COURSE NUMBER & COURSE NAME: Criminal Trial Techniques – Law 820

PROFESSOR: James R. Wrysch & J.R. Hobbs

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE(S): Evidence, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITE(S): Criminal Procedure II, Constitutional Law

METHOD OF GRADING AND APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

This is a paper class; attendance is required and attendance records are kept. The grade on the papers constitutes 75% of the final grade, and attendance comprises 25% of the final grade.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
This course is designed to address criminal trial practice in a practical form. Demonstrations with lawyers active in the criminal justice system accompany many lectures so that students can glean an understanding of how to apply the techniques discussed in lecture.

COURSE BOOK(S): Recommended: Missouri Criminal Trial Practice by James R. Wyrsch, Hon. Anthony Nugent and Susan Hunt.

COURSE MATERIALS: Handouts

COURSE CONTENT: The topics span from the initial client contact (that first phone call or interview) through pretrial motions, trial, sentencing, and post conviction relief.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:
This course provides students with the basics of how to litigate a criminal case. The course would be especially useful for those students desiring to be prosecutors or defense counsel in criminal cases. Students who intend to engage in general practice of law, with the practice of criminal law as a part of such practice, would also find the course useful.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MISSOURI BAR EXAM PREPARATION: None