

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

**Fall 2012 CLIENT COUNSELING (Workshop)**

**Course Number:** PRSP 7016    **Call Number:** 000097

**Professor:** Aaron

**Credits:** 2 Classroom

**Primary Basis for the Grade:** Skills Assignments; High Pass/ Pass/ Low Pass/ Fail

**Prerequisites:** This course is a prerequisite for Advanced Decision Analysis.

**Enrollment:** Limited to 32; Please fill out Limited Enrollment Lottery Form.

**Meets Seminar Requirement?** No

**Meets Writing Requirement?** No

**Meets Client Counseling Requirement?** Yes

**Meeting Times:** 9:00 – 4:30 on Tuesday - Thursday, August 14-16, and 9:00 – 3:00 on Friday August 17, 2012.

**Location:** TBD

**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.**

**A special drop date applies to this class. Students admitted to this class who later decide to drop it must do so by Monday, August 6. Students who fail to comply with this requirement will be ineligible to participate in the next lottery for either Client Counseling class, and will be assigned to whatever Client Counseling seats are available.**

**SHORT COURSE:** Each workshop day will include an hour break for lunch and a fifteen minute break in the morning and the afternoon. Individual Final Counseling Skills Exercise (30 minute) sessions and a one hour collective wrap-up class will be scheduled early in the fall semester. A student may not take any other short course during this workshop week.

**Meeting places for this week will be announced on the website.**

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