UMKC School of Law Fall Semester 2006

COURSE NUMBER & COURSE NAME: #656F Federal Public Defender Trial Clinic

PROFESSOR: Dean Berman

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE(S):

Students must have completed three semesters of law school and must be in upper half of their class.

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITE(S):

COURSE BOOK(S): None

METHOD OF GRADING AND APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

Ungraded. Pass/Fail

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

Up to three students will be assigned to work in the Federal Public Defender’s Office. Under the supervision of the Federal Public Defender, a student will prepare pleadings and represent federal indigent criminal defendants. Students will be expected to perform legal research, to write memoranda, motions and briefs. To observe and to appropriately participate in trials, pre-trial hearings, motion hearings and, in general, to assist in litigation. Students must meet eligibility requirements and be certified in compliance with Local Federal Rules of Court. Student will work a pre-approved schedule totaling 6 hours a week for 14 weeks with a minimum of 80 hours a semester for two academic credit hours and to attend regular conferences with their Supervising Attorney and with their Faculty Supervisor.

COURSE CONTENT:

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION PREPARATION: