**SYLLABUS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW SEMINAR, FALL 2013**

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***Assessment*:**

This course is 3 units and graded. Students have the option of writing a 20-30 page research paper on a topic related to the subject matter of the course, or taking a final.

Grading will be based on attendance, class participation, leading class discussion one week (totaling 33%), and the research paper or final (66%).

Students will need to decide their paper topics by Oct. 1. One to two page outlines of the paper will be due Nov. 1.

Papers may be the first draft of a Writing Requirement; students usually enroll in 299 (Independent Study) in the spring to complete this.

***Textbook:* Domestic Violence Law, 2013 (West, 4rd ed), by Nancy K. D. Lemon**

***[NOTE: Instructor has 10 copies available for purchase below bookstore/online price, please email to reserve a copy]***

Introduction, The Big Picture

***[Note: An amended syllabus will be posted for some weeks starting with week 3, directing students to focus on some materials and skim the others.]***

Week 1, Aug. 21 Introduction, History and Overview – Preface, Chapter 1

Week 2, Aug. 28 Domestic Violence: Causes, Effects, & Treatment – Chapter 2

Week 3, Sept. 4 Cross-Cultural Issues, Survivors of DV Who Face Multiple Oppressions; Battering in GLBTQ Relationships – Chapters 3 & 4

Civil Issues

Week 4, Sept. 11 Suing Batterers in Tort Actions – Chapter 5

Week 5, Sept. 18 Civil Restraining Orders – Chapter 6

Week 6, Sept. 25 Children in Homes Where DV Takes Place; Alternative Dispute Resolution – Chapters 7 & 8

Criminal Issues

Week 7, Oct. 2 Rape of Intimate Partners; Judges, Courts, & Sentencing Batterers– Chapters 9 & 12

Week 8, Oct. 9 Law Enforcement Response to DV – Chapter 10

Week 9, Oct. 16 Prosecutorial Response to DV – Chapter 11

Week 10, Oct. 23 Victims of DV as Criminal Defendants – Chapter 13

Other Issues

Week 11, Oct. 30 Federal Responses: VAWA, Restrictions on Firearms – Chapter 14

Week 12, Nov. 6 Confidentiality & Safety Issues, Including Mandatory Reporting of DV – Chapter 15

Week 13, Nov. 13 Financial, Employment, & Housing Issues Affecting Survivors of DV – Chapter 16

Week 14, Nov. 20 Immigration and Human Rights Issues – Chapter 17

TBA Review Session for those taking final exam (optional)