COURSE NAME: Health Law I: Liability and Quality Issues in Health Care

COURSE CATALOG NUMBER: 8793A

PROFESSOR: Ann Marie Marciarille

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Torts

COURSE BOOKS:


METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
Practical Exercise: 50%
Final Examination: 50%
Class Participation: +/- one half grade (at the discretion of the instructor)

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
Health Law I: Liability and Quality Issues in Health Care examines laws affecting the relationships among patients, health care providers, and health care payers.

COURSE CONTENT: Topics include various theories of liability against physicians, hospitals and managed care organizations for injury to patients, malpractice, the health care provider-patient relationship, informed consent, and medical decision making at the beginning and end of life.
COURSE OUTCOMES: By the end of this course, students should be able to understand how the law shapes the health care provider-patient relationship as well as how liability for medical error is allocated in our legal and health care systems. Students should be able to understand the relationship between liability for medical error and attempts to improve quality in health care delivery. Special attention will be paid to mastering the provisions of the Affordable Care Act designed to improve health care quality and to the topic of tort liability reform. In addition, students will understand the parameters of any obligation to provide health care as well as the role of regulation in health insurance.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

Health Law I: Liability and Quality Issues in Health Care may be of interest to any student planning to practice health law for patients, providers (including institutional providers such as hospitals and clinics) and payers (including employers, individuals, the government, and commercial insurers).

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

This course teaches some advanced Tort concepts that, while not tested in the bar examination, may offer a useful review of general Tort concepts.