WINTER 2006 ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION
UMKC School of Law

COURSE NAME: Mediation

COURSE NUMBER: Law 734

PROFESSOR: Kisthardt

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Alternative Dispute Resolution

COURSE BOOKS: Mediation: Theory and Practice;
Getting to Yes

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Final Exam 50%, Case Analysis 30%, simulations and other written assignments 20%

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: This course is designed to introduce students to both the theory and skills of mediation. This will be accomplished through the use of written materials, video-tapes, simulated exercises and lectures. The course is not intended to be a training for mediators, rather it is to prepare students to effectively represent clients who are engaged in mediation and to familiarize students with mediative skills that can be used in the practice of law.

COURSE CONTENT: Readings from text on theory, simulated exercises.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: The use of mediation continues to increase. Many courts are now using mediation as a complement to the adjudicative process. It is very likely that future attorneys will be involved in mediations.