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Below are some seminars, reading groups, and selected topics courses that may be of interest to students looking to explore criminal law or policy in their coursework during the Fall 2018 semester. Following that is a list of related courses offered in the fall or spring semesters, or the summer session. Please check the “Information to Supplement the Bulletin” on the Records Office website for changes to these course offerings.

*For more information about GW Law events and activities related to criminal law and policy, please visit the Criminal Law Initiative website at [www.law.gwu.edu/crimlaw](http://www.law.gwu.edu/crimlaw) and sign up for the email list. Good luck with Fall 2018 registration! Best, Dean Fairfax*

### **Fall 2018 Criminal Law-Related Seminars, Reading Groups, & Selected Topics Courses**

#### **6264-12 Securities Law Seminar: *Enforcement of the Federal Securities Law (2) Sturc***

The Securities and Exchange Commission is the largest and most important agency that enforces financial laws and regulations. Its enforcement policies and practices have a profound effect on corporate culture, capital formation, and financial markets. Understanding how the SEC investigates possible violations and enforces its laws is important for lawyers engaged in complex civil and criminal litigation and for corporate lawyers counseling public companies and financial institutions. This course supplements the corporations and securities law courses and applies principles developed in the civil procedure, criminal procedure, and corporations classes. It goes into depth concerning frequent subjects of enforcement actions, enforcement processes and remedies, and legal, tactical and ethical considerations facing lawyers who practice before the SEC. A former associate director of the SEC’s Division of Enforcement leads the seminar. The course is aimed at students interested in corporate law and governance, litigation, and white-collar investigations and litigation. (Research paper and class participation)

#### **6378-10 Selected Topics in Criminal Law & Procedure: *The Police (3) Cheh***

Examination of the training, tactics, and supervision of police departments. Topics such as historical and comparative perspectives on organized police forces; styles of policing including "conventional" policing, community policing, and the "militarization" of police forces; police handling of protests and demonstrations; police engagement with particular communities such as persons with mental illness and victims of domestic violence; the problem of police violence, and supervision of police through internal rules, civil and criminal lawsuits, and legislative oversight. Enrollment is limited. (Research paper and class presentations)

#### **6379-20 Criminal Law & Procedure Seminar: *Wrongful Convictions (2) George, Tafti***

Exonerations of the innocent force our criminal justice system to confront new and unsettling realities. They remind us that that system is only as good as the people and practices inhabiting it. They raise serious questions about its truthseeking abilities. And they compel us to ask what went wrong in these cases, what compensation is owed, and what reforms are due. This seminar will

consider these questions. It will review the causes of wrongful convictions, and the jurisprudence that follows, with each session devoted to an intensive study of a particular facet of the topic. Students will be assigned each week to lead class discussions criticizing or defending particular judicial opinions or scholarly materials. The papers in this class are not of sufficient length to fulfill the legal writing requirement. (Class participation and research paper)

**6497-10 Selected Topics in IP Law: *Trade Secrets* (2) Pade, Patel**

With the increasing importance of technology and the ease with which information can be accessed and shared, managing incoming and outgoing trade-secret risks has become one of the most important legal issues facing corporations today—demonstrated by new domestic and international legislation on this very subject. The law has to strike a balance between encouraging and protecting commercial investments in research and other endeavors, and preserving an individual's right to change employment or to compete directly against a former employer. This course will examine the theory, policy, and practice of trade secrets and explore what a trade secret is and how it differs from other types of property protection. We will discuss trade-secret laws' interrelationships with other areas of the law, including corporate management of information, employee mobility, and economic espionage. We will look at ways in which an organization can identify and protect its trade secrets and manage risk associated with exposure to others' trade secrets. Finally, the course will analyze civil and criminal disputes involving trade secrets, particularly methods of and challenges involved in litigating such cases, through an in-depth review of state and federal trade secret statutes and case law, both within the U.S. and abroad. (Examination)

**6869-11 Selected Topics in National Security Law: *Problems Trying Terrorists* (2) Breinholt**

The course is intended to be a deep-dive into the art and mechanics of trial advocacy in the specific context of U.S. terrorism prosecutions. It is a combination of criminal law, evidence, national security law, and trial advocacy. The non-exclusive emphasis will be on the "material support to terrorists" crimes, which are by the far the most common choice for U.S. terrorism prosecutors these days. Prerequisite: Law 6230 (Evidence). (Writing Assignments)

**6869-12 Selected Topics in National Security Law: *Counterintelligence* (2) Kedian**

This course is designed to provide an overview of counterintelligence aspects of national security law. Topics covered will include traditional espionage, foreign agent activity, leaks and mishandling of classified information, nation state cyber crimes (including economic espionage), export control violations, court-authorized foreign intelligence surveillance, and the handling of classified information in criminal cases in Article III courts via the Classified Information Procedures Act. There are no prerequisites, though general knowledge of and interest in criminal law will be useful. (Writing Assignments)

**6872-20 National Security Law Seminar: *Government Oversight/Investigation* (2) M.K. Smith**

This seminar provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become effective practitioners in the fields of government oversight and internal investigations and examines the role of the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General in protecting national security. The seminar focuses heavily on Inspector General legal authorities, the report writing process, and effective interviewing techniques. This seminar also examines oversight mechanisms within the Department of Justice, the Department of Defense, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. (Research paper and class participation)

### **Selected Criminal Law-Related Courses**

*(Note: Many, but not all, of these courses are being offered in Fall 2018. Please check with the Records Office to learn which courses are available for registration in Fall 2018.)*

\*=required for J.D. program; \*\*=foundational

Criminal Law (6210)\*  
Professional Responsibility and Ethics – Criminal (6218)  
Domestic Violence Law (6350)  
Criminal Procedure (6360)\*\*  
Adjudicatory Criminal Procedure (6362)\*\*  
Role of the Federal Prosecutor (6363)  
White Collar Crime (6364)  
Criminal Tax Litigation (6365)  
Computer Crime (6369)  
Forensic Science (6370)  
Drugs and the Law (6372)  
Federal Sentencing Seminar (6374)  
Prisoners Project (6376)  
Selected Topics in Criminal and Procedure Law (6378)  
Criminal Law and Procedure Seminar (6379)  
Congressional Investigations Seminar (6420)  
Environmental Crimes (6464)  
Environmental Crimes Project (6465)  
International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism (6521)  
International Criminal Law (6554)  
Prisoner and Reentry Clinic (6623)  
Family Justice Litigation Clinic (6624)  
Criminal Appeals and Post-Conviction Services Clinic (6625)  
Law Students in Court – Criminal Division (6639)  
Legal Drafting – Criminal Litigation (6652)  
Domestic Violence Project (6674)  
National Security Law (6870)  
Military Justice (6873)  
Comparative Military Law (6874)  
Counterterrorism Law (6875)  
Homeland Security Law and Policy (6876)  
Intelligence Law (6878)  
Cybersecurity Law and Policy (6879)  
Pre-Trial Practice in Criminal Cases (6684)