Juvenile Law

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SYLLABUS


Requirements: Regular attendance is required. Students with 6 or more absences may not sit for the final examination. Class participation is expected. Class participation may include written assignments and projects. The instructor reserves the right to adjust final grades to reflect class participation.

Objective: Mastery of basic common law and statutory concepts as they relate to juveniles, especially the allocation of decision making authority among the child, the parents, and the state. Please note that delinquency and status offenses are not covered in this course.

Final Examination: A student’s grade will be based on the final examination and any adjustment to reflect class participation, including assignments and projects. All make-ups are to be scheduled by the student in accordance with the policies stated in the College of Law Bulletin.

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ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1  The Status, Rights and Obligations of Children, C.B. pp. 1-86

Week 2  Defining the Child-Parent Relationship, C.B. pp. 122-179

Week 3  Financial Responsibility and Control, C.B. pp. 807-849

Week 4  C.B. pp. 861-897; Regulation of Children’s Conduct, C.B. pp. 898-907, 925-972


Week 6  Juvenile Court Observations - Submit Reflections

Week 7  Abuse and Neglect, C.B. pp. 283-352

Week 8  C.B. pp. 352-431

Week 9  Foster Care, C.B. 432-518

Week 10  Children as Victims and Witnesses in Child Abuse Cases, C.B. Chapter 6 TBA

Week 12  Medical Decision-Making, C.B. Chapter 8 TBA

Week 13  Representation of Children, C.B. Chapter 3 TBA

Week 14  Directions in Child Advocacy TBA

Note: The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary.