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COURSE OUTLINE
THE PROSECUTION FUNCTION (CJ 520)
Spring 2014

TEXT: Burns, The Prosecution Function (Volumes I and II)

First Session: January 23 - Introduction and Course Overview (Vol. I, pp. 1-62)

Second Session: January 30 - Administrative Functions of the Prosecutor (pp. 63-98)

Third Session: February 6 - Investigative Functions of the Prosecutor (pp. 99-126)

Fourth Session: February 13 - Screening, Charging and Diversion (pp. 127-198)

Fifth Session: February 20 - The Prosecutor Before the Grand Jury (pp. 229-253)

Sixth Session: February 27 - Pretrial Release and Discovery (pp. 199-219; 287-314)

Seventh Session: March 6 - Pretrial Proceedings (pp. 221-228; 255-285)

Eighth Session: March 13 - MIDTERM EXAMINATION (covering material to date)

Ninth Session: March 20 - Speedy Trial Responsibilities (Vol. II, pp. 1-19)

Tenth Session: March 27 - The Prosecutor's Role in Plea Negotiation (pp. 20-84)

SPRING BREAK [April 3]

Eleventh Session: April 10 - Trial Procedures and Responsibilities (pp. 85-142)

Twelfth Session: April 17 - Prosecutorial Relations with Public, Courts, and Corrections (Pp. 143-206; 296-310) (PAPER DUE!)

Thirteenth Session: April 24 - Defense Relations and Prosecutorial Ethics (pp. 207-266)

Fourteenth Session: May 1 - Fair Trial/Free Press Responsibilities (pp. 267-295)

Fifteenth Session: May 8 - FINAL EXAMINATION (covering material since 20March)
ATTENDANCE

Role will be taken on a daily basis. While attendance is not mandatory, if you plan on missing more than two classes you should consider dropping now. In those situations where a student's performance is between two grade levels, the student's attendance will be a major factor in determining the student's final grade.

CLASS PARTICIPATION

A thorough understanding of the assigned readings will greatly increase your ability to actively participate in classroom discussions. Moreover, participation will enhance your understanding of the subject matter and your overall grade in this course. Please be prepared to stand and deliver when called upon.

EXAMINATIONS

There will be two examinations, both closed book. The midterm will be on March 13 and will cover material discussed from January 23 to March 6. The final will be on May 8 and will cover the material discussed from March 20 to May 1. The final will not be comprehensive. Both examinations will consist of fifty objective questions. You will have 60 minutes to complete each examination. Both examinations are closed book. No hats may be wore during the examinations.

No make up exams will be offered, or given.

Each examination will be 40% of the final grade. [The paper will be 20% of the final grade.]