Introduction to the Study of Law
Summer 2015
Room A250

COURSE OVERVIEW: This course will focus on preparing you for your upcoming law school experience. It will provide information on what to expect in law school, review the fundamentals of the legal system, introduce legal analysis skills, and preview various techniques, concepts, and strategies to assist your law school studies.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: By the end of this course, you should be able to:
1. Identify Sources and Types of Law
2. Understand Core Concepts Used in Legal Analysis
3. Read and Summarize a Judicial Opinion
4. Begin Synthesizing Legal Rules and Engaging in Basic Legal Analysis

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Please note that I frequently use email to communicate with my students. You are responsible for checking your email account regularly for announcements or other information. If you use a different email address than your law school account, please notify me as soon as possible so I can update my address book.

MATERIALS: What Every Law Student Really Needs to Know by Tracey E. George and Suzanna Sherry, Aspen Publishers (1st ed. 2009). I will also provide you with other relevant documents.

CLASS ATTENDANCE: You are expected to be in class and on time. During this summer session, we have only a limited amount of time to cover each topic. Please notify me if you will be unable to attend any class.

TECHNOLOGY: You may not use laptop computers or tablets during this course. I will be available outside of class to discuss any of the topics we cover in class and answer questions you
may have. Because our class sessions end around noon, I will be happy to continue our discussions over lunch.

You may not record or photograph any portion of the class without my prior approval. Only in rare instances, such as a medical emergency, will I allow class to be recorded by the Law School’s technology department. Please discuss any request to record class with me as soon as practicable.

**GRADING:**
Your grade in this course will be assessed by your performance on the final exam. The final exam will be pass/fail and consist of multiple-choice and short answer questions.

**HONOR CODE:**
Your conduct in this course is governed by the School of Law’s Honor Code and the University of Alabama’s Code of Student Conduct. You can find more information about these policies on the Law School’s website.

**ADA POLICY:**
The Law School is committed to meeting the needs of students with physical, learning, and other disabilities, and provides appropriate accommodations and services tailored to each person’s specific requirements. The Law School’s assistant deans and the University’s Office of Disability Services work together to help individuals with disabilities achieve and maintain individual autonomy. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact Claude Arrington, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at 348-6557 or carrington@law.ua.edu so that the individual’s needs for support services can be evaluated and accommodated in a timely manner.
# Tentative Schedule: Summer 2015

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<td>10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Introduction to the Course, The Starting Point, Becoming an Attorney, The Legal Skill Set</td>
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<td>July 2</td>
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<td>Guest Lecture by Dean Brandon: Sources and Types of Law, the American Court System, and Begin Discussing Legal Techniques</td>
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<td>July 7</td>
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<td>Beginning Synthesis and Application in Legal Analysis, What to Expect this Year</td>
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