

Law 271 – Litigation Track Thesis

2 Credit Hours

Requires the student to develop, expand, and refine a research paper into an article suitable for publication in a law journal.

Thesis Schedule:

I. Thesis Proposal (10%)

A one page thesis proposal is due Friday, September 4, 2009. The proposal should be e-mailed to bkobayas@gmu.edu, and should include the following:

- Title/Subject
- A short (< 800 word) description of the topic.
- A statement of the major thesis addressed by the paper.

All topics must be approved by the instructor. You may submit topics before this date. You may also submit multiple topics. Initial proposals will not be accepted after this date. If a student's initial proposal is not approved by the instructor, he or she will be given additional time to submit a substitute proposal.

If the student is planning to expand and improve an existing paper, the student's short description must include a discussion of the earlier paper and a discussion of the new contribution that will be contained in the thesis. The student should also include a copy of the existing paper with his or her proposal.

II. Outline of Thesis (10%)

A preliminary outline of the thesis is due on Friday, October 2, 2009. The outline should be e-mailed to bkobayas@gmu.edu, and should include a list of references that you have considered.

III. First Draft (40%)

A first draft of the thesis is due Friday, November 20, 2009.

IV. Final Draft (40%)

Final Drafts are due by Sunday, December 20, 2009.