To: All 2L and 3L JD students and all LLM students

Re: Mini-seminar series, Fall 2016

Once again, we will be offering upper-class mini-seminars both this fall and winter. As detailed below, they will meet with different frequencies and focus on different areas of substantive interest. Some of them will meet exclusively in the fall, some exclusively in the winter, and some will straddle both the fall and winter terms. There will be refreshments provided at all mini-seminars. All of the mini-seminars listed below (except for Professors Bagley and Daugirdas’ offering in the winter term) will count for one academic credit and will be graded on a mandatory pass/fail basis. For mini-seminars which meet at professors’ homes, addresses will be provided to students admitted to the mini-seminars. The mini-seminar offerings that will meet in the fall or will start in the fall and continue into the winter are as follows:

“Fall only” mini-seminars

Course # 885/001
Professor Kate Andrias
Title Workers, the Law, and the Changing Economy
For one credit? Yes
Enrollment cap 10
Time 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Location Professor Andrias’ home (about one mile from the Law School)
Dates The following Mondays: 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28
Description This mini-seminar will explore the changing nature of work and the evolving role of labor unions in the United States over the course of the 20th and 21st centuries, with a focus on how the law has facilitated or constrained workers’ ability to collectively improve their conditions. Our "reading" will consist in large part of movies and documentary films, as well as some books, essays, and legal material. Students need not have studied labor or employment law. Please note that because we will screen films at the sessions, we will meet for 3 hours on most nights.

Course # 885/002
Professor Bridgette Carr, Amy Sankaran, and Vivek Sankaran
Title Lawyers are Smart, So Why Are They Unhappy?
For one credit? Yes
Enrollment cap 12
Time 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Location The home of the Sankarans (about six miles from the Law School)
Note: the Sankarans have a dog and a cat
Dates: The following Thursdays: 9/22, 9/29, 10/20, 10/27, 11/10, 11/17

Description: In this mini-seminar we will discuss why lawyers seem to be so unhappy and think about what it takes to live a happy, satisfying and successful personal and professional life. We will answer questions such as: Should you prioritize or pursue happiness? What does flow, trust, and control have to do with happiness? And finally, how do I manage to be both happy and successful as a lawyer?

Course # 885/003
Professor John Pottow
Title Pizza and Beer
For one credit? Yes
Enrollment cap 10
Time 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location Professor Pottow's home (about one mile from the Law School)
Dates The following Tuesdays: 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8
Description: This mini-seminar will examine the laws surrounding food regulation domestically and abroad, with special focus on beer, wine, and spirits regulation. A comparative focus will emphasize foreign laws, especially that of the European Union. The class is expected to draw applications to the unfolding U.S. presidential elections. Eponymous refreshments are likely to be served.

Course # 885/004
Professor Eve Primus
Title The Indigent Defense Crisis: Problems and Potential Solutions
For one credit? Yes
Enrollment cap 12
Time 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Location Professor Primus' home (about two miles from the Law School)
Dates The following Thursdays: 9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1
Description: We will talk about and explore the structure of indigent defense delivery systems in the states. We will talk about what it is like to represent indigent criminal defendants in criminal courtrooms and learn about the cultural, organizational, and fiscal struggles that public defenders face. We will also talk about and think critically about proposals for reforming our broken indigent defense delivery systems going forward.
“Fall/Winter” mini-seminars

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<td>Legal and Ethical Issues Involved in Representing Marijuana-Related Businesses</td>
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<td>This seminar explores the legal and ethical (i.e., professional responsibility) issues that arise when lawyers represent marijuana-related businesses, such as dispensaries and growers. The topic is likely to be of significant interest because the subject matter is timely, but also because it has practical application, given that 25 states and the District of Columbia have now legalized medical marijuana, and four states have legalized recreational marijuana as well. The legal challenges facing marijuana-related businesses in these states, moreover, are quite significant. Due to the conflict between state law and federal in marijuana-friendly states, marijuana-related businesses face a number of legal challenges that other businesses do not have to deal with. In addition to reading court cases and looking at state legislation legalizing marijuana for medical and/or recreational use, we look at marijuana legalization in a broader business context. For example, we intend to have students look at popular materials that describe how the legal market for marijuana is developing. Also, we will likely invite a guest speaker or two to join us, such as a lawyer who represents legal marijuana growers and distributors, or an entrepreneur in the medical-marijuana industry.</td>
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<td>International Law as It Happens</td>
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<td>This seminar will examine current events in international and U.S. foreign affairs law as they unfold. Each session will focus on a different incident that has been in the news or is otherwise significant. (The student discussion leaders for each week will play a role in selecting that week's topic and reading.) Depending on what the year brings, we might discuss the doping scandal at the Rio Olympics, U.S. counterterrorism policy, cyber-security issues, or China's expansionist moves in the South China Sea. In order to enroll in this mini-seminar, students must: (1) have already completed at least one international law course, (2) be enrolled in a class that fulfills the law school's international or comparative law distribution requirement, or (3) ask Professor Hakimi for an exception.</td>
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Course #  885/007  
Professor  Vic Khanna  
For one credit?  Yes  
Enrollment cap  12  
Time  7:00-9:30 p.m.  
Location  Law School classroom TBA  
Dates  10/5, 11/2, 11/28, 1/18, 2/21, 3/15  
Description  This mini-seminar examines the role of the law and legal issues in two of the largest entertainment industries in the world – Hollywood and Bollywood – and how they are shaping the development of a global entertainment/media industry, which is one the fastest growing sectors the world over. We begin with a brief overview of Hollywood and Bollywood and may view some Bollywood movies to enrich our understanding of the industry. We then examine some issues raised by the increasing interaction between these two industries. Topics include (i) issues of financing movies and the use of Initial Public Offerings to fund individual movies in Bollywood, (ii) distribution channels for the films (domestically and globally) and the global impact of both industries, (iii) issues of copyright law as both industries borrow ideas, expressions and music from each other while fusing them as well, (iv) joint venture contracts (and other contractual issues) between these industries and large scale investments in both directions (e.g., the recent investment by an Indian firm of over US$800 Million in DreamWorks; production of “Bollywood-style” movies by Western Entertainment companies for release in India; joint distribution set-ups; exchange of talent (actors, musicians, and so forth)), and (v) the impact of “corporatization” on the human services section of the entertainment/media industry in India.

Course #  885/008  
Professor  Bridget Mary McCormack and Len Niehoff  
Title  Superheroes and the Law  
For one credit?  Yes  
Enrollment cap  12  
Time  7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Location  Justice McCormack's home (about 15 minutes west of the Law School)  
Dates  The following Wednesdays: 9/28, 10/19, 11/16, 1/25, 2/22, 3/29  
Description  This mini-seminar will consider the concept of the superhero and the positive and cautionary lessons that it has for lawyers and judges. We will begin by considering the definition of a superhero, popular presentations of superheroes in fiction and film, and the normative and juridical challenges that these figures pose. We will then go on to analyze how the law deals with real-life vigilantes and others who view themselves as superheroes. We will consider lawyers and judges who have presented themselves or have been viewed as superheroes of a sort. And, finally, we will consider how the image of the superhero might provide inspiration and guidance in our own legal careers. Readings will come from a wide variety of sources, including Nietzsche, Superheroes and Philosophy, The Law of Superheroes, judicial opinions, and excerpts from biographies and autobiographies of lawyers and judges like Gloria Allred, Clarence Darrow, William O. Douglas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Thurgood Marshall, Richard Posner, Sonia Sotomayor, and Andrew Vachss.
Course # 885/009
Professor David Uhlmann
Title Doing Justice: The Fight Against Corporate Crime
For one credit? Yes
Enrollment cap 10
Time 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location Professor Uhlmann's home (about one mile away from the Law School)

Dates The following Thursdays in the fall term: 9/29, 10/20, 11/17; and the following Mondays in the winter term: 1/30, 3/6, 4/10
Description The last several years have brought renewed attention to corporate crime, from the Upper Big Branch mine disaster that killed 29 people and the Gulf oil spill that destroyed a precious ecosystem to the GM and Toyota hidden safety defects cases and the Volkswagen debacle and Exxon climate gate scandal. This mini-seminar will consider the challenges of addressing corporate wrongdoing from inside the Justice Department, based on cases Professor Uhlmann handled as a federal prosecutor, as well as high-profile matters that have been prosecuted since Professor Uhlmann joined the Michigan Law faculty. The seminar readings will be chapters from Professor Uhlmann’s forthcoming book Doing Justice: The Fight Against Corporate Crime, which students will read and discuss as they are written during the academic year—and before the publisher of the book receives the final manuscript in May 2017. The seminar will consider complex questions raised by corporate criminal prosecution: whether we criminalize too much conduct; whether it makes sense to prosecute corporations that cannot be jailed; what is the role of corporate culture; how should corporations cooperate; whether corporate executives should be prosecuted based on status; and whether corporate violations are the work of “rogue” employees.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND PROCESS:

1. Interested students will use the Law School’s Class Bidding Interface (CBI) to bid for mini-seminars. CBI will open on the first day of classes to accept mini-seminar bids. You can find the link to CBI under “Registration” on the Office of Student Records web page. Rank all mini-seminars for which you would like to bid in the CBI queue, with the first being your first choice, the second being your second choice, etc.

2. Students may list up to nine (9) mini-seminars in order of preference. There are almost always fewer seats in mini-seminars than there are students who seek to fill them. Therefore, if you are enrolled in a mini-seminar, you are expected to attend each session. Please do not sign up if you cannot make this commitment. Failure to attend even one mini-seminar session may result in your not receiving credit. If you drop a mini-seminar after you have been enrolled, you may be precluded from enrolling in mini-seminars in future terms.
3. Seats for mini-seminars are assigned randomly, except that students who have previously been enrolled in an upper-class mini-seminar are not considered for seats until after students who have never been enrolled in an upper-class mini-seminar. Proximity to graduation is not taken into account. That means a first-term 2L and a first term LLM have the same chance of getting into a mini-seminar as a second term 3L.

4. Unlike in the usual CBI registration process for regular fall and winter term classes, during mini-seminar registration we place a higher priority on making sure that each mini-seminar gets filled than on making sure students get the mini-seminars they want most. Therefore, although your preferences will be taken into account, it is quite possible that you will be assigned a mini-seminar that is low on your list of choices. So, please list only those mini-seminars that you are absolutely certain you are willing to take.

5. No “prof picks” (please do not contact the professor about getting in).

6. Students who matriculated prior to May 2015 who have been given permission to exceed the maximum credit load and who are currently already carrying 16 credits this semester are not eligible to enroll for a mini-seminar, since the rules of our accrediting agency (the ABA) prohibit such a student from enrolling in more than 16 credits in a single semester.

7. Similarly students who matriculated in May 2015 or thereafter who have been given permission to exceed the maximum credit load and who are currently already carrying 17 credits this semester are not eligible to enroll for a mini-seminar, since the rules of our accrediting agency (the ABA) prohibit such a student from enrolling in more than 17 credits in a single semester.

8. Students who will be graduating this December (mostly sixth-term summer starters) are only eligible to enroll for fall term mini-seminars.

Deadline for signing up:
You must submit your requests in CBI by Thursday, September 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Notification of assignments:
Assignment results will be available in CBI on Monday, September 5. An announcement will be made on MLaw Live when results are ready to view in CBI. Class permissions will be entered into Wolverine Access for students to enroll themselves in their assigned mini-seminar. Selected students will receive an automated “Class Permission” e-mail prompting them to enroll. Students must enroll in Wolverine Access before the drop/add period ends on Tuesday, September 6 or forfeit their mini-seminar assignment.
Coming attractions – In the winter term, the following professors will be offering mini-seminars. Registration for these mini-seminars will not take place until January. If the professors have given us a description, we have included it, along with the title, below:

**Professor**

Elizabeth Campbell

**Title**

Poisoning a City: The Flint Water Crisis

**Description**

Forthcoming

**Professor**

Gabe Mendlow

**Title**

Should Good People Be Prosecutors?

**Description**

This mini-seminar will explore the practical and professional realities of an American criminal justice system defined by mass incarceration, the War on Drugs, and prosecutorial supremacy. Has American criminal law become an instrument of oppression? If so, how should conscientious criminal lawyers confront systemic injustice? Our guide to tackling these questions will be three books that are essential reading for any aspiring prosecutor or defense attorney: Paul Butler's *Let's Get Free: A Hip-Hop Theory of Justice*, Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, and Bill Stuntz's *The Collapse of American Criminal Justice*.

**Professor**

Dave Moran & Imran Syed

**Title**

Making a Murderer: A Critical Look

**Description**

The students will watch one episode of the 10-part Netflix 2015 documentary before each two-hour session, and then we will spend the first half of the session watching another episode together, followed immediately by a discussion of the assigned episode and the episode just viewed. Before each session, students will write a 3-5 page reaction paper about the episode viewed in the most recent meeting and the episode to be viewed for the upcoming meeting. The last session will consist of a two-hour discussion of the entire documentary and the legal and factual issues presented in the film. Calling upon their experiences from the Michigan Innocence Clinic, Professors Syed and Moran will use the documentary to illustrate the factual and legal challenges of proving actual innocence in a non-DNA case.

**Professor**

Julian Mortenson and Tim Pinto

**Title**

Deflategate

**Description**

Tom Brady is among the best quarterbacks ever to play football. But is he a cheater? And does it matter? This mini seminar will cover Deflategate—the allegations that the Patriots and their quarterback deflated footballs during the playoffs in order to gain an advantage on offense. The scandal raises fascinating questions of fair play, the role of arbitration in
employment grievances, and the relationship between sports and the law. In the first week, we will read some of Rich Friedman's new book, “The Rules of Play,” to frame key questions that will persist throughout the course: What does it mean to be a “rule”, and what does it mean to “cheat”? Is cheating wrong? We’ll then read the Wells Report, which summarizes the Paul Weiss investigation of the allegations of cheating by Tom Brady and the Patriots, as well as an AEI Report that criticizes the Wells Report. After that, we’ll turn to the NFL’s initial decision to impose punishment on the Patriots and Tom Brady, the strategic choices faced by the parties as they decided whether to challenge that decision, and the opinion of the Commissioner of the NFL on Brady’s challenge to the punishment. We’ll conclude by discussing both the district court opinion dismissing Brady’s challenge to his suspension and the 2nd Circuit opinion affirming that dismissal. The professors have diverging different views on both the merits and equities of the case, so one topic to keep track of is whether they are still speaking by Week 6!

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<td>Only students enrolled in the Geneva Externship Program are eligible to take this mini-seminar, and it will be offered on a not-for-credit basis</td>
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