

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY CLAUDE PETTIT COLLEGE OF LAW
SPECIAL TOPICS
2019 J-TERM & SPRING SEMESTER

LAW-1432-24: The Rule of Law Program Design (J-Term)

This course will help students who are planning careers in international rule of law promotion to understand and practice the key skills of surveying, designing, implementing, and evaluating rule of law programs. Through research and mock problem solving, students will develop program plans to address key justice gaps in their chosen country. They will then build logical frameworks to monitor and evaluate the goals of each element of their program.

LAW-1432-32: Advanced Criminal Procedure (Spring)

This course covers the Constitutional and statutory rules governing the pre-trial process in a typical case. The course focuses on issues such as preliminary hearings, bail, discovery, speedy trial, jury selection, and right to counsel. **Criminal Procedure is not a prerequisite for this course.**

LAW-1432-12: Trial Adv. for Trial Team (Spring)

Intensive preparation course for trial team competition as well as a short course “boot camp” for trial including pretrial motions and evidentiary briefs. The course culminates in the presentation of a full trial by each student. **This class is only open to students selected as members of the trial team by the Moot Court board.**

LAW-1432-09: Agriculture Law (Spring)

This course focuses on the legal aspects of agricultural operations. It may include farm financing, commodities, and farm succession planning.

LAW-1432-31: Labor & Employment Law Practicum (Spring) (Skills)

This practicum gives students the opportunity to hone their written and oral advocacy skills through the extensive use of simulations. Students will be assigned to work in pairs representing a particular client. The client’s student-attorney team will decide what and how to pursue potential claims or how to defend claims brought against the client. Students may experience interviewing and counseling clients, conducting an investigation, filing claims with administrative agencies, conducting research, drafting pleadings and legal memoranda, negotiations, engaging in discovery, and representing clients in mediation and litigation motion practice. The simulations will be based on common issues faced by labor and employment lawyers, such as unfair labor practice proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board; employment discrimination and sexual harassment charges before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and in litigation; federal labor standards violations, such as minimum wage/overtime and medical leave; and resolution of employee grievances under a collective bargaining agreement. No prior knowledge of labor and employment law is required, nor should students expect to gain more than a surface-level understanding of this area of law through this practicum, as it is primarily experiential in nature. Much of the students’ work will be self-directed, but classroom sessions will offer opportunities for instruction and coaching, as well as self-evaluation, of student performance of practice skills. Evaluation is based on numerous writing and oral advocacy projects submitted throughout the semester. This practicum counts toward the skills requirement necessary to graduate.