Fall 2011

Alabama Legal History Seminar

Days/Times: Wed., 3:30 - 5:20 p.m.  
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Office: Wed., 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. or by appointment

Reading: See following Assignment Calendar; all assigned readings are on reserve at the Law Library main desk under title of seminar or available electronically.

Grade: 80% based on final draft of paper; narrative, at least 20, typed double-spaced pages, plus notes, on topic agreed to with Professor Freyer – Final draft of paper due November 30.

Full set: One page summary of reading discussed during each class period (10%).

Critiques of rough drafts of papers (10%), following Calendar.

Honor Code: It is assumed that each student will comply with the Law School's and the University's Honor Code.

Attendance: Required

Purpose: 1. Broaden understanding of Alabama Legal History

2. Prepare a writing sample.

Makeup: See Professor Freyer

Paper Topic: To be chosen in consultation with Professor Freyer no later than class period, October 5 (see Calendar). A first draft will be presented and critiqued during class, according to Calendar [order of presentation chosen by lot?]: November 2-16. November 30: Give Professor Freyer final draft of seminar paper; discuss and turn in one-page summary relating your paper to Alabama Legal History.

Procedure for distribution of draft: Electronically; on Friday before Tuesday class meeting.

Students with special needs are encouraged to register with the Office of Disability Services, 348-4285. I am happy to assist in this important matter.
Assignment Calendar – FALL 2011

August 24
Introduction: cover Syllabus; in class read and discuss P. Pruitt, “Root and Branch.”

August 31
Introduction and Legal Profession Antebellum Alabama, 1819-1860, ASCLI; Saunders, *Campbell* 1-83; Pruitt, *Taming Alabama*, H. Toulmin, B. F. Porter, 1-33; Dr. Pruitt visit discuss research/sources

September 7

September 14
Legal Profession in New South Alabama, ASCLI; *A Goodly Heritage*,120-158; Saunders, *Campbell*, 136-185; Professor Pruitt visits, discuss research/sources

September 21

September 28

October 5
[Choice of Paper Topic – turn in one page summary to Professor Freyer]


October 5-Nov. 2
Prepare first draft of paper.  No class: Please consult Professor Freyer if you desire, TBA.

November 2
First Draft of paper (four) class member critiques of paper distributed before class meeting.  Professor Freyer comments on papers and class discussion.

November 9
First Draft of paper (four) and ibid. Professor comments on papers and class discussion.

November 16
First Draft of Paper (four) and ibid. Professor comments on papers and class discussion.

November 21-25
Thanksgiving Break

November 29
Turn-in revised final draft of paper and summary future of Alabama Legal History
BIBLIOGRAPHY


***Manuscript: P. Pruitt, T. Freyer, “Alabama’s Supreme Court and Legal Institutions [ASCLI].”***