

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER COLLEGE OF LAW
JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP SEMINAR – SPRING 2014

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This seminar will focus on practical stuff. I'll give you various readings articles, stories, blog posts, etc., that speak to a given topic. These will on available on Blackboard. These won't be our primary subject matter, but may serve as springboards for discussion. You will have to watch six movies over the course of the semester, and these will provide our jumping off point for the issue under discussion. It's my understanding that the movies are be available in some electronic format you can access through your laptops; check with the Externship office about this.

Each class will start with an oral report from each of you on what happened at your internship in the past week that you feel is worth commenting on (and I expect that there will be something every week.) Starting next week, there will be a blog on the Blackboard page that each of you will write for between each class session. I'll put up a topic for discussion, but you're on your own after that. Finally, I'm going to have you write a short, reflective paper at the end of the class; I'll give you the parameters of that assignment later, but since we'll be watching movies during the course of the semester, you can assume the final paper will have a film component.

Because this is now a graded course, I expect everyone to be at every class session, to participate in our discussions, to blog and to write the short paper. Your grade will be derived from these factors. If you must miss class, please let me know as far in advance as you can. We can then discuss make-up.

Class 1 **Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

Introductions; Administrative details; Introduction to the Court System

Class 2 **Tuesday, February 4, 2014**

The Care & Feeding of Judges

Class 3 **Tuesday, February 18, 2014**

The Care & Feeding of Jurors

Movie Night # 1: Watch Sidney Lumet's 1957 film *12 Angry Men*, starring Henry Fonda. We will discuss what it says -- and doesn't say -- about how juries work.

Class 4 **Tuesday, March 4, 2014**

The Care & Feeding of Lawyers

Movie Night #2: Watch 1962's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, starring Gregory Peck and 1992's *My Cousin Vinny*, starring Joe Pesci. We will discuss what movies and TV say about lawyers and how that impacts the public's perception of us.

Class 5 **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**

The Care & Feeding of Lawyers (cont.)

Movie Night #3: Watch the 1980 made-for-TV movie, *Gideon's Trumpet*. We will discuss the role of lawyers in changing law, policy and/or social mores.

Class 6 **Tuesday, April 15, 2014**

The Care & Feeding of Lawyers (cont.)

Read Colo. Rules Governing Admission to the Bar & Colo. Rules re: Attorney Discipline, both appendices of C.R.C.P. We will talk about professionalism and ethics. My friend, Mark Caldwell from NITA, will be our guest discussion leader.

Class 7 **Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

Movie Night #4: Watch Stanley Kramer's 1961 classic *Judgment at Nuremberg*. We will discuss the role of an independent judiciary in a free society.