INTRODUCTION

UMKC SCHOOL OF LAW ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE NAME: International Trade and Finance

CATALOGUE NUMBER: 8832

PROFESSOR: Picker

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE BOOKS: TBD

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Two quizzes, and a course paper (subject to change)

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Study of the world trading system, focusing on policy and application (including the WTO, the NAFTA, and U.S. domestic trade remedies) and study in lesser degree of the world’s international financial institutions and policies.

COURSE CONTENT: The course will examine in detail the structure and workings of the major global trade and finance regimes, including the World Trade Organization (“WTO”), the International Monetary Fund (“IMF”) and the World Bank. In addition, regional trade and customs arrangements such as the NAFTA and the European Union will be examined. The role of international trade and finance in such areas as the environment, labor rights, national security, the developing world, and non-market economies will also be considered. The course will also cover United States domestic trade remedies, including antidumping, countervailing duties, section 301 and 337 actions as well as on other international trade restricting practices.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Any attorney working with clients involved in transnational business should have an understanding of the international trade and finance laws. Additionally, attorneys with interests in modern globalization, environment, labor, and geopolitics should also have a firm understanding of these issues.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION: None