

Fall 2022

LAW520 Course Descriptions & Additional Course Information

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LAW 520 Courses

LAW520D: BEYOND GUILT CLINIC

This pilot clinic modeled after Ohio Justice and Policy Center will give students the opportunity to provide pro bono services to clients who deserve a second chance. Students in the clinic will assist clients with clemency petitions, parole hearings, compassionate release (kūpuna, domestic violence, and sexual assault survivors, and clearing criminal records through the expungement and record sealing process. Students will also learn legislative policy reform, utilizing their cases to petition the legislature and the courts to reform sentencing, parole, and other similar laws to address the overcrowding in Hawai'i's jails and prisons. This clinic will be four credits and offered asynchronously in the Spring to accommodate interested full or part time students. There are no prerequisites required to enroll in this clinic.

LAW 520H: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

The purpose of this course is to teach and learn how to recognize, call into account, and work to illuminate and dismantle systemic racism and other discrimination that occurs through government use of artificial intelligence systems. The course introduces and engages you in the study of artificial intelligence, law, government accountability, and antiracist and other social justice learning and work through the foundational lenses of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and government transparency statutes.

With a growth mindset and the willingness and effort to learn, students will onboard a demonstrable knowledge of artificial intelligence systems, including machine learning, big data, data curation, and other aspects of such systems (collectively, "artificial intelligence" or "AI"). The course will equip students to (i) learn and practice lifelong strategies for meeting their professional ethical duties, including as to competence and diligence regarding AI and other technologies, and (ii) make meaningful and impactful contributions toward a greater realization of justice and equal protection for all in today's increasingly algorithmic society.

LAW520I: PRACTICE OF LAW & TECHNOLOGY

The competent use of technology is a vital part of modern law practice. Thirty-nine states already recognize an ethical duty of technology competency. Contrary to what many people believe, routine use of a computer does not lead to the kind of technological competence required in today's legal profession. Students can expect to explore a variety of technology concepts and software with special focus on professional responsibility, case and client

management, document management and electronic discovery, information literacy, presentation technology, and office skills. The course will examine potentially disruptive technological innovations in the legal industry such as eDiscovery software, document assembly, machine learning, predictive analytics, and online dispute resolution. Guest speakers involved in legal technology will make presentations to the class. Students will be graded on their final project and presentation, technology certifications, research project, class blogging, and class participation.

LAW 520J: LAW AND LGBTQI+

This introductory course explores the ways law and policy construct and regulate gender and sexuality at the federal, state, and territory level. The topics covered will include: employment discrimination based on sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation; family law (including marital and nonmarital relationships and parent-child relationships); the role of non-Western understandings of sexuality and gender in informing law and policy; health care; and the constitutionality of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

LAW 520K: ADVANCED LEGAL ANALYSIS

Advanced Legal Analysis is designed to help students enhance their legal writing and analysis skills as law students, bar examinees, and legal professionals. Using Multistate Performance Tests from the bar exam, students will draft, revise, and receive feedback on several simulated legal tasks. In addition, students will relearn and reinforce key topics in Contracts and Torts. The course employs a flipped classroom model for substantive law instruction; students will view recorded lectures to prepare for regular Multistate Bar Exam (multiple choice) quizzes. Finally, the course will inculcate successful learning strategies for academic success and teach students to apply the concepts of metacognition, self-assessment, spaced repetition, and retrieval practice to enhance their learning in law school and during bar preparation. Students will create a portfolio documenting their own learning and development in the course. (Professor permission only)

LAW520N: INTRODUCTION TO JUVENILE LAW

This course will introduce you to the impact the legal system has on juveniles and their lives. You will learn about how the criminal justice and child welfare systems intersect and have an instrumental impact on the development and well-being of children, their families, and many different areas of legal practice. The dynamic, interactive, and practical approach to this course will include hearing from multiple guest speakers, including judges, law-enforcement agents, and community-service providers, regarding the complex and multifaceted ways in which our legal system can either set children and their families up for success, or failure. At the end of this course, you will be better equipped as a practitioner in any legal field you choose to pursue, and have multiple new contacts in the legal community, both here in Hawaii, as well as the mainland.

LAW520Q: ISLAND LEADERSHIP LAB

Increasingly, law school graduates find themselves exercising leadership outside law firms and the courtroom. Richardson Law has several generations of graduates who have founded businesses, become non-profit executives, been elected to political office, and exercise leadership in multiple roles across society. Knowing how to lead is a different skill than knowing the black letter law. In this unique seminar, Dean Camille Nelson will lead an immersive leadership experience grounded in a curriculum specifically developed to prepare next-generation island leaders for success. The seminar will feature candid conversations and case studies with established leaders in the field, including former Mayor Kirk Caldwell and former US Attorney Kenji Price leading group sessions. The seminar will include contemporary leadership issues around equity and justice and will feature small group interactions that build leadership skills and share tools that will be used across entire careers. (Limited enrollment)

LAW520R: CONSTRUCTION LAW: IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME

The construction industry is comprised of owners, lenders, architects and engineers, contractors and subcontractors, material suppliers, sureties, and insurers, and is one of the largest production industries in the United States. Construction law affects all phases of a construction project: feasibility, taxes, financing, architecture, engineering, construction, insurance, bonds, liens, disputes, intellectual property, and project site safety. This industry-oriented course will focus on providing practical knowledge, techniques, analysis, and procedures. This course will address:

1. key concepts of construction law;
2. risk factors that lead to controversies;
3. the application of legal principles to the complex world of construction;
4. contract formation and administration issues involved in construction (including project delivery methods, contract types, allocation of risk, implied warranties, competitive bidding and contractor selection procedures, changes and extras, differing site conditions, schedule delay and disruption, bonds and suretyship, insurance, and claims of many types);
5. mechanic's and materialman's liens; and
6. dispute resolution.

LAW520T: 3L EXTENDED BAR REVIEW COURSE (Hybrid*)

This course is designed to jumpstart your bar exam preparation by developing your substantive knowledge and sharpening your critical bar exam success skills. Specifically, you will receive in-depth review of highly tested topics in Contracts, Evidence, Torts and Criminal Law. You will then put that knowledge to use working through practice MBE and essay questions. You will learn how to develop a strong but flexible framework to resolve bar exam problems, sharpen your reading comprehension, issue identification, rule mastery, critical thinking, and legal analysis skills.

* Classes are *asynchronous*, but the mid-term & final exams will be in-person.

Please note: This course is not intended to and does not replace the need for a complete commercial bar review course. To fully prepare for the bar exam, you should plan to take a complete commercial bar review course prior to the bar exam.

[Additional Course Information for Other Courses](#)

LWPA582E: TOPICS IN NATIVE HAWAIIAN LAW: FOUNDATIONS FOR KĀNĀWAI

With a focus on Hawai'i's history and justice through an 'Ōiwi lens, this course examines the cultural and legal foundations as essential context for surveying and understanding the evolving body of Native Hawaiian Law today.