

A One of a Kind Class and an Amazing Opportunity

Laws #: Legislative Drafting Practice and Policy

Fall Semester

Tuesday, Thursday 2-4 pm

This new class from Professors Zug and Cross offers you the following:

- The opportunity to develop practical skills while working with South Carolina's only federally recognized Indian tribe
- The opportunity to draft a code of laws under faculty supervision
- The opportunity to work collaboratively with classmates and faculty to provide a direct impact on your community

Course Description: This course will explore the process of drafting legal codes in a real-world setting. Specifically, the course will give you the opportunity to participate in the creation of a legal code for the Catawba Indian Nation. Students will be introduced to the relevant areas of federal Indian law, the history, culture, and legal conceptions of the Catawba Nation, and principles of drafting laws. Students will use information collected during the course to draft laws to be submitted to the leadership of the Catawba Nation for adoption.

This year we will focus on drafting a domestic violence code. In the first half of the semester you will be introduced to crucial family law concepts relevant to the law-making process. Specifically, students will examine numerous state and tribal family law codes. You will discuss the relevant strengths and weaknesses of these laws with the goal of drafting a family law code particularly suited to the history, culture, and legal needs of the Catawba Nation. During the course, you will meet with leadership of the Catawba Nation and with lawyers, government officials, and judges from other recognized Indian nations.

This is a one semester, four (4) credit course.

Prerequisites: Family Law or Federal Indian Law is encouraged, but not required. This course is open both to rising 2Ls and 3Ls.

Basis of Grade: The grade will be based on your attendance and class participation as well as the quality of the research and drafting assignments produced through each semester.

Form of Grade: Letter

How to Enroll: Professors Zug and Crosse will select students for this course. Interested students must submit: (1) a statement of interest of no more than 500 words explaining why you are interested and what you believe you would bring to the class; and (2) an updated CV that can list your GPA. Please DO NOT submit a transcript of grade sheet. Maximum enrollment is 16. Submit the statement of interest and CV to Alyne Hallman at alyneh@law.sc.edu by 5:00 pm on Wednesday March 27.

Application Deadline: March 27 at 5:00 pm.