FALL 2009 ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION UMKC SCHOOL OF LAW

COURSE NAME: Intellectual Property Law

COURSE NUMBER: 8808

PROFESSOR: Holman

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: N/A

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: N/A

COURSE BOOKS:

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
This class will have a final exam, and possibly a midterm, which will account for a majority of the class grade. Other factors may include in-class participation.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
This course will cover the basis of United States intellectual property law through analysis of the applicable statutes and case law. We will examine the scope of the various kinds of intellectual property as well as the various mechanisms available for protecting intellectual property.

This course will be useful for those who are seeking one course to give a basic introduction to intellectual property as well as for those who intend to pursue a career in intellectual property law. In addition, it will be a prerequisite for certain other upper level courses in intellectual property.

COURSE CONTENT: The course will include patent, copyright, trademark, and some unfair competition and trade secret protection concepts.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Intellectual property is seen as an essential asset for most companies, and accordingly, issues involving intellectual property are arising with increasing frequency in the commercial setting. This course will be invaluable for anyone interested in either commercial litigation or corporate work.