Adjunct Professor: Bryan Harnetiaux

Credit Hours: 2

Time: Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m., Room 227

Prerequisites: Legal Writing or Extracurricular Moot Court Experience

Required Text: Washington Court Rules (West ed. 2016) – you do not need to buy this text, as it is only used in a limited fashion. Otherwise, written materials largely consist of cases and law review articles. Cases assigned in class for reading assignment should be copied from the Washington Reports books, if possible; otherwise, cases and law review articles may be accessed electronically.

Course Description:

This course is primarily a theory course which examines the underpinnings of appellate law and principled appellate decision-making. The class will review the concepts of stare decisis, dicta, justiciable controversy, mootness, and general principles governing preservation of error (Round I). It will also explore res judicata, collateral estoppel, law of the case, judicial estoppel, and the doctrine of separation of powers (Round II).

The course will include an orientation regarding the state and federal appellate systems. The particular focus is on the Washington appellate system, including review of select rules of appellate procedure (RAPs) in Washington.

Student Requirements:

Students will prepare two short writing assignments, with accompanying class presentation (Rounds I & II), and complete a moderate writing assignment that serves in lieu of a final examination. See attached detailed description.

Class Size:

This class is limited to 20 students. If you find the class is full when you register, please sign up on a “wait list” at the Registrar’s Office. Third year students are given priority only if they register during the third year registration period. Second year students will be allowed to register if the class has not been filled by third year students enrolling during the third year registration period.

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- Any priest serving as a sacramental confessor or any ordained religious leader serving in the sacred confidence role. | 509.313.4242
- University Lutheran Community Services and SAFeT | 509.624.RAPE*

For further information, call Bryan Harnetiaux (624-3890) or contact his faculty assistant, Tricia Leahy-Charles (email: tleahy-charles@lawschool.gonzaga.edu; phone: 323-3790).