COURSE NAME: Juvenile Offenders and the Law

COURSE NUMBER: 8733R

PROFESSOR: Raith

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Criminal Procedure

COURSE BOOK:
Feld, Juvenile Justice Administration 2nd Ed. (West 2004)

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
Written final examination

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
An examination of our juvenile system’s historical treatment of juvenile delinquent and status offenders, and how the goals and objectives of the past have evolved into today’s juvenile offender laws; special emphasis on pre-trial and trial procedural issues under the juvenile code, certification of the juvenile offender as an adult, dispositional/treatment alternatives for juvenile offenders, and the unique position of schools as part of the juvenile justice system.

COURSE CONTENT:
In addition to the casebook assignments and discussion, this class will involve participation from various professionals involved in the juvenile justice system, observation of juvenile court proceedings, and a tour of a juvenile detention facility.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:
Important for anyone contemplating a criminal law practice, and those whose practice would include child advocacy and protection issues.