WINTER/Spring 2007 ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION
UMKC School of Law

COURSE NUMBER & COURSE NAME
Seminar in Constitutional Interpretation/Law 826

PROFESSOR: Atkinson

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE(S):

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITE(S): A real interest in, and curiosity about the Supreme Court, the Justices, and the Constitution is most important.

METHOD OF GRADING AND APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
No test. A seminar paper is required, along with brief critiques of student papers and class participation.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
A number of cases are examined by everyone during the first part of the course; the second part is devoted to the presentation and discussion of papers.


COURSE MATERIALS: Handouts

COURSE CONTENT: The course content depends, to a large extent, on student interests and recent developments in the field. The seminar is not intended necessarily to deal with unfamiliar material, since some students will already have extensive constitutional backgrounds. It is intended to provide students with an opportunity to pursue topics of interest to them in the context of a systematic overview.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:
Besides providing important substantive information about the constitutional law, the seminar is also designed to provide the student with an opportunity to improve writing and research skills.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MISSOURI BAR EXAM PREPARATION:
The emphasis on contemporary developments makes the seminar especially relevant for Bar Examination preparation.