

# **POLI 495 – The Legal Profession**

## **Spring, 2017**

### **Internship Objectives**

This internship is designed to:

1. Provide the student with a basic understanding of the legal profession as well as state and local law.
2. Introduce the student to hands-on knowledge of legal concepts and practice.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the legal profession, legal concepts, and legal procedures.
2. Demonstrate professional development skills gained from the internship.

### **Grading Procedures**

Final Grades will be based on total points accumulated throughout the semester. Students earning between 93 and 100 percent will receive an “A”. A grade of “B+” requires that you earn between 88 and 92, “B” between 82 and 87, “C+” between 78 and 81, “C” between 72 and 77, “D+” between 68 and 71, “D” between 60 and 67. Grades lower than 60 will result in an “F” for the course.

### **Project Requirements**

1. Completion of internship requirements as delineated by the firm supervising the internship.
2. Completion of an internship journal that can be used as a guidebook for other students who are potential interns.
3. A 5-page reflection paper on the student’s internship experience.

### **Disabilities**

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with appropriately verified disabilities.

### **Academic Integrity**

The Informal Policy: If I catch you cheating or committing plagiarism (see definition below), I flunk you. F. For the whole course. Period.

The Formal Policy: Coastal Carolina University operates under a Code of Student Conduct, which governs both academic and social conduct. The Code of Student Conduct may be reviewed here: <http://www.coastal.edu/conduct/documents/codeofconduct.pdf>.

The Academic Integrity statement and Honor Pledge that govern the Code of Student Conduct reads as follows:

*Coastal Carolina University is an academic community that expects the highest standards of honesty, integrity and personal responsibility. As members of this community, we are accountable for our actions and are committed to creating an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust.*

*On my honor, I pledge:*

- *That I will take responsibility for my personal behavior; and*
- *That I will actively oppose every instance of academic dishonesty as defined in the Code of Student Conduct.*

*From this day forward, my signature on any University document, including tests, papers and other work submitted for a grade is a confirmation of this honor pledge.*

One of the most common forms of academic dishonesty in colleges and universities is plagiarism. Plagiarism is defined as “presenting the *ideas* or *words* of another as one’s own.” If you are discussing the ideas, theories, or opinions of another person, you must give that person credit via an in-text citation, EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT USING A DIRECT QUOTATION! If you have any questions about whether to cite something or how to cite it, please do not hesitate to ask me.

### **Note**

This course syllabus is a general plan for the course, and may be updated or changed throughout the semester as necessary.

### **Internship Responsibilities**

You are required to introduce your on-site supervisor to the professor supervising your course. Those two individuals will agree on your responsibilities for the internship via email or telephone contact. Your internship supervisor will report on your performance at the end of your internship. That report will be used along with your internship journal to determine your final grade for this internship.

**NOTE: ALL MATERIALS NEED TO BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.**