COURSE NAME: Introduction to Workers’ Compensation Law & Practice (1 cr)

CATALOG NUMBER: 8746W

PROFESSOR: Judge Magruder and Joan Klosterman

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: There are no “essential” prerequisites

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Administrative Law may be a good background course but not necessary for this practical course.

COURSE BOOKS: Materials will be provided by the instructor

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: There will be a final problem but grading will be by Pass/Fail

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

An introduction to the general history and purpose of the workers' compensation laws with a particular emphasis on Missouri law. Students will be presented with and guided through actual workers' compensation problems which will introduce them to the practical aspects of the practice in this specialized area. With permission from Jefferson City and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the students will be exposed to actual workers' compensation hearings, mediations and other courtroom practices held at the law school and presided over by an Administrative Law Judge.

COURSE CONTENT: Classroom instruction from a practitioner and a workers' compensation administrative law judge. In addition, and with the approval of the Missouri Department of Labor & Industrial Relations, Division of Workers' Compensation, actual workers' compensation hearings, mediations and conferences will be held in the Courtroom during scheduled class times.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: The course is designed to introduce students to the practical aspects of a workers' compensation practice from both the claimant and defense perspective. Students taking the course should be able to interview a prospective client and determine the basic issues in his or her claim. Students will be able to prepare a Claim for Compensation and an Answer and will also become familiar with the forms and procedures used by the Division of Workers’ Compensation.