GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
SUPREME COURT CLINIC

Fall Semester 2013 – Spring Semester 2014

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COURSE INFORMATION

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<th>Course Number:</th>
<th>Law 185</th>
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| Date & Time:  | Monday 6:00 pm-7:50 pm  
Note: We will meet on some but not all Mondays in our assigned classroom (see below). We will meet other times outside of the classroom. Also, the schedule will be subject to change depending on our schedules and the schedules of the cases in which the Clinic participates. |
| Room Number:  | Room 348 |
| Course Book:  | No assigned textbook, but we will use Stern & Gressman: Supreme Court Practice (9th ed.) from time to time. (Note: purchase of this book is not required.) We will have other reading assignments on occasion—cases, law review articles, and briefs, etc. |
| First Assignment: | As soon as possible, please email us (wconsovoy@wileyrein.com & tmccarthy@wileyrein.com) to (1) identify what email address you would like us to use for Clinic-related communications; and (2) state whether we may share that email address with the rest of the class. |

FALL SEMESTER SYLLABUS

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<td>August 19</td>
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| August 26  | Chapter 1: Introduction to the Supreme Court  
Chapter 2: Jurisdiction to Review Decisions of Federal Courts  
Chapter 2.1: Introduction  
Chapter 2.2-2.6: Federal Courts of Appeal  
Chapter 2.7-2.8: District Courts  
Chapter 2.9-2.11: Three-Judge District Courts  
Chapter 2.12-2.15: Other Federal Courts |
| September 2| University Closed – Labor Day              |
September 9  No classroom session

September 16  Chapter 3: Jurisdiction to Review Decisions of State Courts
               Chapter 3.1-3.3: Introduction
               Chapter 3.4-3.10: Requirements of Finality
               *Cox Broadcasting Co. v. Cohn*, 420 U.S. 469 (1975)
               Chapter 3.11-3.15: Requirement of Decision by Highest State Court
               Chapter 3.16-3.21: Properly Raising a Substantial Federal Question
               Chapter 3.22-3.28: Independent and Adequate State Grounds

September 23  No classroom session

September 30  Long Conference
               No reading assignment – will be focusing on petitions to watch

October 7    Opening Day of the Term – First Argument Day

October 14  Fall Recess (no class 10/14 or 10/15)

October 21  Chapter 4: Factors Motivating the Exercise of Jurisdiction
               Chapter 4.1-4.25: Certiorari Jurisdiction
               David C. Thompson & Melanie F. Wachtell, *An Empirical Analysis of
               Supreme Court Certiorari Petition Procedures*, 16 Geo. Mason L. Rev
               237 (2009)
               Chapter 4.26-4.29: Appellate Jurisdiction

October 28  Chapter 10: Original Cases
               Chapter 11: Extraordinary Writs

November 4  No classroom session

November 11  No classroom session

November 18  No reading assignment

***END OF FALL SEMESTER***