Notes on Schedule for Winter 2023-24

1. Students can add/drop classes through the first week of class at no charge in BearWeb or by contacting the Law School Registrar’s Office.

2. The “Registration Memo for 2L & 3L Students” is required reading for those registering for the fourth quarter term or later.

3. **LARC 4: Transactional Drafting**: Enrollment is available on a first come, first served basis. LARC 4 will also be offered in the spring, summer, and fall quarters. Students must take LARC 4 before taking LARC 5. Students planning to enroll in fall 2024 Practice Court must enroll in LARC 4 during winter unless they plan to take classes in the summer 2024 term. Those students can take LARC 4 in the spring and LARC 5 in the summer quarter.

4. **LARC 5: Litigation Drafting**: Enrollment is available on a first come, first served basis. A *limited* number of LARC 5 sections will be offered in the spring. Students must take LARC 5 before enrolling in Practice Court. Students planning to enroll in Practice Court for spring 2024 can consult with Ms. Suzy Daniel before registration opens about priority registration in LARC 5: Litigation Drafting for the winter quarter. Ms. Daniel’s Office is located near the second-floor courtrooms, or she can be reached via email.

5. **Law 9301, Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties**: Students who have not yet taken this class who plan to enroll in spring 2024 Practice Court must take this class during the winter quarter.

6. **Law 9135, Extended Bar Preparation Skills Course for 3L Students**
   This is a one-hour pass/fail online course. Most sessions will be completed asynchronously (there may be an in-person class sometime during the quarter). This course is recommended to be taken right before starting the regular bar review course, which generally starts about ten weeks before the bar exam. Second-year students may not take it unless approved by the Associate Dean or Senior Assistant Dean.

7. **Limited Enrollment Classes**
   Most law school electives are not limited in enrollment, but occasionally, it is necessary to limit a class depending on available classroom space. Every effort is made not to limit electives unless necessary. For electives not listed below, if limited, space is available on a first come/first served basis.

   For the classes listed below, you should register for the class by the registration deadline. All students who register will be considered for the class. Once the enrollment is determined for the class, students will be notified if they did or did not get into the class. Information on determining enrollment for each limited enrollment class is included below.

   Unless otherwise indicated below, enrollment is based on the number of hours the student has earned and quarters completed. In the event of a tie, a random drawing is made. **Students failing to register on time will not be considered in the selection process. If you are enrolling in a limited enrollment course, you should consider what course(s) you will register for if you do not get into the course(s) you initially registered for. Students who do not get into a class can adjust their schedule.**

   **Limited Enrollment Electives:**

   **Law 247, Alternative Dispute Resolution** - Enrollment is limited to 24 students. Preference is given to students who have submitted a signed Intent to Pursue Professional Track in Business Litigation, Family Law Practice, Family Law, General Civil Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Criminal Practice Special Distinction, or the Special Distinction in Litigation. Also, consideration will be given to the
number of hours the student has completed toward the track and/or hours the student has completed in law school.

**Law 9227, Client Relations** - Enrollment is limited to 24 students. Preference is given to students who have submitted a signed Intent to Pursue Professional Track in Business Planning, Estate Planning, Family Law, General Civil Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, or the Intellectual Property Special Distinction. Also, consideration will be given to the number of hours the student has completed toward the track and/or hours the student has completed in law school.

**Law 9316, Contract Drafting & Negotiation** - Enrollment is limited in this class to 12 students. Preference is given to students who have submitted a signed Intent to Pursue Professional Track or Special Distinction (when applicable) in Business Planning, General Civil Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Real Estate & Natural Resources. Also, consideration will be given to the number of hours the student has completed toward the track and/or hours the student has completed in law school.

**Law 9156, Criminal Law Boot Camp (1 credit hour)** – A limited number of students may participate in a Criminal Law Bootcamp for one hour of pass/fail credit. The class must have a minimum of 12 students to make. The class is limited to 16 students. Students will be introduced to Texas state criminal practice through lectures and trial advocacy exercises. Faculty will be made up of Prosecutors, Criminal Defense Attorneys and Judges. This course will greatly benefit those students who participate in the PC criminal big trial case as it will expose them to the case theories and preparation skills that are essential for successful criminal prosecution and defense. The class will take place on Friday afternoon, December 1, through Sunday, December 3, 2023. Students with a class scheduled to meet on Friday at noon or after may be eligible to enroll in the Boot Camp. Students in this situation will need to consult with the professor teaching the conflicting class to see if the absence on the Friday afternoon of the Boot Camp will be excused. Should the Boot Camp not be excused, the student will need to decide if they still want to enroll in the Boot Camp. Students signing up for a conflicting course can ask Suzy Daniel to register them for the Boot Camp by the registration deadline so they will be considered for the course.

**Law 9158, Criminal Law Capstone (1 credit hour) (Practice Court Students Only)** – A limited number of Practice Court students may participate in a Criminal Law capstone for one hour of pass/fail credit. Students must also enroll in the Criminal Law Boot Camp or have already completed the Boot Camp to be eligible to enroll in the capstone. The capstone will consist of a PC big trial criminal law case and a lecture. Students planning to participate in this capstone must notify Austin Dam, Practice Court Associate, at their earliest convenience, in addition to registering for the course.

**Law 9139, Family Law Boot Camp** – This will be a one-credit hour, pass/fail course. Students must submit an application to the Family Law Boot Camp by Friday, September 22 to be considered for the Boot Camp. Students will be notified the following week whether or not they will be enrolled in the class during winter quarter.

This course will expose students to the real-world side of practicing family law in Texas. The course will provide 17 hours of in-class instruction with a mix of lecture, strategic breakout sessions, and mock trial experiences. The course will simulate the real-world realities of practicing family law litigation. Students will complete the course with a better understanding of how a family law case proceeds through the court system from intake of the client through judgment and post-judgment issues. **Attendance is mandatory in all class sessions.**

Friday, November 10, 12:00 p.m. through early evening.
Saturday and Sunday, November 11-12.

Students with a conflicting Friday afternoon elective may request that Suzy Daniel register them for the Boot Camp. After the registration deadline, students will be notified if they get into the Boot Camp. Students who are admitted into a boot camp class that meets during the quarter on a Friday afternoon and who are registered for a class that normally meets on Friday afternoon are responsible for visiting with the instructor of their regular Friday afternoon class about the potential absence on the day of the boot
camp. The instructor will decide if the absence is excused or not. If the instructor of the regular Friday class opts to treat the absence as unexcused, the student must determine if he or she wishes to remain enrolled in the boot camp. Students who wish to drop a boot camp should do so no later than the first week of the quarter so that another student might have the opportunity to enroll in the boot camp.

**Law 9206, Leadership Engagement & Development (LEAD)** – Enrollment in this class is limited to 25 students. Preference is given to students based on hours completed in law school. This is a pass/fail class.

**Law 9119, Patent Litigation Capstone (Practice Court Students Only)** – Enrollment in this capstone is limited. Students must be concurrently enrolled in Practice Court 3. It is preferred that students have taken Patent Law and Patent Practice & Disputes. Students who have not taken one or both courses can consult with Prof. Henry to see if they are eligible to enroll in the capstone. Students in this capstone will participate in a patent “big trial.” Students will prepare for and conduct a Markman hearing of a patent case, trying the case to a jury. Students will fully work through the Markman hearing aspect of the patent “big trial,” including related discovery on claim construction. Interested students should consult with Prof. Wren and Mr. Austin Dam, Practice Court Associate.

**Law 9338, Commercial Real Estate Transactions** – Enrollment in this class is limited to 25 students. Preference is given to students based on hours completed in law school and/or pursuit of the Business Planning or Real Estate and Natural Resources Professional Track.

**Law 9353, Trial Advocacy: Advanced Discovery Management (Practice Court or Post Practice Court Students Only)** – The class is limited to 16 students, who will work together in small, real-to-life plaintiff and defense teams. As information – especially digital information – continues to grow exponentially, the discovery phase of litigation increasingly dominates the litigation process. This course will provide students with practical, advanced knowledge of skills for dealing with discovery issues. The class will consist of a 70-minute class period per week for a legal writing assignment and lecture, and two 70-minute class periods to delve deeper into the practical side of discovery and e-discovery.

**Law 9263, Trial Advocacy: Advanced Trial Preparation (Practice Court Students Only)** – Enrollment is limited to 24 students. Preference is given to students who have signed and submitted the Intent to Pursue Professional Track form indicating the student is completing the General Civil Litigation Professional Track or the Special Distinction in Litigation. Also considered for enrollment is the number of hours a student has completed toward the track and/or the number of hours the student has completed in law school. This two-credit hour course meets three times per week for several weeks of the quarter, after which it will no longer meet.

**Law 9220, Trial Advocacy: Beginning Trial Advocacy (2 credit hours)** – This class is open to students who have not yet taken Practice Court. Enrollment is limited to 16 students. Students will be notified if they got into the class after the registration deadline. This course seeks to provide students with a foundation in the art of trial advocacy prior to more advanced training in Practice Court. Course methodology includes class discussion, group planning, performance drills and group critique. Subjects for study include developing a theory and theme of the issue; storytelling skills, as applied to opening statement; direct examination skills; planning of cross-examination and cross-examination techniques. Grades are assigned based upon class participation, written exercises and performance skills. Students who have taken The School of the Trial or Advanced School of the Trial at St. Andrews may not take this class for credit.

**Field Placements** – A limited number of students can enroll in field placement credit. The Career Development Office distributes information periodically about field placement opportunities for upcoming quarters. Students interested in participating in a field placement should consult with the Career Development Office for more information.

**Capstone Courses** – Students intending to register for a capstone course at some time during law school should notify the supervising faculty member as early as possible. Students taking capstone courses other
than the Criminal Practice Capstone must submit a completed Capstone Course Faculty Supervision form to the Law School Registrar, who will register the student. Students taking a capstone under the supervision of Professors Featherston or Miller must contact the professor within the first two days of the quarter in which they are taking a capstone course, or they will not be allowed to take the capstone course during that quarter.

9. **Intellectual Property Clinic**
   Students who wish to participate in the Intellectual Property Clinic should consult with Prof. Connie Nichols or Ms. Jill Speegle at the earliest opportunity in law school. Students who apply and are accepted into the Intellectual Property Clinic will be registered by the Law School Registrar’s Office. The student must have already taken Intellectual Property. Students will also need to take Law 9260, Patent Practice & Disputes or Law 9262, Trademark Practice & Disputes (depending on if they are focusing on patent or trademark). Prof. Nichols can be reached at (254)-710-3611. Ms. Speegle’s office is located on the first floor of the Law School in the Clinics Office; 254-710-3501.

10. **Advocacy Teams**
    Students who participate on advocacy teams receive academic credit for participation. Students must register for the team in a term in which the team practiced or competed. Students earn two hours of credit for each team on which they serve but are limited to earning a total of eight hours of credit for teams. Students receive a letter grade for each team and must pay tuition for these credit hours. Team members should consult with the coach of their team for details about practice times. Students can register for an advocacy team by completing and submitting the [Advocacy Team Registration Form](#).

11. **Baylor Law Review Credit**
    Law Review credit may be taken by eligible students. If in doubt regarding your eligibility or the circumstances under which it may be taken, consult with the Business Editor of the Law Review. Students who need to register for Law Review hours should notify the Business Editor that they wish to do so. The Business Editor will verify eligibility, after which, the Registrar will register the student.

12. **Independent Studies in Law**
    Students planning on enrolling in Independent Studies should read the “Memorandum to Students Planning on Enrolling in Independent Studies” for an explanation of the requirements of the course. A student is limited to 2 hours of independent study unless prior approval is given by Associate Dean Cordon.

13. **Advanced Tax Courses**
    Those who wish to take advanced tax courses in the School of Business should begin planning in their first year. See the Law School Catalog on the Law School’s website and consult with the Law School Registrar and Associate Dean Cordon if necessary. School of Business tax courses will be given pass-fail credit for law school academic purposes.

14. **Joint Degrees - JD/MBA, JD/MBA-Healthcare Administration, JD/MDiv, JD/MTax and JD/MPPA**
    Students interested in pursuing one of the above joint degrees should visit with Associate Dean Cordon as early as possible in the Law School career about their plans.