COURSE NUMBER AND COURSE NAME: Law 636: Criminal Procedure II

PROFESSOR: Berger

PREREQUISITE(S):

Criminal Procedure I must have been completed or the instructor=s permission must be obtained.

METHOD OF GRADING AND APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

Letter grade based on final examination. Consideration may be given to class participation.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

The course focuses on pre-trial and trial proceedings in the criminal justice system. It is designed to expose students interested in criminal practice to the theoretical and practical issues faced by criminal law practitioners and to some of the skills necessary for effective practice. Among the topics likely to be covered are grand juries, preliminary hearings, pre-trial release, discovery, guilty pleas, speedy trial, jury trials and double jeopardy.

COURSE BOOK(S):


2. Recommended: LaFave, Israel & King, Criminal Procedure; Dressler, Understanding Criminal Procedure

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

Important for anyone planning to engage in criminal practice.

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

Not essential, but some bar questions may cover Criminal Procedure II issues.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

Students will gain an understanding of the role of prosecutors and defense counsel in the criminal justice system through the review of the law governing the processing of criminal cases after the completion of the police investigatory stage. They will also develop an appreciation of legal standards and ethical requirements that govern attorneys handling criminal cases.