COURSE NAME: Transnational Litigation & Arbitration

COURSE NUMBER: Law 8753L

PROFESSOR: Picker

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: None

LITIGATION EMPHASIS: Satisfies one of the optional courses

COURSE BOOKS: TBA

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

A mix of final research paper and in-class quizzes. Details to be provided in the syllabus. Additionally, student grades may be raised or reduced by one letter grade for exceptionally good or poor class performance.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

Transnational Litigation & Arbitration concerns issues that arise as a result of disputes that have some aspects that cross borders, be it: foreign parties; evidence located in different countries; involve sovereign entities such as foreign states; implicate the foreign relations of the United States; are transactions that are covered by international law; and so on. As soon as litigation is transnational a whole host of unique features may arise that will be covered in the course.

COURSE CONTENT:

The course will cover the relationship of Public/Private international law to transnational litigation, as well as the employment of foreign law. The Course will also concern the issues that arise when one sues foreign defendants in U.S. Courts; suits by foreign plaintiffs; recognition of foreign judgments; suing foreign governments; extraterritorial application of U.S. Laws; international arbitration; and non-U.S. legal institutions and rules.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

Today transactions are likely to be global, with legal consequences that involve multiple countries and legal institutions. International dispute adjudication, be it before arbitration or courts within the United States or overseas, presents unique issues not adequately covered in traditional litigation or international law classes.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION:

No direct relevance