COURSE NAME: Antitrust

COURSE CATALOG NUMBER: 8605

PROFESSOR: Ann Marie Marciarille

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: No background in economics is necessary. We will study the relevant principles as the course progresses. You must be willing to make sure you understand the concepts and language of economics as they are introduced.

COURSE BOOKS:

RECOMMENDED: None

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Course grading will be based on the following: take-home essay final exam (70%) and in-class participation including performance in the in-class debates (30% of grade).

Class Participation: +/- one half grade (at the discretion of the instructor).

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: This course examines fair competition law as a body of law designed to protect consumers. Understanding fair competition law requires looking at Supreme Court case law but also lower court decisions, economic analysis, and government enforcement guidelines and policy statements.
COURSE CONTENT: Topics will include agreements among rivals, agreements between new firms and their suppliers and customers, monopolization, mergers, and antitrust and the new economy.

COURSE OUTCOMES: Students, upon completion of this course, should have a foundational understanding of federal fair competition law in the United States both as it applies to conduct in the marketplace and as it applies to mergers and acquisitions.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: This is a business law course and relevant for anyone planning on representing business owners or operators as well as anyone interested in a career in fair competition law enforcement.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION: None