

**Juvenile Law**

**Prof. Hartfield**

**Spring 2009**

**SYLLABUS**

**Casebook (C.B.):** Abrams and Ramsey, Children and the Law 3d Ed. (Thomson/West 2007)

**Requirements:** Regular attendance is required. Students with 6 or more absences may not sit for the final examination. Class participation is expected. Class participation may include written assignments and projects. The instructor reserves the right to adjust final grades to reflect class participation.

**Objective:** Mastery of basic common law and statutory concepts as they relate to juveniles, especially the allocation of decision making authority among the child, the parents, and the state. Please note that delinquency and status offenses are not covered in this course.

**Final Examination:** A student's grade will be based on the final examination and any adjustment to reflect class participation, including assignments and projects. All make-ups are to be scheduled by the student in accordance with the policies stated in the College of Law Bulletin.

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## ASSIGNMENTS

- Week 1** The Status, Rights and Obligations of Children, C.B. pp. 1-86
- Week 2** Defining the Child-Parent Relationship, C.B. pp. 122-179
- Week 3** Financial Responsibility and Control, C.B. pp. 807-849
- Week 4** C.B. pp. 861-897; Regulation of Children's Conduct, C.B. pp. 898-907, 925-972
- Week 5** Children in Schools. Review C.B. pp. 34-60 and 72-76. Goss v. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565(1975); Ingraham v. Wright, 430 U.S. 651(1977), Bethel v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986), Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988), Morse v. Frederick, 127 S.Ct. 2618 (2007)
- Week 6** Juvenile Court Observations - Submit Reflections
- Week 7** Abuse and Neglect, C.B. pp. 283-352
- Week 8** C.B. pp. 352- 431
- Week 9** Foster Care, C.B. 432-518
- Week 10** Children as Victims and Witnesses in Child Abuse Cases, C.B. Chapter 6 TBA
- Week 12** Medical Decision-Making, C.B. Chapter 8 TBA
- Week 13** Representation of Children, C.B. Chapter 3 TBA
- Week 14** Directions in Child Advocacy TBA

**Note:** The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary.