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PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING A COURSE OVERRIDE

Students who want to register for a class that is “full” will need to complete a course override form available at the Registrar’s Counter. The override forms are now available. We will not begin reviewing the forms until Monday, November 21, so there is no need to rush to get the form in first. *Please do not request an override from the Professor teaching the class.* He or she will be consulted by the Administration if the override is otherwise feasible. We will advise you of the status of your request as soon as possible. They will be granted on the basis of need and ability to satisfy the request, not on the basis of first come-first served. On the override form, you will need to provide the course(s) you want to take that you were unable to acquire because they were full at the time of your registration. You also need to provide what courses you would need to drop if you did acquire the new course(s) and an explanation of why you need the particular course(s) for which you were unable to register.

Please keep the following in mind:

- ◆ You should not rely on an override to acquire a class. So, if you can register for another (less convenient) section of a class, you should do so.
- ◆ There is no requirement that you take Constitutional Law II from the same professor who taught you Constitutional Law I. All students who have not already taken Constitutional Law II must take it in the Spring term. So, register for some section of it.
- ◆ There is no requirement that you take Criminal Procedure I from the same professor who taught you Criminal Law. The courses are not sequential.
- ◆ Some course enrollments cannot be enlarged due to the fact that the class is already at the capacity of the room or the class is taught in a format in which the professor needs a distinct number of students (e.g., 8 teams of 2 students).
- ◆ Unless you are in your last semester and were given special authorization, all students must register for at least 12 credits. If you do not register for at least 12 credits, your financial aid will be delayed. No student can register for more than 18 credits. (Note that credits for Moot Court, Mock Trial, and Independent Research do count in the 18 credit limitation.)
- ◆ If you plan to satisfy the Senior Writing Requirement by completing an Independent Research Project then you must add that 1 credit on a “Drop/Add” form. You must get the professor who has agreed to supervise the project to sign off on that form, and then return the form to the Registrar’s counter. This is not an override and merely requires the professor’s signature. Please note that only full-time faculty and a few designated adjunct faculty members are approved to supervise a project. If you are not sure whether your proposed professor is authorized to supervise a project, contact me and I will let you know.
- ◆ J.D. student can take the LL.M. courses (either in Environmental Sustainability or Intercultural Human Rights) as elective courses. Some of these courses may be of particular interest because of the topic and

some may make for a more convenient schedule. So, you should consult those schedules as well. To Register for one of the LL.M. courses, J.D. students need to do so manually with a Drop/Add form and provide it to the Registrar. Note that if the LL.M. course conflicts with one class session of another class, you still can take the LL.M. course, but you would have to be willing to take the "absence" in the other class.

SECTION FOUR FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

Associate Professor Jennifer Martin challenged her Section 4 Contracts students to do a charitable project by collecting 1,200 non-perishable food items for Kids in Distress. If the students accepted the challenge, they would have the ability to have a copy of Article 2 of the UCC and a single piece of paper for their final examination. Section 4 (with a little help from her Business Associations students) collected 3038 items (cash donations, Publix gift cards, and non-perishable food items). This work is amazing and shows the extreme motivation and generosity of these students who we all should commend. The students not only reached in their own pockets but also asked friends, relatives, and others at school and in the community to make this collection count.

The mission of Kids in Distress (KID) is to prevent child abuse, preserve the family, and treat children who have been abused and neglected. Recognized as a premier agency in South Florida, it provides family strengthening services as well as children's services for more than 6,000 children and their families. All of its programs and services are designed specifically to give children and their families the tools, skills, services, and education they need to maintain a safe, stable, and healthy environment in which to thrive.

FAWL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY REMINDER

The Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL) is offering several limited scholarships to law students who have made or seek to make contributions to the community in the areas of health, safety, human rights, or human welfare. Males, as well as females, are eligible for the scholarships.

The deadline for the application is **Wednesday, November 30, 2011**. Completed applications should be returned to Laura K. Wendell, c/o Elizabeth Osorio, eosoria@wsh-law.com, Scholarship Co-Chair, or mailed to Laura K. Wendell, c/o Elizabeth Osorio, 2525 Ponce De Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, FL 33134. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Laura K. Wendell at (305) 854-0800.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor Alfredo Garcia was the first recipient of Phi Alpha Delta-Soia Mentschikoff Chapter Spotlight Award. The Spotlight Award is an annual award that honors a member of the law school faculty who best fits the PAD's core values which are Integrity, Compassion, and Courage through service to the student, the school, the profession, and the community.

We are pleased to announce Associate Professor Roy Balleste who was a candidate for the J.S.D. degree in Intercultural Human Rights, submitted his doctoral thesis on *Internet Governance and Human Rights: The Polices of Control in the Electronic Commons*. Professor Balleste successfully defended his thesis in a rigorosum held at St. Thomas University School of Law on November 10, 2011. This was the last step in the process of meeting all requirements for the J.S.D.

STUDENT PUBLICATION

The Writing Enhancement and Skills (WES) Program congratulates Jacqueline Llorente, a 3L in the J.D. program, for her achievement of publishing an article in this special Jubilee edition of the *Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*.