COURSE NAME: Biotechnology Law: Protecting and Commercializing Innovation

COURSE NUMBER: 8815B

PROFESSOR: Holman

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Intellectual Property or Patent Law

COURSE BOOKS:
The course will be based on materials that the instructor will assemble, including judicial decisions, law review articles, case studies and/or simulation exercises. Classes will be a mix of discussion, simulations, and presentations.

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
Assessment will be based on class participation, performance on in-class exercises, and an in-class exam to be held on the last day of class (90 minutes and “open notes”).

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: This course is intended to serve as an introduction to the issues facing an attorney representing a client in the biotechnology industry. Intellectual property plays a critical role in securing the necessary funding to support the extremely expensive and risky process of bringing a biotechnology product to market, and so it makes sense that a large proportion of the class will address intellectual property issues as they play out in the context of biotechnology. In addition, some time will be devoted to other legal, regulatory, finance and business issues that arise in the process of commercializing biotechnology innovation.

COURSE CONTENT: See Summary Description

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Particularly those interested in working in areas relating to business, technology, licensing and intellectual property