This is an intensive short course that meets on a special schedule in part before regular classes begin.

CLIENT COUNSELING

Course Number: PRSP 7016 001                      Call Number: 000025

Semester: Spring 2015
Professor: Aaron
Credits: 2 classroom
Primary Basis for the Grade: Skills Assignments; High Pass/ Pass/ Low Pass/ Fail
Prerequisites: None
Enrollment: Limited to 32; please complete the Limited Enrollment Lottery Form
Meets Seminar Requirement? No
Meets Writing Requirement? No
Meets Client Counseling Requirement? Yes

This class will meet on a condensed schedule during the short course week of January 12 – 16. Meetings and places will be announced prior to the start of this week. Do not sign up for this class if you are not available this entire week to participate in this class. Additional assignments outside of the classroom, a final skills exercise, and a wrap-up class will take place during the spring 2015 semester at times and dates to be announced.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Most lawyers agree that practicing law would be much simpler without (autonomous) clients. But then, practice would be without purpose: whom would we represent? This intensive workshop course focuses on the realities of working with clients, from the initial lawyer-client interview through the challenges of counseling the fully informed client toward wise and ethical decision-making. Short exercises, presentations, video, and role simulations will focus upon how to communicate legal concepts, conduct interest-based inquiry and advice, work with client emotion and psychology, and introduce basic risk analysis. We will touch upon effective use of voice, gesture, and body language in the lawyer-client counseling context. Finally, we will address the most difficult counseling challenge: how to give a client bad news while maintaining client rapport, trust, and confidence. After the workshop, students will complete an individual final counseling skills exercise. The instruction and simulations will be set in legal dispute contexts.

SPECIAL NOTES:

See information about 2L required courses on the College website.
3Ls will not be permitted to participate in the lottery for this class but may take the class if seats remain after the lottery. Only 3Ls who have not previously taken a client counseling course may be considered for this class.

A special drop date applies to this class. Students admitted to this class who later decide to drop it must do so by Monday, January 5, 2015. If you MUST drop the course after January 2 due to unavoidable and unforeseen circumstances - please email directly to Professor Aaron (Marjorie.aaron@uc.ed) with a cc to Registrar, Charlene Carpenter (Charlene.carpenter@uc.edu) so that we can notify students remaining on the waiting list.

A student may not take any other short course during this short course week.

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