PURPOSE: This course gives the future practitioner a window into the law and procedure of practice in New Hampshire. The course focuses its scope on areas that new practitioners are likely to encounter upon starting their own solo practice or joining an existing general practice firm. Whether you intend to practice in New Hampshire as a primary state of practice or are interested in adding New Hampshire as an ancillary state, this course will aid you in bridging the gap between the law and procedure you've learned and that of the State of New Hampshire.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to expose students to a varying number of New Hampshire practice areas and issues commonly associated therewith, including but not limited to, New Hampshire Court Structure, Civil Litigation and Procedure, Criminal Law and Procedure, Real Estate Law and Procedure, and Family Law among other general practice areas. The foregoing are not absolute and the class participation assists the focus over the semester.

PREREQUISITES: All first year courses in addition to Evidence must be completed before applying for this course.

GRADING CRITERIA: Students will earn 3.0 credits for successfully completing the class. Students shall be graded on their class participation, a mid-term, a final, and completion of weekly assignments.

Class Participation: Class participation shall account for one third (1/3) of the final grade. Students who often miss class are discouraged from signing up for this class. Students are required to complete all weekly research assignments prior to class. Research tasks shall be brief written memoranda (or equivalent) of the specific topic areas assigned, and shall be collected at the beginning of each class.

Mid-Term: The Mid-term examination shall be written, requiring knowledge of the topics covered in all classes up to the mid-term. The Mid-term shall account for one sixth (1/6) of the student's final grade.
**Practical Skills:** One or more practical skills exercises shall illustrate the student’s understanding of the law and procedure pertinent to a specific area of practice or other topic as assigned by the professors. The practical skills exercise shall constitute one sixth (1/6) of the final grade.

**Final Exam:** The Final examination shall be written, requiring knowledge of all topics covered through the semester. The Final shall account for one third (1/3) of the student’s final grade.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Each student will be allowed one (1) excused absence without affecting their grade, each missed class thereafter will result in a 1/3 grade reduction to the FINAL GRADE.

**REQUIRED BOOKS:** New Hampshire Bar Association Practice and Procedure Handbook 2014

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**Class Topics and Assignments:** The following class topics and assignments are subject to change upon in-class notice (for the coming week(s)). If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to understand the assignment for the next class.

**Class 1:** Wednesday, January 21st –

**Class Intro to New Hampshire Practice**

NO ASSIGNMENT DUE FOR THIS CLASS

Discuss basics of New Hampshire Law, statutes, and method of practice; gauge class interest in particular areas of practice for post mid-term class topics.

**Reading for Next Class:**


Review NH Practice & Procedure Manual Section - TBD

**Assignment for Next Class:**

Answer these Questions:

1.) How many Circuits are there in the New Hampshire Circuit Court System?
2.) What are the three (3) types of courts within the Circuit Court?
3.) When did the Circuit Court System begin in New Hampshire?
4.) How would you contact the clerk of a Circuit Court to ask a question regarding an ongoing case?
5.) Where would you go to attend a hearing before the Rochester Family Division of the Circuit Court? What Circuit is that Court in?
6.) Where would you go to attend a hearing before the Rochester District Division of the Circuit Court?
7.) How many Superior Courts are there in New Hampshire?
8.) When was the New Hampshire Superior Court established?
9.) Explain the import of Superior Court Administrative Order 15 (12/20/96).
10.) When did the current Rules of Civil Procedure in the Superior Court go into effect?
11.) Which Judge(s) will be sitting in Strafford County Superior Court during the week of February 9, 2015? Which Judge(s) will be sitting in that same court during the week of March 23, 2015?

Class 2: Wednesday, January 28th – New Hampshire Courts and Their Navigation

Issues Presented: Court structure, Judges, Justices, Masters and Referees, court locations, rules and anecdotes on practice in New Hampshire.


Assignment for Next Class: Answer questions on Research Assignment Handout

Class 3: Wednesday, February 4th – Rules, Forms, and Their Use(fullness) in Practice


Reading for Next Class: Review NH Practice & Procedure Manual Section - TBD Handouts/TBD

Assignment for Next Class: Answer these Questions:

1.) What are the Statutes of Limitations in New Hampshire for:
   a.) Contract Cases;
   b.) Personal Injury Cases;
   c.) Suits Against an Estate;
   d.) Class A Felony;
   e.) Foreclosure related matters.
2.) What New Hampshire Statute governs Consumer Protection Matters?
3.) What Statute(s) governs Domestic Violence Restraining Orders?
4.) What Statute(s) governs Evictions?
5.) Which Court has jurisdiction for the following matters:
   a.) Small Claims disputes;
   b.) Estate Administration;
   c.) Divorce and Parenting matters;
   d.) Arraignments of Criminal matters;
   e.) Zoning Appeals;
   f.) Landlord and Tenant/Eviction matters;
   g.) Actions to Partition Real Property.
6.) Where can information be found on filing a Small Claims matter and what is unique about the New Hampshire Small Claims process?

Class 4:       Wednesday, February 11\textsuperscript{th} - \textbf{Cases and Courts}

\textbf{Issues Presented:} Statutes of Limitations in Frequent Practice Areas, and Court’s and their Subject Matter Jurisdiction

\textbf{Reading for Next Class:} Review NH Practice & Procedure Manual Section - TBD

\textbf{Handouts/TBD}

\textbf{Assignment for Next Class:} Prepare outline of case study handout provided to you for discussion in class on February 18\textsuperscript{th}.

Class 5:       Wednesday, February 18\textsuperscript{th} – \textbf{Work session for Cir. & Sup. Ct. Practical Skills}

\textbf{Issues Presented:} Discuss outlines prepared. Identify client options, jurisdiction issues, pleadings, etc.

\textbf{Reading for Next Class:} Review NH Practice & Procedure Manual Section - TBD

\textbf{Handouts/TBD}

\textbf{Assignment for Next Class:} Prepare pleading(s) in response to case study for filing/presentation on February 25, 2015

Class 6:       Wednesday, February 25\textsuperscript{th} – \textbf{Circuit & Superior Court Practical Skills}


\textbf{Reading for Next Class:} None

\textbf{Assignment for Next Class:} \textbf{STUDY}

Class 7:       Wednesday, March 4\textsuperscript{th} – \textbf{MID-TERM}