UMKC SCHOOL OF LAW ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION Fall 2009

COURSE NAME: Seminar in National Security Law (2 credits)

COURSE NUMBER: 8883

PROFESSOR: Fred K. Green

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: N/A

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Constitutional Law I & II, International Law

Dycus, Berney, Banks, Raven-Hansen, Eds.
Publisher: Aspen Publishers

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Students will prepare and present concise and focused “thesis” (15 pages) on selected topics - 80%. Combination of pop quizzes and active seminar participation - 20%.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Students will become fully familiar with breadth and scope of key legal issues in U.S. National Security Law and Policy including the decision-making apparatus and the role of the lawyer. Course will provide both a theoretical framework and immediate practical content dividing focus between domestic and international law topics. Classroom work will include combination of lecture/conference/seminar and role-playing exercises.

COURSE CONTENT: Theoretical approaches to national security and world order; International conflict management role of the UN; use of force and coercive measures in international law; U.S. National Security Strategy; U.S. national security law powers — Congress v. President; military operational law; intelligence, counterintelligence; clandestine and covert operations; control of terrorism; access to national security information; freedom of expression; national security violations, treason; drug trafficking; information warfare; homeland and border security, federal emergency preparedness and response, domestic use of the armed forces, etc. Topics will be selected as they arise in N.Y. Times, Wall Street Journal and other national public media.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Students anticipating legal careers in government from local to international organizations as well as military, foreign service and law enforcement officers will experience immediate and essential relevancy. This is a “J” requirement course providing intellectual breadth for the politically astute and discerning citizen of the world community.