FALL 2014

LEGISLATION AND STATUTORY INTERPRETATION

Course Number: GOVT 7006            Call Number: 000078

Professor: Bryant
Credits: 3 Classroom
Primary Basis for the Grade: Seminar Paper, Class Participation; Letter Grade
Prerequisites: None

Enrollment: Limited to 15; please complete the “Limited Enrollment Lottery Form.”
Meets the Seminar Requirement: Yes
Meets the Writing Requirement: Yes
Meets the Client Counseling Requirement: No

Meeting Times: T, W, and Th 11:10 am to 12:05 pm
Location: 306

Course Description:

This course explores the enactment of statutes by federal and state legislators and the interpretation given by the courts and administrative agencies to such legislative enactments. The course will focus on various procedural, constitutional, and jurisprudential issues relating to the legislative and electoral processes embodied in our constitutional order, and to the methods of statutory interpretation employed by our courts and administrative agencies. Chief among the many aims of the course is to introduce students to the legal problems posed by legislative government, in the hopes that as practicing lawyers they will be more effective participants in the legislative process and the subsequent implementation and interpretation of statutes.

SPECIAL NOTES: Substantive and thoughtful class discussion is an essential component of this course. Accordingly, the use of laptops and other computer devices will not be permitted in class.

Taking this course satisfies only one of the graduation requirements (seminar or writing). If you take this course and have not yet satisfied the seminar requirement, you will be deemed to have met the seminar requirement. However, if you take this course and you have already met the seminar requirement, you will be deemed to have met the writing requirement. Two, separate courses are required to satisfy both the seminar and writing requirements. No one course satisfies them both.

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