Tentative Schedule of Topics and Readings

T, 9/29
3:30-5:20
The Legal Profession and Work for Social Justice: Entering the Profession

Aspirations: Why Did You Choose Law School? Legal Education and Its Impact on
Ideals. Debt and Social Justice Ideals. The “Big Questions”: What is “justice”? “social
justice”? “access to justice”? “public interest”? “cause lawyering”? Your personal
experiences.

- Mahoney, Calmore, Wildman, SOCIAL JUSTICE: PROFESSIONALS, COMMUNITIES, AND
  LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (West 2003)(MCW), pp. 1-34
- Focus questions on the course website

T, 10/6
The Legal Profession and Work for Social Justice: Entering the Profession (cont.)

Envisioning Social Justice Lawyering The “Big Questions”: What is “justice”? “social
justice”? “access to justice”? “public interest”? “cause lawyering”? Your personal
experiences.

- Mahoney, Calmore, Wildman, SOCIAL JUSTICE: PROFESSIONALS, COMMUNITIES, AND
  LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (West 2003)(MCW), pp. 34-60
- Focus questions on the course website

T, 10/13
The Legal Profession, Legal Services, and Access to Justice (Part I)
(Beginning with this session, all or most of the remaining class sessions will be
facilitated by student groups)

Funding for Civil Legal Services: The Big Picture. Background on the Legal Services
Corporation, the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program.

- MCW, pp. 61-115
  2d 376 (2003)(skim to understand basic result, not for intense doctrinal discussion)

Also of interest:

- Improving Access to Justice: Legal Services Funding and Private Bar Involvement in
  Public Interest Lawyering Around the World.
  http://www.pili.org/en/content/view/122/26/
- David Luban, *Taking Out the Adversary: The Assault on Progressive Public-Interest
T, 10/20 Funding for Criminal Defense and the Role of the Criminal Defense Attorney

Criminal defense lawyers play a vital, but controversial role in our system of criminal justice. How does our current system of funding for criminal defense services exacerbate the inherent tensions in the role of the criminal defense lawyer? How do individual criminal defense lawyers define their role?


Also of interest:

- WSBA Committee on Public Defense, Making Good on Gideon’s Promise [http://www.wsba.org/lawyers/groups/websiteposting42707.pdf](http://www.wsba.org/lawyers/groups/websiteposting42707.pdf)
- Texas Taskforce on Indigent Defence [http://www.courts.state.tx.us/tfid/](http://www.courts.state.tx.us/tfid/)

T, 10/27 The Legal Profession, Legal Services, and Access to Justice (Part 2)

Alternatives to LSC and IOLTA funding: Non-profit Agencies, Social Justice Law Firms, Shifting Attorney Fees. The Access to Justice Effort in Washington State. Establishing a right to counsel in civil cases

- MCW, pp. 116-152
- Access to Justice in Civil Cases: Funding for Legal Services for the Poor and Waiver of Fees, on course website

Also of interest:
Access to Justice Seminar

- In contrast to the broad right to counsel in criminal cases, the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized a civil right to counsel only in limited contexts. Advocates around the country are trying to change that.

T, 11/3 Social Justice Lawyers in Context
Reflections on Social Justice Lawyering; Working with Communities and Organizations
Who do we represent and how? What are our criteria for success?

- MCW, pp. 153-206

T, 11/10 Personal Identity, Role, and Values: Becoming a Lawyer, Staying Yourself, Part 1
Law school & professional socialization

- MCW, pp. 206-225

T, 11/17 Personal Identity, Role, and Values: Becoming a Lawyer, Staying Yourself, Part 2
The adversary system. How to stay committed to social justice when you join the system.

- MCW, pp. 225-270

T, 11/24 TBA

T, 12/1 TBA

T, 12/9 Making Access to Justice Every Lawyer’s Issue

How can every lawyer work on ATJ issues, no matter where they work?
Ways in which work settings (judiciary, public vs. private; corporate vs. solo, etc.) interact with personal goals to shape what lawyers can do to further access to justice.


- MCW, pp. 693-725