



## **CLASS ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION**

Attendance and participation are required for all classes. Students can be absent no more than four (4) class periods. Students who miss more than four (4) classes will be dismissed from the class and will receive a "0" for the course. Late arrivals and early departures may be deemed partial absences as determined by the professor.

You must be prepared to meaningfully participate in each class. Volunteering to discuss cases and issues with thoughtful (even if incorrect) analysis is required. This class is more productive (and fun) if you have read the required material and thought about it prior to class, and are willing to discuss it together. All viewpoints are welcome.

If you are aware of an upcoming absence or late arrival, please e-mail me prior to class.

### **\*\* EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITY \*\***

Superior Court Commissioner Gary Bischoff, a distinguished WSU alumni and WSU "Hall of Fame" member, has extended an invitation to all Spring 2012 Juvenile Law students:

You are invited to visit Comm. Bischoff's courtroom at the Lamoreaux Justice Center (Department L-31; 341 The City Drive, Orange, CA) to observe what happens on a typical day in juvenile dependency court. You must attend a morning session and agree to maintain the confidentiality of the proceedings. Please arrive by 8:30 a.m., and check in with Comm. Bischoff's bailiff in Dept. L-31; let him know you are from Western State. Comm. Bischoff and the lawyers will make every effort to speak with you during the morning calendar call. To receive extra credit, you must stay for the entire session (ending by 12 noon at the latest) and write a two-page informal "essay" detailing your experience in court. **The available dates of attendance are between Monday, January 9 and Thursday, January 26, 2012.**

## **FORMAT REQUIREMENTS AND POLICY FOR LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

Written assignments must conform to the following requirements:

- (1) Typewritten, double-spaced, Times New Roman or Tahoma 12-point font.

- (2) One-inch margins for the top, bottom, left and right margins. Note that if you are using Microsoft Word, you must set the margins to one-inch each, as the default setting for the left and right margins is 1.25 inches.
- (3) Each page must contain a page number, and your name, in either the header or footer.
- (4) The final version of your paper must contain citations that conform to the ALWD 4th edition format. Footnotes are acceptable, but not required. No endnotes.

Unless otherwise instructed, all assignments are to be submitted at the start of class. Your final paper will be uploaded to Safe Assign via the course Lexis Blackboard, as well as submitted as a date/time-stamped hardcopy to my inbox on the third floor. As a professional, you are responsible for submitting all assignments on time. A late assignment is one handed in any time after it is due, even if it is late by one minute. Penalties for lateness are as follows: (1) submitted within 24 hours after deadline: 10% grade reduction; (2) after the first 24 hours, an additional 20% grade reduction for each additional 24 hour time period in which the assignment is past due. For example, if the assignment is due on Tuesday by 1:00 p.m., then your grade on the assignment would be reduced by 30% if submitted at any time between Wednesday at 1:01 p.m. and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. The same assignment would be reduced by 50% if submitted at any time between Thursday at 1:01 p.m. and Friday at 1:00 p.m.

# SYLLABUS



## **WEEK 1: Tuesday January 17 & Thursday January 19** ☼

### Course Overview

The Relationship of Children to their Family & of the Family to the State

pp 1-4; 35-39 + download and read "Intro" section of "*School Daze*" and "*Disproportionate Representation of Minority Youth in the Juvenile Justice System*" articles: <http://ssrn.com/author=1641671> by Prof. Jones

## **WEEK 2: Tuesday January 24 & Thursday January 26** ☼

Juvenile Delinquency Introduction / Juvenile Dependency Introduction Hosted by The Honorable Gary Bischoff

pp 753-788; 304-331

## **WEEK 3: Tuesday January 31 & Thursday February 2** ☼

Children & the Death Penalty / DP for Child Rape? / Confessions & *Miranda* Issues

pp 789-798; 283-292; 850-860 + posted case J.D.B. v North Carolina, 131 S.Ct. 2394 (2011)

## **WEEK 4: Tuesday February 7 & Thursday February 9** ☼

Discussion of Topic Selection & Thesis Statement

Child Custody / Adoption

pp 451-473; 487-495; 518-523; 526-527; 534-545



