COURSE NAME: Appellate Practice Clinic (Unemployment Compensation Clinic – Appeals)

COURSE CATALOG NUMBER: Law 8814E

PROFESSOR: Suni

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: Appellate Advocacy II; Rule 13 certification, permission of the instructor

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE BOOKS:

REQUIRED:

RECOMMENDED:

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Grade based on the caliber of the briefs written and the student’s oral argument before the Missouri Court of Appeals.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Each student, under supervision, handles an appeal from the denial of unemployment compensation to a worker. Students write the brief and argue the matter before the Missouri Court of Appeals-Western District. A proper denial of unemployment compensation depends on whether the worker committed misconduct or voluntarily quit employment. Because many claimants cannot afford to pay attorneys to represent them, they have proceeded without the benefit of counsel during the administrative hearing stages and need assistance at the appeal stage.

COURSE CONTENT: Students learn the law regarding the right to receive unemployment compensation and develop appellate skills through the briefing and argument of a case before the Missouri Court of Appeals. Students are involved in the screening and selection of an appropriate case from among those filed with the Court and have contact with the client in presenting the services we provide and keeping the client apprised of progress on the case. The course provides a valuable service to people unable to pay for the services of an attorney.

COURSE OUTCOMES: By the end of this semester, students should be able to:

1. Draft a brief that is professional and conforms to the Missouri Rules of Appellate Procedure.

2. Present a persuasive oral argument on behalf of a real-life client in an actual case.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Provides students with practical experience in appellate practice and an opportunity to deal with a real client.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION: