January 16, 2014:

Subjects:

1. Go over syllabus.
2. Meet & Greet:
3. Class discussion: Why should the legal and social work professions collaborate?

Reading Assignment:

None
January 23, 2014:

Subjects:

1. Identifying The Legal Needs And Realizing The Rights Of Social Work Clients

2. A Conceptual And Historical Framework For Using The Law In Social Work Practice

3. Is the Supreme Court As A Change Agent For Social, Economic And Political Justice?

Reading Assignment:


3. Is the U.S Supreme Court A Social, Economic and Political Change Agent?:
   
   a. PBS NEWS HOUR: Gay Rights Advocates Score Supreme Court Victories: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhtN_dCMGP8
   
January 30, 2014:

Subjects:

1. Roles & Ethics
2. Texas Statutes and Administrative Codes governing social workers

Agenda:

1. Roles & Ethics
2. Social Work Statutes and Administrative Code
3. Legal Cases Affecting Social Workers
4. NASW’S Legal Defense Fund Resources For Social Workers

Reading Assignment:


2. Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners Code of Conduct (On Blackboard)


5. LDF’s Third Prong in its Mission: Providing Legal Information for NASW Members (On Blackboard)
February 6, 2014:

Subjects: The Implicit And Explicit Context Of Social Work Practice & Locating And Using Legal Sources.

Agenda:

1. Student Presentation: “Law & Social Work In the News.”

2. Student Presentation: “Legal Issue For the Day”

3. The Implicit And Explicit Context Of Social Work Practice

4. Tentative: Guest Lecturer & UH Bates College of Law Library Tour: UH (O'Quinn) Law Library Tour at the Law School & Presentation on Legal Research

5. SPECIAL REQUEST: STUDENTS SHOULD BRING LAPTOPS FOR CLASS FOR THIS COMPUTERIZED LEGAL RESEARCH TRAINING

Reading Assignment:

February 13, 2014:

Subjects:

1. Social Work Functions, Knowledge and Skills in the Legal Context;
2. Child Abuse;
3. Juvenile Justice System

Agenda:

1. Student Presentation: “Law & Social Work In the News.”
2. Student Presentation: “Legal Issue For the Day”
3. Social Work Functions, Knowledge and Skills in the Legal Context
4. Juvenile Justice
5. Child Abuse

Reading Assignment:

2. Texas Attorney General Child Abuse Handbook: “What Can We Do About Child Abuse (On Blackboard)
3. When You Suspect Child Abuse and Neglect (On Blackboard)
4. NASW Law Note: The Juvenile Justice System (2010) (On Blackboard)

Videos:

1. Healing the Wounds: Navigating the Legal System after Surviving Domestic Abuse; Texas Young Lawyer’s Association (2008) Running Time: 25 minutes
2. The Little Voice: Recognizing Child Abuse & The Duty To Report It (Texas Young Lawyer’s Association, 2011) Running Time: 40 minutes
February 20, 2014:

Subjects:

1. Civil Proceedings, Players And the Client

2. Marriage & Divorce; and,

3. Custody & Support Of Children;

Agenda:

1. Student Presentation: “Law & Social Work In the News.”

2. Student Presentation: “Legal Issue For the Day”

3. Civil Proceedings, Players And the Client


5. GUEST PRESENTER: CHRIS A. SPOFFORD, JD. BOARD CERTIFIED IN FAMILY LAW – HE WILL SPEAK TO YOU ON DIVORCE, CUSTODY AND SUPPORT

Reading Assignment:


2. Texas Court Structure Chart (On Blackboard)

3. United States (Federal Court) System Chart (On Blackboard)
February 27, 2014:

Subject:

1. Criminal Proceedings, Players And The Client
2. School Social Work and The Education Of Children

Agenda:

1. **STUDENTS SUBMIT TOPIC SUMMARY OF FINAL PAPER ELECTRONICALLY TO PROFESSOR FOR REVIEW**
2. Student Presentation: “Law & Social Work In the News.”
3. Student Presentation: “Legal Issue For the Day”
4. Criminal Proceedings, Players And The Client
5. School Social Work and The Education Of Children

Reading Assignment:


2. The Texas Criminal Justice Process (State Bar of Texas-Criminal Justice Section (On Blackboard)

3. School Social Workers. Enhancing School Success For All Students Brochure (NASW) (On Blackboard)

4. Special Education Laws and the School Environment (TYLA, 2009) (On Blackboard)

5. The Constitution At School-Guide For Principals (TYLA, 2009) (On Blackboard)


7. Updated Information: Student Privacy Rights and Rights of Student Journalists (TYLA, 2009) (On Blackboard)
March 6, 2014:

SUBJECT:

1. Trials And Hearings: General Knowledge And Skills For Civil And Criminal Proceedings

2. The Adoption Process (On Blackboard)

Agenda:

1. Student Presentation: “Law & Social Work In the News.”

2. Student Presentation: “Legal Issue For the Day”

3. Trials And Hearings: General Knowledge And Skills For Civil And Criminal Proceedings

4. GUEST SPEAKER: Ellen A. Yarrell JD, Board Certified in Family Law, whose practice primarily centers on adoptions, reproductive rights, same sex adoptions, GLBT and related issues and will speak to you about these issues

Reading Assignment:


2. Foster & Adoption Information Packet (Texas Dept. of Family and Protective Services “TDFPS”) (On Blackboard)

3. Texas Adoption Law Summary (On Blackboard)
March 20, 2014:

SUBJECT:

1. The Intersection Of Law And Social Work In Civil Proceedings

Agenda:

1. Student Presentation: “Law & Social Work In the News.”
2. Student Presentation: “Legal Issue For the Day”
3. Elder Abuse
5. End Of Life Preventive Legal Care
   a. Durable Power of Attorney (property)
   b. Medical Power of Attorney
   c. Declaration of Mental Health Care
   d. Declaration of Guardian
   e. DNR
   f. Living Will

Reading Assignment:

2. Seniors and The Law (TYLA, October, 2011) (On Blackboard)
3. Texas Probate Passport (TYLA, 2011) (On Blackboard)
4. Texas standard forms for End Of Life Preventive Legal Care will be posted to Blackboard
March 27, 2014:

GUEST PRESENTER: CLARINDA COMSTOCK, JD-Practice centers on below areas of law.

Subject:

1. The Intersection Of Law And Social Work In Criminal Proceedings
2. Commitment and Treatment Of Persons With Mental Disabilities;
3. Competency and Guardianship Of Persons With Mental And Physical Disabilities

Agenda:

1. STUDENTS SUBMIT COMPLETE BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR FINAL TOPIC PAPER & PRESENTATION ELECTRONICALLY TO PROFESSOR FOR REVIEW
2. Student Presentation: “Law & Social Work In the News.”
3. Student Presentation: “Legal Issue For the Day”

Reading Assignment:

2. Commitment To Healing: Involuntary Commitment Procedures (TYLA, 2008) to be posted to blackboard
3. Mental Health Commitment Summary (2010) to be posted to blackboard
April 3, 2014:

Subject:

1. Alternatives To Traditional Methods Of Addressing Legal And Social Problems
2. Disclosure Of Professional Communications and Records
3. HIPAA
4. The Affordable Care Act

Agenda:

1. Student Presentation: “Law & Social Work In the News.”
2. Student Presentation: “Legal Issue For the Day”

Reading Assignment:


3. Affordable Healthcare Act Summary: Kaiser Foundation (April 23, 2013):

April 10, 2014:

Subject:

1. Administrative Proceedings, Players, And Advocacy Roles

Agenda:

1. Student Presentation: “Law & Social Work In the News.”

2. Student Presentation: “Legal Issue For the Day”

Reading Assignment:

April 17, 2014:

Subject:

1. Macro-Level Social Work Practice and Systemic Reform
2. The U.S. Supreme Court As A Social, Political and Economic Change Agent

Agenda:

1. Student Presentation: “Law & Social Work In the News.”
2. Student Presentation: “Legal Issue For the Day”

Reading Assignment:


April 24, 2014:

TENTATIVE:

1. CLASS TIME FOR RESEARCH AND WRITING FINAL PAPERS/PREPARATION OF SLIDE PRESENTATION NEXT WEEK PRESENTATIONS;
2. ALTERNATIVELY PROFESSOR MAY USE CLASS TO FOR MAKE UP LECTURE

April 29, 2014:

STUDENTS SUBMIT FINAL PAPER AND PRESENTATION TO PROFESSOR ELECTRONICALLY

May 1, 2014:

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT’S FINAL PRESENTATIONS TO CLASS