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Features

Course Bubble

When a course link is clicked, a course bubble will appear with important course information including, but not limited to:

- course title, description, and credits;
- prerequisites.

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Changes to the Penn State Law Bulletin

Changes to the Penn State Law Bulletin will be tracked in real-time and listed below. At the end of every semester, these updates will be incorporated into the Bulletin.

Course Adds: Effective Spring 2019

- EXPR 934: Researching Administrative Law
- IHEAC 901: Advanced Entrepreneurship Clinic

Course Changes: Effective Fall 2019

EXPR 983: Representing the Entrepreneur (3 Credits) Old Listing Effective Through Summer 2019:

This course considers legal issues typically arising in the course of representing an entrepreneurial venture, including choice of appropriate entity, naming and trade names, agreements among initial and early owners, operational management, governance, succession, equity and debt finance, intellectual property issues, employment arrangements and applicable employment statutes, executive compensation, typical operational contracts, risk management and ethical issues. This course will also review customary financial statements, business strategies in terms of long-term development or early exit, and common exit alternatives. The objective is to give participants an introduction to the diverse legal problems that they are likely to encounter in an entrepreneurial setting, either as lawyers for the enterprise or as owners of an equity position in the enterprise.

Changes Effective Fall 2019:

- Prerequisite/Corequisite/Concurrent Courses

IHEAC 900: Entrepreneur Assistance Clinic (4 Credits: Maximum of 8 Credits) Old Listing Effective Through Summer 2019:

Under the supervision of a faculty member/director of the clinic, students learn to represent entrepreneurs, start-ups and not-for-profit organizations in a setting that is similar to a small law firm. Issues most frequently encountered include choice of entity, entity formation, founder and initial investor agreements, shareholder agreements, loan arrangements, certain intellectual property protection, commercial real estate leasing and acquisition, operating agreements, employee management and compliance with regulatory requirements. Students will learn the basic skills necessary to attract and interview potential clients, organize a business plan, communicate orally and in writing with a client and third parties, conduct research, draft transactional documents, prepare for and manage closings. Students will learn basic principles of law office administration and will be expected to comply with law office protocols (e.g. conflict screens, client confidentiality, and time and expense record keeping) and will learn and conform to the professional responsibilities of lawyers engaged in business transactional practice. The faculty member will hold weekly class sessions for presentation and discussion of client projects, skill development, and legal issues affecting entrepreneurs and counsel for entrepreneurs

Changes Effective Fall 2019:

- Prerequisite/Corequisite/Concurrent Courses

Course Changes: Effective SPRING 2020

TRTM 902: BLSA Mock Trial Team (2 Credits: Maximum of 4 Credits) Old Listing Effective Through Fall 2019:

See handbook for description

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Changes Effective Spring 2020:

- Credits to 2 Credits: Maximum of 6 Credits

TRTM 903: Academy Mock Trial Team (2 Credits: Maximum of 4 Credits)

Old Listing Effective Through Fall 2019:

See handbook for description

Changes Effective Spring 2020:

- Credits to 2 Credits: Maximum of 6 Credits

TRTM 904: National Trial Competition Team (2 Credits: Maximum of 4 Credits)

Old Listing Effective Through Fall 2019:

See handbook for description

Changes Effective Spring 2020:

- Credits to 2 Credits: Maximum of 6 Credits