COURSE NAME: Topics and Cases Related to In-House Counsel

COURSE NUMBER: Law 8902

PROFESSOR: Thurston Cromwell

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE BOOKS:

REQUIRED: Custom course packet

RECOMMENDED: None

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Pass/Fail based on class participation, study questions and take-home final exam

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Through the use of case law, law review articles and business school case studies, this course seeks to provide students with the opportunity to: (1) analyze a sampling of legal topics uniquely relevant to an in-house corporate practice; and (2) utilize the case study method to develop analytical skills requiring the application of both legal and business judgment.

COURSE CONTENT: Examining the following topics from the in-house counsel perspective: privilege and internal investigations; shareholder activism; M&A - takeover defenses; M&A – deal structure; legal decision-making (litigation analysis); employment and discrimination; intellectual property; and negotiation.

COURSE OUTCOMES:
Primary Objective: The development of an introductory framework for the analysis of the legal and business issues faced by in-house corporate counsel.

Secondary Objective: An understanding of certain legal topics unique to corporate clients.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Overview of in-house practice as career option and understanding of corporate clients.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION: Application of certain corporate law doctrines (minor relevancy for bar).