

Course Overview Memo

Clinic-I

(Compulsory Course IX Semester)

I. INTRODUCTION

This short memo aims to briefly familiarize the students about this course, its contents and the mechanics to class instruction and evaluation to be followed in conducting the course. The detailed course outline with list of reading materials will be available two weeks before the beginning of class.

II. CONTACT OF THE COURSE TEACHER

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III. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Good lawyering is a combination of several different skills and values. Firstly it involves good analysis of legal rules and fact, using logical reasoning, legal research and command of language. Secondly it requires lawyers to understand the forms and requirement of different legal materials, typology of forums and their particular procedural aspects, drafting skills and interviewing skills. Finally a good lawyer requires being a good negotiator and maintaining the dignity of the legal profession. This course aims to provide students a foundation into some of these complicated practical skills and values intricately associated to the making of a successful and competent lawyer by using simulation and clinical experience.

IV. TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

1. Drafting & Pleadings
2. Basic Advocacy Skills
3. Skills of Professionalism

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The course will combine lecture, clinical methodology and simulation exercises, and will be taught with assistance of practicing lawyers/retired judges. The class lectures will intend to instruct students on the general rules for drafting of legal documents and clinical components will provide practical experience and guide students to reflect on their work. Students' good-faith participation in every aspect of the course is mandatory.

B. Evaluation System

The course will include 3 simulated exercises in drafting carrying a total of 30 marks (10 marks for each) and remaining 70 marks will be divided between professionalism and end semester examination.

IV. REQUIRED TEXTS

1. *Drafting and Conveyancing*, S.P.Agrawal, Butterworths,2005
2. *Mogha's Law of Pleading in India*, G.C. Mogha (et.al), Eastern Law House, 2006
