HEALTH LAW (HLTLW)

HLTLW 960: Food and Drug Regulation

3 Credits

This survey course covers the federal regulation of food, human and animal drugs, medical devices, cosmetics, biologics, and agricultural biotechnology. The primary focus will be on the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the operations of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The course will also cover related statutes implemented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the interaction between federal regulation and private tort litigation, and international trade in FDA-regulated products.

HLTLW 961: Introduction to Health Law

3 Credits

This course surveys U.S. health law, focusing primarily on health insurance, and the organization and regulation of healthcare providers, organizations, and industry, which are the essential areas of health law practice. The first third of the course focuses on health insurance. Public health insurance programs, Medicare and Medicaid, are covered first before moving onto the Affordable Care Act and the regulation of private insurance. The remainder of the course covers topics such as regulation of healthcare entities and providers; tax exemption requirements for hospitals; healthcare fraud and abuse; and antitrust issues in the provision of healthcare.

HLTLW 962: Bioethics and Law

3 Credits

This course surveys the law of bioethics. Most of the course will focus on the law of decision making in healthcare or medical settings. We will begin by examining the treatment relationship between patients and their healthcare providers, focusing on the fiduciary nature of the relationship and the doctrine of informed consent. Informed consent is also the foundation of human subjects research regulation, which is the next topic in the course. We will then explore the law of organ transplantation before moving into special types of healthcare decision making—reproductive and end-of-life decision making. We conclude the survey with the law of public health.

HLTLW 997: Special Topics

1-12 Credits/Maximum of 12

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