LAW 7109: Law, Science and Advocacy

Prerequisite Evidence (LAW 7024); May be taken concurrently. This course will focus on the intersection of science and the law, with a focus on science in the courtroom. It will cover the historical relationship between science and the law and the standards for evaluating the admissibility of scientific evidence in state and federal court. It will address science issues as they arise in real life cases involving medicine, criminal law, cyber law, statistics, patents, and other recurrent themes involving science and the law. It will feature guest lecturers from various perspectives when available. It will include the use of science at trial and will give the students an opportunity to draft briefs and present witnesses and argument at an evidentiary hearing. Finally, it will address the role of law as it relates to science on some hot button issues, including creationism, organ transplantation, and climate change. This course is offered on an every other year basis. Exam Info: No Exam

Credits: 2.0 Prerequisites: LAW 7024 :Y