New and Updated Courses
Fall 2015 & Spring 2016

Law 5676 Oil & Gas Law and Policy in the United Kingdom (1) Oil and gas has been produced in the UK – primarily in the offshore area – for over 40 years. In this time oil and gas had made a material contribution to the UKI’s economy and energy security. But the sector has seen problems too. The Piper Alpha disaster of 1988 led to the deaths of 167 workers and the complete remodeling of the UKI’s system of health and safety regulation; and there have been controversies over environmental protection and the decommissioning of offshore installations. The UK is now an increasingly mature province, wrestling with the problem of how to maximize economic recover without compromising safety or environmental protection, and having to contend with the added complexities caused by factors such as the European Union’s enhanced interest in the sector, the more diverse range of industry players in the UKCS and the move toward onshore development. The course will provide an introduction to oil and gas law and policy in the United Kingdom. Topics covered will include: The state’s claim to ownership of hydrocarbons and the legal and policy implications; the petroleum licensing regime; the opportunities and challenges posed by the UK’s status as a mature hydrocarbon province; the problem of third party access to privately-owned infrastructure; health, safety and environmental protection; and the legal regulation of onshore shale developments.

5312 Accounting for Lawyers (2) A student who is a certified public accountant, earned a post-secondary degree in accounting, or earned more than 9 credit hours in post-secondary accounting courses is not eligible to register for this course. An introduction to accounting concepts and the practical application of those concepts to the practice of law. The course will assist students in reading and understanding financial statements (balance sheet, income statements, statements of cash flows), financial ratios, and other topics useful in a business environment. This course will use accepted accounting principles to assist students in evaluating and valuing businesses and appreciating the business needs of clients. The course is designed for students unfamiliar with accounting so that the prior study or training in accounting or business (while welcome) is not necessary.

5704 Security Devices (3) Students cannot take this course and Louisiana Security Devices (5707). Louisiana Civil Code provisions and statutes relating to lending and finance, including: suretyship, mortgages, pledge, privileges, and the Louisiana Private Works, Act; foreclosure on real security and the Deficiency Judgment Act; and creditors’ rights and debtors’ defenses related to these issues.

5473 Appellate Practice and Procedure Course (2) Students cannot take both this course and the Advanced Appellate Advocacy Seminar (5813). The history and importance of appellate practice, from Tacitus to Holmes, to Cardozo. The appellate rules and procedures in the Louisiana Courts of Appeal, the Louisiana Supreme Court, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of the United

6002 Family Mediation Clinic (2) This clinic was previously a 3 hour clinic but has been reduced to 2 hours. Students must also enroll in 5628 – Divorce and Child Custody Mediation.

5628 Divorce and Child Custody Mediation (2) This course covers general mediation theory and practice focusing on those skills specific to resolution conflicts of child custody, visitation, support, and use of property that occur in divorce and family disputes. The course covers all of the statutory subjects enumerated in La.Rev.Stat.Sec. 9:334(C) required for Qualified Domestic Mediators. Those include: 1.) the Louisiana judicial system and the judicial procedure in domestic cases; 2.) ethical standards, including confidentiality and conflict of interests; 3.) child development, including impact of divorce on development; 4.) family systems theory; 5.) communication skills; and 6.) the mediation process and required document execution. The course will offer students repeated opportunities to practice their mediation skills through simulated exercises. This course is graded pass/fail (E, HP, P, F).