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Syllabus of Record

BLAW 440 The Law of Property Oil and Gas Leasing I
3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits
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3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits

Prerequisites: BLAW 235 (Undergraduate), BLAW 633 (Graduate)

L. Catalog Description

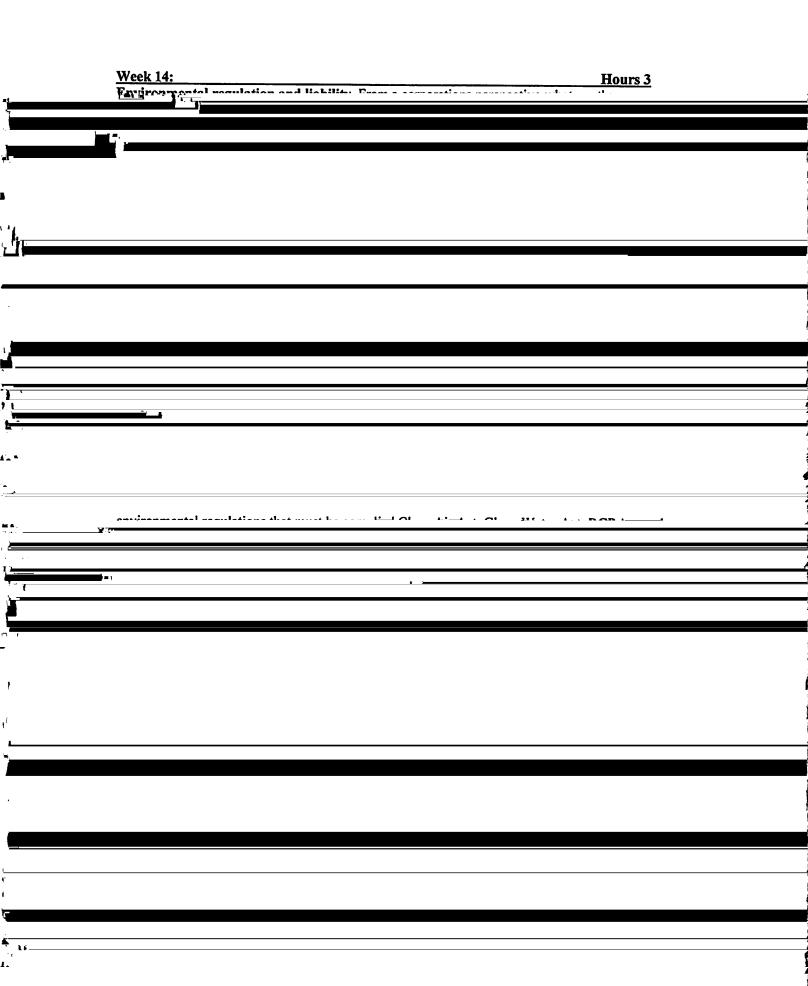
Designed to give students an understanding of fundamental energy law including oil and gas law. Includes analysis of natural resource leases and contracts, rights and ownership of the mineral estate, law of capture, contracts, clauses and covenants of the oil and gas lease, oil and gas private and federal lands, easements and right of ways in connection with natural resource exploration, environmental considerations and impacts of natural resource drilling and

III. Course Outline by Week

Week 3:

	Topical coverage
	Week 1: Hours 3
	Introduction to energy law, structure of courts, ownership rights in mineral estates Week 2: Hours 3
	Basics of Real Property basics necessary to understand advanced concents in other weeks
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Hours 3



Assignment Description: Graduate

Assignment/Case Study. In one assignment students will analyze two court cases discussing issues with natural resource lease agreements and apply legal reasoning in reaching a decision in the cases. In another assignment students will analyze an actual lease agreement and be able to identify the important legal issues in the lease.

Assignment Drafting a lease agreement: students will draft a lease agreement for a sample plot of land in order to extract the natural resources such as oil and gas.

Assignment Research Project Report (For Graduate Students only):

Graduate students will conduct an exploratory research related to legal options/risk assessment and strategy used by energy companies based on the theories/models discussed in class and present their findings in a research report. An example would be: legal requirement in a Marcellus drilling

program.

Attendance Policy: The Attendance policy complies with the Indiana University of Pennsylvania guidelines

V. Required Textbook

Cases and Materials on the Law of Oil and Gas (University Casebook Series) 2011 by Richard C. Maxwell, Stephen F. Williams, Patrick H. Martin and Bruce M. Kramer ISBN-10: 0882779834 ISBN-13: 978-0882779836

VI. Special Resource Requirements

Classroom must be equipped with Internet access and display capabilities for the teacher. Students must have access to high speed Internet for 2 hours per week outside of class hours.

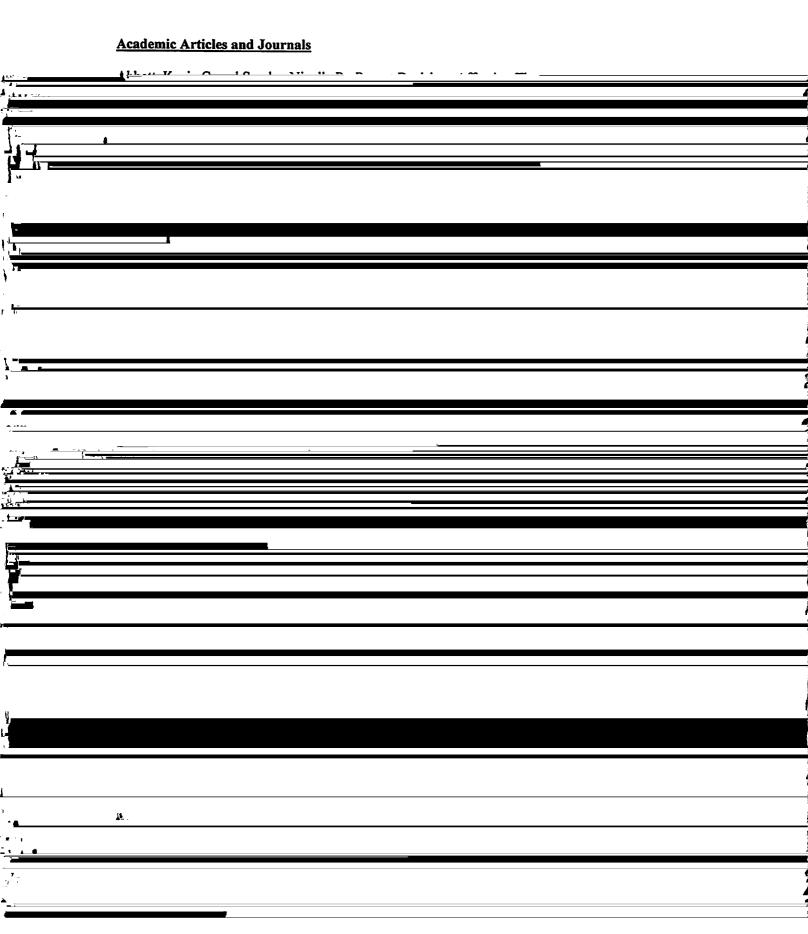
VII. Bibliography

Books:

Oil and Gas Law in a Nutshell, 5th Edition (Nutshell Series) [Paperback] John S. Lowe 2012

Energy Law in a Nutshell (Nutshell Series) [Paperback] by Joseph P. Tomain and Richard D. Cudahy 2011

The Law and Regulation of Mining: Minerals to Energy (Law Casebook) by Barlow Burke and Robert Beck (Nov 30, 2009)



American Institute of CPAs, Entities with oil and Gas Producing Activities, p.7-95 (2011)

Bibikos, George and King, Jeffrey C., "A Primer on Oil And Gas Law in the Marcellus

B. Course Proposal Format

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	3b. Frequency: This course will be offered once during the academic year	
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	The max expected enrollment will be 35 students	
	4. Catalogue Description:	
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