEASE.</b> Discussion of substantive and procedural issues related to conditional release cases.</p> <p>Read Chapters 5 and 6.</p>
<p>VIII October 1, 2009 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50</p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION OF SELECTED STUDENT CASES.</b> Each student should be prepared to present one of their cases to the class and to discuss any progress and problems.</p> <p><b>PAROLE REVOCATION PROCESS AND LAW.</b> Discussion of substantive and procedural issues related to parole revocation cases.</p>
<p>IX. October 8, 2009 Thursday SPD Off. 3:00-4:50</p>	<p><b>WRAP UP.</b> Discussion of selected cases of the students. Discussion of future responsibilities. Evaluation of class.</p>

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