

FALL SEMESTER – 2007

**LAW & PSYCHIATRY**

**Professors Weaver & Hunt**

**Syllabus and Presentation Topics**

Casebook:  
Law and the Mental Health System, Fourth Edition

**August 22, 2007**

1. Introduction to Seminar. “Google”- Thomas Szaz.  
Guest Speaker: David Roebker, Ph.D. – “Psychiatrists & Psychologists”

**August 29, 2007**

2. Overview of psychiatry. Casebook, pp. 2-73.
  - A. Assessment.
  - B. Diagnosis: DSM-IV R.
  - C. Malingering.

**September 5, 2007**

3. Overview of psychiatry, cont. Casebook, pp. 2-73.
  - A. Treatment and outcome.
  - B. Function and hospitalization.
  - C. Medication, ECT and psychosurgery.

**September 12, 2007**

4. The professional relationship. Casebook, pp. 296–400.
  - A. Confidentiality, privacy and privilege.
  - B. The *Tarasoff* issue: *Morgan v. Fairfield Family Counseling Center*.

**September 19, 2007**

5. Overview of civil commitment. Casebook, pp. 665-829.

*Steele v. Hamilton County Mental Health Board* and *In Re: Miller*.  
Guest Speaker: Rogena Stargell, Magistrate Hamilton County Probate Court

**September 26, 2007**

6. Psychiatry and The Human Genome.  
Guest Speaker: Steven Keller, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, University of Cincinnati. Reading materials to be distributed.

**October 3 & 10, 2007**

7. The insanity defense, introduction and overview.
  - A. The pre *Hinckley* substantive tests. *The Trial of John W. Hinckley, Jr.*, Second Edition, introductory material.
  - B. Case study of *Hinckley* trial. Read all of *The Trial of John W. Hinckley, Jr.*
  - C. *Hinckley* exercises (distributed in class).

**October 17, 2006**

Fall Break. No Class.

**October 24, 2006**

8. Procedural issues relating to the insanity defense (student presentation).
  - A. Right to expert testimony supporting the insanity defense. Casebook, pp. 408-410 & 478-524.
  - B. Jury instructions regarding disposition. *Shannon v. U.S.*

**October 31, 2007**

9. Disposition of individuals found not guilty by reason of insanity (student presentation). *Fuscha v. Louisiana* and Casebook, pp. 829–856.

**November 7, 2007**

10. Capital punishment and mentally impaired individuals (student presentation). Casebook, pp. 962-1036. *Penry v. Johnson; State v. Scott;*

*Atkins v. Virginia.*

**November 14, 2007**

11. Civil commitment, emerging issues (student presentation). Casebook, pp. 637-653 and 746-782; *Selig v. Young*; *Kansas v. Crane*.

**November 21, 2007**

12. Right to receive treatment (student presentation). Casebook, pp. 1042-1128.

**November 28, 2007**

13. No Class.

**December 5, 2007**

14. Right to refuse treatment including the right to refuse medication to achieve competency to stand trial (student presentation). Casebook, pp. 922-962. *Sell v. U.S.*