COURSE SYLLABUS

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE  Spring 2021 Professor Anna Saxman
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Classes will be held on Zoom, I hope.
Office hours: Online before or after class on Tuesdays or Thursdays or by appointment.
Grading: You will be graded on several written assignments: 1 motion to suppress physical evidence, 1 motion to suppress statements and 1 draft judicial decision on a motion for judgment of acquittal or a sentencing memorandum. You will also be graded on your 2 oral presentations, and 2 + judging of student arguments. Class participation is expected and adds to your grade. Extra credit opportunities are available.
TEXTS: Brent Newton, Criminal Litigation & Legal Issues in Criminal Procedure (NITA 4th ed. 2014)
Joshua Dressler, Understanding Criminal Procedure, Volume I: Investigation (LexisNexis 7th ed. 2017) and 2020 update at Learning objectives:
  • Students will analyze, evaluate and learn the substantive law of Criminal Procedure, relevant to each stage of a criminal case, including the applicable law of the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments.
  • Students will learn advocacy skills by presenting oral arguments and written motions pro and con prosecution and defense.
  • Students will identify areas of criminal procedure where reform is currently happening or needed.