

LAW 590-3 § 951
Senior Writing Seminar
Health Care Management

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SYLLABUS

General Course Information

Distance Learning

Synchronous via Zoom Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:05 pm – 8:35 pm

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Course Description and Objectives

This is a senior writing seminar focused on the appropriate application of a range of statutory, regulatory and common law principles to a variety of healthcare compliance situations. As a writing seminar, students will learn advanced research, writing, citation, and legal analysis skills, culminating in a substantial independent research paper. This course satisfies the School of Law's Senior Writing Requirement which "requires the production of a paper or papers totaling a minimum of 7500 words in length, which must involve substantial research and analysis of one or more complex legal issues. The seminar shall include significant writing instruction. Faculty supervision of the student writing shall include individual formative and summative assessments, which should include at least one opportunity for students to have an individual conference with the instructor to discuss their work product and then rewrite that work product." Article III (5)(b)(i)

Course Textbook

There is no required textbook for this class.

Grading and Evaluation

Research Paper (100% of final grade)

Attendance

There is a maximum of **TWO** unexcused absences for this course. A student will be withdrawn from the course on their third unexcused absence.

Attachments

This Syllabus incorporates by reference the Law School Syllabus Attachment, and the Provost Syllabus Attachment posted on the course D2L page.

Plagiarism

Plagiarizing another's (including generative AI) work, in whole or in part, is a violation of the Honor Code and can lead to serious penalties, including expulsion. An Honor Code investigation must also be reported to the Bar Examiners, even if you are cleared of any violation. The Honor Code defines plagiarism as:

passing off another's ideas, words, or work as one's own, including written, oral, multimedia, or other work, either word for word or in substance, unless the student author credits the original author and identifies the original author's work with quotation marks, footnotes, or other appropriate designation in such a way as to make clear the true author of the work.

Collaboration with Others

All required written work for this course is to be solely an individual effort and collaboration is prohibited. Collaboration does not include discussing course work; sharing and discussing ideas, authorities, and concepts; nor reading and critiquing another student's course work.

Course Topics and Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Tuesday, June 13

Class Topic: Course overview and expectations; introduction to healthcare regulation; the compliance process; enforcement.

Thursday, June 15

Class Topic: Review of previous class; paper topic selection and the scholarly research process.

Week 2

Tuesday, June 20

Class Topic: Statutory frameworks: False Claims Act; Anti-Kickback Statute; Stark Law

Thursday, June 22

Class Topic: Review of previous class with practice hypotheticals; discussion of paper topics.

Week 3

Tuesday, June 27

Class Topic: Privacy and Security Laws; EMTALA

Thursday, June 29

Class Topic: **PAPER TOPICS DUE**. Discussion of individual topics and status of research.

Week 4

Tuesday, July 4

Class Topic: No Class – Holiday

In lieu of class meeting, prepare a list of questions/problems you are having with your writing and research, to be discussed next class.

Thursday, July 6

Class Topic: Individual reports on status of papers. Lecture topic TBD

Week 5

Tuesday, July 11

Class Topic: Compliance Roles and Responsibilities; Auditing, Monitoring, and Risk Assessment

Thursday, July 13

Class Topic: Individual reports on status of papers. Practice hypotheticals regarding compliance, auditing and risk assessment.

Week 6

Tuesday, July 18

Class Topic: Investigations and Privileges; Self-Disclosures, Repayments, and Corporate Integrity Agreements; Effective, Ethical Compliance Programs

Thursday, July 20

Class Topic: **DRAFT PAPERS DUE.** Individual conferences with instructor.

Week 7

Tuesday, July 25

Class Topic: Individual conferences with instructor continued.

Thursday, July 27

Class Topic: Individual presentations of papers.

Week 8

Tuesday, August 1

FINAL PAPERS DUE