UMKC SCHOOL OF LAW ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION - FALL 2013

COURSE NAME: Seminar in National Security Law

COURSE NUMBER: 8883

PROFESSOR: Fred K. Green

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: n/a

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Constitutional Law I and II, International Law

This is a Seminar designed for a limited enrollment of sixteen (16) students. If over-enrolled the Professor reserves authority to review and approve final course roster.

COURSE BOOKS:


RECOMMENDED:

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Students will prepare and present a concise and focused “thesis” (15 pages) on selected topics - 80%. Combination of pop quizzes and active seminar participation - 20%.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: This course will provide both a theoretical framework and immediately practical substantive content dividing focus between domestic and international legal aspects of U.S. National Security. Classroom work will include combination of lecture/conference/seminar and role-playing exercises.

COURSE CONTENT: Theoretical approaches to national security and world order; International conflict management; U.S. National Security Strategy; U.S. Constitution and national security law powers; Courts, Congress and the President; Role of the UN; use of force and coercive measures in international law; humanitarian intervention; regime change; anticipatory self defense; military operational law (weapons, targets and tactics); intelligence, counterintelligence; clandestine and covert operations; control of terrorism; preventive detention; military commissions; access to national security information; freedom of expression; national security violations, treason; drug trafficking; information warfare; homeland and border security, federal emergency preparedness and response, domestic use of the armed forces, etc. Topics will be selected as they arise in N.Y. Times, Wall Street Journal and other national public media.
RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Students anticipating legal careers in government from local to international organizations as well as military, foreign service and law enforcement officers will experience immediate and essential relevancy. This is a “J” requirement course providing intellectual breadth for the politically astute and discerning citizen of the world community.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION: This is not a MO / Multi-State Bar exam prep course.

MAJOR LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE: Students will become familiar with the key legal issues in U.S. National Security Law and Policy. They will be able to discuss the decision-making apparatus of the U.S. Government and articulate the role of the lawyer in the process. They will become discerning consumers of international media; adept at identifying critical legal issues and communicating them clearly to multiple audiences.