WINTER/SPRING 2007 ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION UMKC School of Law

COURSE NAME: Remedies

COURSE NUMBER: 711

PROFESSOR: Barbara Glesner Fines

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE:

None

DESIRABLE PRE- or CO-REQUISITES:

Best taken as a “capstone” course in your last year of law study.

METHOD OF GRADING AND APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

Grades for the course will be based on a final three-hour examination. The exam will be in-class, open-book, open-note. The questions will be a combination of multiple choice, short answer and essay, similar to the sample exams and CALI exercises provided to you. I reserve the right to raise or lower the final course grade by one grade step (i.e. B to B+, B- to C+, etc.) for exceptionally good or poor class preparation and participation.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

Remedies is a great course! First, because it cuts across substantive and procedural subject matters, it makes a great capstone course. If you take a few moments with each case to review the substantive and procedural law background, you will be able to integrate much of your prior learning into a big picture. Second, remedies is a very practical course. When a client comes into your office with a problem, the question that is usually foremost in his or her mind is "what is the solution?" The solution, in litigation, is a remedy. Third, remedies is interesting. Remedies almost always involves issues of discretion: discretion of the judge in fashioning an equitable remedy, discretion of the jury in assessing damages, and discretion of law makers in setting the boundaries for these decisions. Discretion means that lots of interesting factors, often unstated, can influence a decision. If we understand those underlying factors, we can be much more effective in predicting outcomes and persuading decisionmakers.

COURSE CONTENT:

See http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/profiles/glesnerfines/bgf-rem.htm for syllabus, sample exams, etc.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:
As the course provides an excellent “capstone” for legal study, it is useful no matter what area of practice one intends; however, it is most relevant for those looking toward a litigation practice. The course is listed as a litigation emphasis elective.

**RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION:**
Helpful in preparing for the Multi-State Practice portion of the exam and especially helpful for preparing for the Equity portion of the Missouri essay portion of the bar exam.