COURSE NAME: Intellectual Property Law

COURSE NUMBER: 808

PROFESSOR: Holman

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: N/A

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: N/A

COURSE BOOKS:

MAJOR LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE:
- To understand fundamental concepts of procurement and enforcement of various forms of intellectual property.
- To understand the role of various forms of intellectual property in incentivizing innovation, creativity and productive investment.
- To understand the practical limitations of the various forms of intellectual property.
- To leave the class with a working understanding of intellectual property, which will enable the student to counsel clients on basic issues of intellectual property, to identify intellectual property issues facing a client, and to interact intelligently with intellectual property attorneys.
- To leave the class well prepared to take more advanced IP-related courses, such as IP Licensing or IP Litigation.

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
This class will have a final exam, which will account for a majority of the class grade. Other factors may include in-class participation, and possibly a midterm. If there is a midterm, it will constitute only a minor fraction of the total grade.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
This course will cover the basis of United States intellectual property law through analysis of the applicable statutes and case law. We will examine the scope of the
various kinds of intellectual property as well as the various mechanisms available for protecting intellectual property. The course will include patent, copyright, trademark, and some unfair competition and trade secret protection concepts.

This course will be useful for those who are seeking one course from which to obtain a basic introduction to intellectual property as well as for those who intend to pursue a career in intellectual property law. In addition, it will be a prerequisite for certain other upper level courses in intellectual property.

**RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:** Intellectual property is seen as an essential asset for most companies, and accordingly, issues involving intellectual property are arising with increasing frequency in the commercial setting. This course will be invaluable for anyone interested in either commercial litigation or corporate work.

**RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION:** Not directly relevant.