



## LAW SCHOOL PREPARATION COURSE

An intensive workshop for those desiring to excel, and not merely survive, in their first year of law school. This course's objective is to teach a proven approach for attacking the casebook method of instruction so that a dedicated student can maximize his or her study time and grades even before the first day of law school.

Enjoy this course in the privacy of your home by taking the online format. Sessions begin every eight weeks and include materials and first year course outlines.

### Why attend this informative law school preparation course?

1. The casebook method of instruction taught in law school is burdensome, confusing and debilitating.
2. High first year GPA's determine ability to transfer to better law schools.
3. High first year GPA's determine acceptance to most law reviews.
4. Law school faculty will not teach you how to pass your first year essay exams like we will.
5. The majority of multistate bar exam question areas are derived from first year course topics.
6. If you have mastered your first year courses, you have virtually survived law school.

INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THIS COURSE IS A PROFESSIONALLY GRADED LAW SCHOOL EXAMINATION BY YALE LAW SCHOOL ALUM AND UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF LAW PROFESSOR EMERITUS WILLIAM THOMS, ESQ., AND OUTLINES FOR MANY SUBSTANTIVE AREAS OF LAW WHICH ARE TYPICALLY STUDIED DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF LAW SCHOOL.

# COURSE OUTLINE

## ***Mastering the Casebook Method of Instruction***

You will begin with an overview of important legal terminology and a review of general areas of the law so that you will have the background to learn the casebook method of instruction. Within the casebook method of instruction you will be required to read and brief hundreds of cases for each course. If you brief them in the traditional manner as requested by your professors, you will end up with hundreds of pages of wasted notes and no time to examine them before your finals. Our course will teach you a unique method of briefing a case that will still allow you plenty of review time.

## ***Recognizing the Point of Law***

The primary purpose of the casebook method of instruction is to introduce you to the points of law. Often, despite spending hours of precious study time, students will miss the point of law illustrated by a particular case. We will give you the study tools you need to quickly and correctly extract and formulate the relevant points of law.

## ***Isolating the Issues***

Knowing the legal principles is only valuable if you are able to determine how these principles provide the answers to specific issues. We will teach you how to spot issues, which is a skill not usually taught by your professors. The successful identification and formulation of issues will ensure superior grades on law school examinations.

## ***Class Participation and Taking Notes***

Many law school horror stories center around the humiliation of having to stand up and answer unexpected questions in class. We will teach you study techniques that prepare you for class, and we will give you a more realistic perspective on the relevancy of classroom participation. You will also discover note-taking tips that will prevent you from making the mistake of recording reams of unnecessary classroom rhetoric.

## ***Developing a Course Outline***

The best study tool for your law school final is a course outline. We will show you how to synthesize hundreds of pages of reading material and notes into a cohesive 10 - 20 page course summary. You will then be taught how to utilize this course outline as the exclusive means of preparing for your exams.

## ***The Law School Exam***

You are unlikely to find many multiple choice or "one-word answer" questions on your law school exams. More common questions will require you to identify and discuss issues and fact patterns as they relate to the pertinent rules of law. Not only must you have the ability to apply the law to the facts, you must also present your answers in a clear and well-organized manner. We will examine a well-written exam answer and review the elements of a clear and precise writing style. We will then have you respond to a hypothetical examination question and return it to you with a grade and critique.

## **About the Course Curriculum Author**

Scott A. Hatch, J.D. has taught LSAT preparation, law school preparation, bar review, and legal research courses at law schools and universities throughout the United States for twenty-seven (27) years. He has contributed to law books for McGraw-Hill and Lawyer's Co-op, and is the author of several textbooks including *Paralegal Procedures and Practices* published by West/ITP and many of the *For Dummies* standardized test prep series.

## **Online Law School Preparation Course**

This course is completed in one 7-week online session, and you can access the course from any computer with internet access.

### **2016 Online Sessions:**

Spring Session I: January 11 - February 26, 2016

Spring Session II: March 7 - April 22, 2016

Summer Session I: May 2 - June 17, 2016

Fall Session I: August 22 - October 7, 2016

Fall Session II: October 17 - December 2, 2016

### **Cost**

The total cost of the online program is only **\$300**. Extensive materials including many first-year course outlines are included in this price.

### **WESTLAW online legal research**

This service is available to Center for Legal Studies' students, and gives you access to the Westlaw law library for the duration of the 7-week online session you purchase it for. You must be enrolled in one of the courses offered by The Center for Legal Studies to take advantage of this opportunity. Purchasing access to this valuable legal research resource allows you to view virtually any legal research material that you can find in your law school library and much more. It also gives you access to a Westlaw representative to help you with any questions you may have about using Westlaw. You can familiarize yourself with law books and learn to conduct legal research before you enter your first year of law school!

**Questions?** Please contact The Center for Legal Studies at 1-800-522-7737, or visit the CLS website at <http://www.legalstudies.com/schools/UWWaukesha.html>.

## **UW-Waukesha Continuing Education**

## **Law School Preparation Course Registration Form**

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