HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
LAW & PSYCHIATRY SYLLABUS

Course: Law & Psychiatry - Spring 2015

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Grading:
20% Attendance/Class Participation
35% Paper #1 - DUE MARCH 12, 2015 (Topic Due: February 12, 2015)
45% Paper #2 - DUE APRIL 16, 2015 (Topic Due: March 26, 2015)

Paper topics should be emailed to cwolf@abramslaw.com by the deadlines referenced above. I am available by appointment to discuss topics or exchange suggested topics or ideas. Each paper should be 10 pages in length (double-spaced) plus endnotes. All citations must be properly cited in accordance with Bluebook rules. Plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the paper.

Attendance: This is a two credit class that meets one day a week on Thursdays. Attendance is mandatory. If you miss more than four hours of class this semester, your file will be forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs and this may result in either a lower grade or loss of credit, per the law school policy. Accommodations may be made for students who must be absent for religious reasons, serious illness, and in cases of truly compelling hardship.

Readings: Students are expected to have read all assigned readings and be prepared for participation in class. The required readings for this class will primarily consist of cases, articles, and selected statutes. Cases and statutes can be downloaded from Westlaw or LexisNexis. All articles and other handouts will be uploaded to TWEN. Please make sure that you have registered for the TWEN website for this course.

I look forward to a productive and informative semester.
WEEK 1 — JANUARY 15, 2015 (2 PAGES)

Topics:

- Introduction to Law and Psychiatry Course
- Introduction to New York State Mental Hygiene Law
- Overview of Pertinent Mental Hygiene Law and related Public Health Law Sections
  - Mental Hygiene Law Article 9
  - Mental Hygiene Law: Legal Status – Inpatient Hospital Setting
- Categories of Mental Health Professionals
- Role of In-house and Outside Counsel in Psychiatric Settings
- Mental Hygiene Legal Service
- Role of the Attorney General’s Office in Psychiatric Court Proceedings
- Psychiatric Diagnoses: Axis I, Axis II, Dual Diagnosis, DSM-V

Required Reading:

- New York Mental Hygiene Law § 47.01, 47.03.
- NAMI, What is Mental Illness: Mental Illness Facts.
- John M. Grohol, Types of Mental Health Professionals, PSYCH CENTRAL (2006).
- How Does MHLS Serve the Mentally Disabled?
- Charles Zanor, A Fate that Narcissists Will Hate: Being Ignored, N.Y. TIMES, Nov. 29, 2010.
- Excerpts from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.
WEEK 1 (CONTINUED)