

Course Title: Law and Order

Dates: July 19 – 24, 2009

Instructor Name & Title: Robert A. Cassity, J.D.

Instructor Qualifications:

Robert Cassity is a local attorney with a general practice law firm. Mr. Cassity has earned a law degree from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Cedarville University.

Assistant Instructor: John McHenry, J.D.

Assistant Instructor Qualifications:

Dr. John McHenry is a local attorney and psychologist. He has operated a private law practice in Portsmouth since 1987 and also serves as psychologist at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility. Additionally, Dr. McHenry has served as an adjunct faculty member at Shawnee State University, Hocking College, and Ohio University.

Course Description:

Ripped from the headlines...This course will provide an overview of our country's legal system as we review an actual high profile case. Through discussion, reading assignments, Internet research, and field trips to visit courtroom procedures and law libraries, the class prepares to conduct its own mock trial.

Description of Academic Content:

- research and discussion of an actual court case
- trial preparation
- application of local, state, or national laws to effectively argue for or against a specific condition or event
- observe and demonstrate proper courtroom procedures and conduct
- reenactment of the case through a mock trial

Description of Teaching Strategies:

Discussion, reading assignments, guest lectures, and field trips.

Description of Facilities:

Students will engage in research in the Clark Memorial Library, a home to high tech library options in relaxed, friendly surroundings. The library catalog and 140 research databases provide online access to more than 17,500 ebooks, 500 online reference resources, thousands of online videos, audiofiles, and graphics, and well over 14,000 online magazines, journals, and

newspapers that augment the Library's in-house collections. Students will also observe courtroom proceedings and meet with local judges and attorneys at the Scioto County Courthouse, which holds the Scioto County Law Library and is located just blocks from Shawnee State University campus.

Course and Instructor Evaluation Strategies:

Instructor will evaluate each student individually using the Institute developed "Student Evaluation Form". Instructor will attempt to meet with each student individually to discuss evaluation or mail the evaluation directly to the student after the Institute.

Measures of Student Learning and Growth:

Pre and Post tests will be utilized to measure learning. A culminating project (mock trial) completed on Friday will showcase growth.

Maximum # of students: 15

