COURSE NAME: Advanced Legal Writing: Litigation Drafting - Criminal

COURSE NUMBER: 707D

PROFESSOR: Hon. Robert Larsen
United States District Court – Western District of Missouri

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: Introduction to Law I and II, Criminal Procedure I

COURSE BOOKS:
- The Georgetown Law Journal Annual Review of Criminal Procedure
- West’s Federal Criminal Code and Rules

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

Students will be graded on both in-class participation and out-of-class writing assignments.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

Advanced Criminal Drafting familiarizes students with the basic pleadings utilized at all stages of a federal criminal case. Topics of study will include the grand jury, charging documents, bond and detention, discovery, various pretrial motions, guilty pleas and plea bargains, voir dire and jury selection, jury instructions, sentencing, and appeals.

COURSE CONTENT:

Students will be given reading assignments prior to each class session. Lectures will then be given on the assigned reading, followed by group discussion. Out-of-class writing assignments will correspond to each of the topics discussed.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

This course provides students the opportunity to draft and receive feedback on the pleadings used in criminal practice.