LAW B597c
WASH. J. L. TECH. & ARTS Research & Writing Seminar
Autumn 2015/Winter 2016

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Meeting Time and Place:

The course meets from 12:30p.m. to 1:20p.m. in a location announced by the Editor-in-Chief. Individual student conferences meet in Prof. Gomulkiewicz’s office.

Course Objectives:

This two-credit seminar is designed to support second-year law students who are writing articles for the WASH. J. L. TECH. & ARTS. Writing an article for the journal gives students an opportunity to think critically about the current laws, ponder future developments, and consider the implications for the practice of law. Writing at this level is inherently challenging. In the process, though, students improve their writing, legal analysis, and understanding of the law and its application. The seminar focuses on topic selection, research, and drafting. This is a graded course with multiple assignments. The final grade will be recorded after Winter Quarter.

Course Structure and Grading:

The seminar will include lectures, discussion, writing exercises, oral presentations, and individual conferences to help students develop their articles. Students will be evaluated on the basis of the assignments listed below. All written assignments must be turned in by putting a hard copy in Prof. Gomulkiewicz’s faculty mailbox on the 4th floor of Wm. H. Gates Hall. Assignments during the Autumn Quarter will be evaluated on timely submission, completeness, and a good faith effort to make progress. Successful students will turn in assignments on time, demonstrate vigorous academic performance, and actively participate in seminar activities. Seminar grading is not subject to the mandatory curve.

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Note that the deadlines for the graded assignments for this seminar may be different than (although are in synch with) the deadlines set by the journal editors for journal articles

Schedule for Autumn 2015 Sessions

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<td>Class Session</td>
<td>Best Practices for Topic Selection</td>
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<td>September 28</td>
<td>Class Session</td>
<td>Doing Sufficient Research; Creating a Useful Structure; Working with Faculty and External Advisors</td>
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<td>October 19</td>
<td>Class Session</td>
<td>Preparing an Abstract and the First Draft</td>
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<td>Class Session</td>
<td>Creating an Excellent Article; Developing Practice Pointers</td>
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<td>Individual Conferences with Prof. Gomulkiewicz</td>
<td>Progress Reports and Feedback on First Draft</td>
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<td>December 6</td>
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**NOTE:** The schedule for and details about the Oral Presentations and 2 Peer Feedback Papers will be announced at the first class session of Winter Quarter.