COURSE NAME: Advanced Legal Research – Litigation

COURSE NUMBER: 8643 L

PROFESSORS: Lawrence MacLachlan, Kathleen Hall, Phill Johnson

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: 531/532 Introduction to Law

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Additional Westlaw and Lexis refresher sessions

COURSE BOOKS: Material to be provided by the faculty.

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

- Bibliographic Analysis Assignments 25%
- Research Problems 25%
- Research Pathfinder and Presentation 50%

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: The course will refine research skills, help students think systematically about legal research and familiarize students with applicable resources specific to litigation and advocacy.

COURSE CONTENT: The course will cover resources for legal research specific to both civil and criminal litigation, state and federal, including pre-trial procedure, discovery, court rules, trial, evidentiary sources, expert witnesses, specialty reporters, damages and verdict reporters, post-trial appellate and/or conviction procedure including Supreme Court practice.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Competency in legal research is a necessary part of successful law practice. This course further complements the School of Law’s litigation and advocacy concentration.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION: Not currently included on the bar exam.