LEGAL ANALYSIS AND DRAFTING: THE BAR EXAM

Course Number:  LITG 7075 002                Call Number:  000124

Semester:    Spring 2015
Professor:    Chanvisanuruk
Credits:      2 classroom
Primary Basis for Grade:  Skills Assignments; Scale of High Pass, Pass, Low Pass, Fail
Prerequisites: None
Enrollment:   Limited to 3L’s
Meets Seminar Requirement?  No
Meets Writing Requirement?  No
Meets Client Counseling Requirement?  No
Meeting Times:  F 10:05am to 12:05 pm
Location:     114

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course serves the dual purpose of equipping students to succeed on the written portions of bar examinations and preparing for legal practice by developing and honing skills relevant to legal analysis, professional and effective written communication, principled advocacy, and management of legal work. Students will receive instruction, practice, critical peer review, and coaching in these skills that will be valuable in taking a bar examination in Ohio or any other jurisdiction. Students will practice these skills using model and previously-administered essays and Multistate Performance Tests (MPTs). Students will also engage in self-assessment exercises addressing learning styles and time/work management issues. Although students will have an opportunity to review some core legal concepts, the focus of this course will be on practicing and developing the professional skills necessary to pass a bar examination and enter the legal profession.

This course is not intended to substitute for a bar preparation course taken after Hooding that can help students review core concepts learned throughout law school and learn legal concepts not studied in law school and specific to the jurisdiction in which students wish to practice. Instead, this course will build a strong foundation in the skills necessary to be successful on a bar exam.