What You'll Learn
- What a legal education and legal career are like
- How to get from the starting line to law school
- What it takes to succeed in a life in the law

What You Will Do
- Attend classes and workshops
- Create several short pieces of writing
- Work with a group to explore some aspect of the legal profession and present it to the class

Grading
- 90 - 100 = A
- 80 - 89 = B
- 70 - 79 = C
- 60 - 69 = D
- < 69 = F

No rounding,
No exceptions

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If you need an accommodation because of a disability, let me know in the first two weeks. More info in the Appendix

Don't plagiarize. If you do, I am mandated to report it, and if it is reported, you will have to disclose it on your law school apps. So don't go there. (Need info about the process? See the Appendix.)

I don't give extra credit. Just do what's expected, and no one gets hurt.

More details about assignments is available on Blackboard

How You Will Be Judged

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- Attendance: 40%
- Reflection writings: 30%
- Presentation: 20%
- Adoption Day: 10%

The Fine Print:

Attendance: You are expected to attend every class. You get one free pass to account for illness and emergency. After that, you lose 10% of your attendance grade for each missed class.

Reflection writings: These writings (typically 100 word essays) are due on Mondays at 8:00 AM. No late work will be accepted, no exceptions. All work is turned in via Blackboard. Don't know how to use Blackboard? Ask!

Presentation: Half of your presentation grade will be based on the clarity and quality of your group's presentation. The other half will be based on the assessment of your contribution to the effort by your peers. No free riding.
Mark Your Calendars

Writing assignments are located on Blackboard

- 8/28 - Welcome
- 9/4  - The road to ESQ
- 9/11 - What is law school like?
- 9/18 - What do lawyers do?
- 9/25 - Happiness and the law (read Happy Lawyer 1 & 3)
- 10/2 - Meet with representative from SMU Law
- 10/9 - Staying happy (generally) (read Happy Lawyer 4)
- 10/16 - Staying happy in law school (read Happy Lawyer 5)
- 10/23 - How do lawyers think? (Moot court presentation)
- 10/30 - Be a good lawyer (read Good Lawyer 1 - 3)
- 11/2 - Adoption Day set up
- 11/3 - Adoption Day
- 11/6 - No class (recover from Adoption Day)
- 11/13 - Be a good colleague (read Good Lawyer 4)
- 11/18 - Be a smart lawyer (read Good Lawyer 5, 6, and 9)
- 11/20 - Be an ethical lawyer (read Good Lawyer 7 & 8)
- 11/27 - Group presentations
- 12/4 - Group presentations

Dates and assignments subject to change

Adoption day set-up will be 1 - 3 on 11/2; actual Adoption Day will be 7:30 - 12 on 11/3. If your class schedule prevents you from participating in either event, we will find another way. We will also plan on a social activity after Adoption Day ends.
Appendix: aka, the Finer Print

Have a disability? Worried about cheating? PLEASE read this and let me know ASAP. I am 100% here to help you.

ADA Statement: The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at http://www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

Cheating and Plagiarism: Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive an “unsatisfactory” for that particular assignment or exam. Additionally, the incident will be reported to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, which may impose a further penalty. According to the UNT catalog, the term “cheating” includes, but is not limited to: a. use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; b. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; c. the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the university; d. dual submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor(s); or e. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage. The term “plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to: a. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment; and b. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.