UMKC School of Law Fall Semester 2006

COURSE NAME: Food, Drug and Biotechnology Law
COURSE NUMBER: 764D
PROFESSOR: Holman
ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None
DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: None
COURSE BOOKS: To be determined.

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
Student grade is to be based on final exam and participation in class discussions and exercises.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
This course will focus primarily upon the regulation of food, drugs and the products of biotechnology, such as biologic drugs and genetically modified plants and animals. Much of the course will pertain to FDA law, but we will also consider the roles of other regulatory agencies such as the EPA and USDA, and the interaction of state and federal law. This area of the law provides an interesting vehicle for exploring the adoption and interpretation of statutory law, the notice and comment rule-making process, administrative law and judicial review of administrative decisions, and the interplay of science, policy and the law. It will also tie in well with the Biotechnology Torts class currently being offered as an option for satisfaction of the advanced torts requirement.

COURSE CONTENT:
The course will focus primarily on the FDA and the regulation of food, drugs, medical devices, biological products, and genetically modified organisms.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:
The course will provide students with an opportunity to engage in some fairly sophisticated interpretation of legislation and regulations, and to gain some facility with regulatory processes and administrative law. It also provides some training in an increasingly relevant area of the law as it pertains to pharmaceuticals, medical devices and the products of biotechnology.