

## **ASP SYLLABUS**

**FALL 2011**

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**Welcome! General Information and Availability.** The academic support office is in room 728. The office will be staffed by the director and five teaching assistants who are available to help you successfully navigate the first year of law school. The director is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (except during scheduled ASP classes). You may drop in during those hours or you may make an appointment. Appointments can be arranged in person or by email. Office hours will be posted on the door to the academic support office.

The academic support teaching assistants staff the office on Mondays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Fridays from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The schedule of teaching assistant office hours will be posted on the door to the academic support office.

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**Goals and Objectives.** The aim of the Academic Support Program is to help you achieve academic success. Our goal is to help you develop the skills necessary to excel in the first year of law school. The role of the Academic Support Program is to help you identify and practice essential test-taking strategies and skills, rather than to teach you, or review, the substantive material for any particular course. We will usually refer to the substantive doctrines in your courses in order to teach a particular skill, however, your individual professors are the experts in their respective subject areas. Please see them if you have questions about the substantive law. Your teaching assistants may also be a useful resource if you have substantive questions, particularly if they had the same 1L professor that you did.

**Classes.** The Academic Support Program holds weekly classes on a variety of topics relevant to 1Ls. The class will meet on Thursdays from 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. in room 805 beginning September 8. Attendance at ASP class sessions is open to all first year students. Students who attend regularly will get the most out of the program. Attendance will be taken each class for our records.

ASP classes have been very popular in recent years, and for that reason, we will be repeating the first several classes the following Tuesday at 12:00 in Room 805. You may attend either one of the sessions as they will cover the same material. The date of the repeated classes will be listed in the syllabus.

### **CLASS TOPICS**

This syllabus is subject to change based on the needs of the class.

9/8 What you Should be Getting from your Classes  
**(Repeated Tuesday 9/13 from 12:00 to 12:50 in Room 805)**

9/15 Study Aids and Study Groups  
**(Repeated Tuesday 9/20 from 12:00 to 12:50 in Room 805)**

9/22 IRAC-Organizing Legal Analysis  
**(Repeated Tuesday 9/27 from 12:00 to 12:50 in Room 805)**

9/29 No class this week in observance of Rosh Hashanah.

10/6 Outlining for Law School Exams  
**(Repeated Tuesday 10/11 from 12:00 to 12:50 in Room 805)**

10/13 Analysis of an A Exam  
**(Repeated Tuesday 10/18 from 12:00 to 12:50 in Room 805)**

**None of the following classes will be repeated!**

10/20 The A in IRAC – Practice Exercise

10/27 Multiple Choice and Policy Questions

11/3 Issue Spotting

11/10 Select a Study Aid Day (Drop in to the ASP office, Room 728 any time during class period)

11/12 Saturday Three Hour Practice Exam

11/17 Panel of Experts –Tips for Exam Success!

11/24 THANKSGIVING –NO CLASS ☺