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Course Outline Cover Page

Trial Practice Internship  
Course Title

LAW 240  
Department and Number

**Course Description:**

This course is a hands-on practicum designed to give students trial skills experience in simulated courtroom setting. Students will complete assignments in a mock trial setting from all stages of a trial.

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**State** Pohnpei -national campus

	Hours per Week		No. of Week	=	Total Hours	=	Semester Credits
Lecture	<u>3</u>	x	<u>16</u>	=	<u>48/16</u>	=	<u>3</u>
Laboratory	_____	x	_____	=	_____	=	_____
Workshop	_____	x	_____	=	_____	=	_____
Total Semester Credits							<u>3</u>

**Purpose of Course:**

Degree Requirement \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Elective \_\_\_\_\_  
Certificate \_\_\_\_\_  
Remedial \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (workshop) \_\_\_\_\_

**Prerequisite Course(s):** LAW 22\$ Evidence, LAW 236 Appellate & Civil Procedure, LAW 210 Criminal Procedure or Experiential equivalent at the instructor's discretion.

*Spensin James*  
Signature, Chairperson, Curriculum Committee

9/14/00  
Date Approved by Committee

9/22/00

Date Approved by President

II. Course Objectives

A. General Objectives

1. The general objectives of the course will introduce the students to court demeanor in various settings, practice oral argument of motions, competencies in witness examinations, trial strategy skills in making and responding to objections, and delivering opening and closing argument in a trial.

#### B. Specific Objectives

1. The students will be able to do the following after completing the course:
  - a. Demonstrate courtroom protocol demeanor.
  - b. Develop and present an argument in support of and against pre trial motions.
  - c. Demonstrate the proficiency in cross-examining lay and expert witnesses.
  - d. List and describe skills necessary for making and responding to evidentiary objections and the strategy decisions at a court trial.
  - e. Develop and present opening statements and closing arguments at a mock trial.

#### III. Content:

- Courtroom protocol and demeanor
- Procedural trial issues
- Evidentiary issues
- Oral argument on motions
- Lay witness examinations-direct and cross
- Expert witness examinations-direct and cross
- Opening statements
- Closing arguments
- Disciplinary rules

#### IV. Text

FSM Constitution  
FSM Rules of Civil Procedure  
FSM Rules of Criminal Procedure  
FSM Rules of Evidence

#### V. Suggested supplemental materials for instructors:

None

#### VI. Credit by examination:

None

#### VII. Attendance Policy: Established COM-FSM attendance policy will be used.

#### VIII. Grading Policy:

Grading scale of A to F will be used. The final grade is based upon students' performance in each of the presentation exercises.