LEGISLATION AND STATUTORY INTERPRETATION

Course Number: GOVT 7006  Call Number: 000085

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

Enrollment: Limited to 15  
Meets the Seminar Requirement: Yes  
Meets the Writing Requirement: Yes  
Meets the Client Counseling Requirement: No

Meeting Times: Tues. and Th 10:40 am to 12:05 pm  
Location: 208

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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