COURSE NAME: Legal Analysis and Methods

COURSE NUMBER: LAW 8710B

PROFESSOR: Temm

CLASS SIZE: Initially limited by invitation. If invited students do not enroll, class will open to rest of class.

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: Limited to 3Ls’ last semester

COURSE BOOKS:
Kimm Walton and Steve Emanuel, Strategies and Tactics for the MBE (2d ed. 2010).

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
Credit/No Credit
Students will do practice bar essay questions, practice MBE questions, and practice performance exams throughout the course. Final exam – bar essay and MBE questions

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
This course is designed to give the 3L student a jump start on their bar preparation process. This course is NOT a substitute for the UMKC bar preparation course in the summer before the exam. Instead, this course is designed for additional practice and study of the strategies and tactics of passing the bar exam.

COURSE CONTENT:
The bulk of the course will be spent discussing how to learn from bar review outlines and lectures, how to memorize, and how to self-assess understanding; using these skills to review select bar-tested subjects; and learning how to approach and do well on practice bar exam questions including essay, multiple-choice, and performance questions. Additional time will be spent on how to manage students’ attitude, stress and study time.

COURSE OUTCOMES:
By the end of the semester, students should:
1. Understand the bar exam components for their state.
2. Be comfortable with the process to prepare for the bar exam.
3. Understand the strategies and tactics to complete high scoring essays necessary to succeed on the bar exam on the three topics covered.
4. Understand ways to lessen their stress and improve their attitude towards and during bar preparation.
5. Learn an approach to studying using practice bar exam questions and making their own libraries of materials.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Pass the Bar!!!