

So You Want to Teach Law School?

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Things to Think About Before Raising Your Hand
- Ideas to Develop the Focus and Structure of Your Course
- Getting Your Course Idea Approved
- Practical Tips
- Resources Available to You
- Q & A

Initial Steps

- Clarify the course topic
- Think about the time commitment
 - (consider a co-teacher)
- Investigate path for getting course approved and understand requirements to be addressed
- Prepare Your Course Proposal – more on this. . .
- Seek Feedback from Current Professors
- Submit! (fingers crossed)

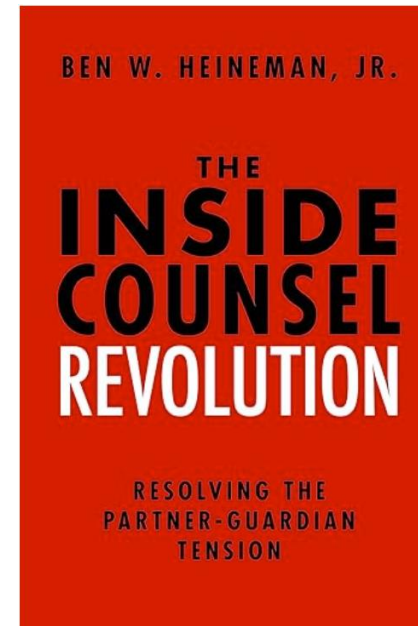
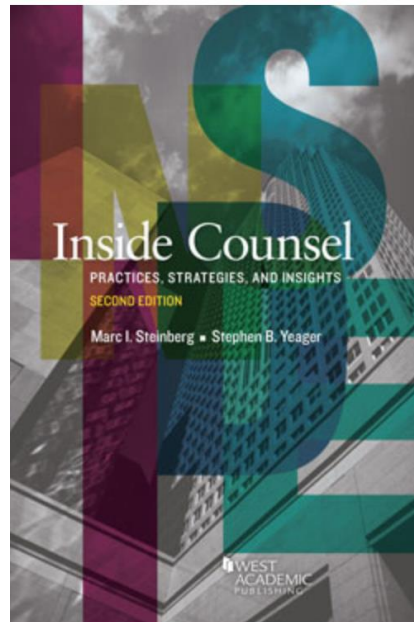
Things to Think About Before Raising Your Hand

- Time Commitment – guest speaker
- Time Commitment – teach 1 class of 1-2 semester course
- Time Commitment – full 1-2 semester course (13-14 weeks)
 - Preparation time for weekly class (3-6 hours)
 - Class time (2-3 hours/week)
 - Office Hours (2 hours/week)
 - Grading & Admin (15-20 hours)

Develop the Focus and Structure of Your Course

- Learning Objectives – at the end of the semester, you will. . .
- Class Format (e.g., lecture, seminar, case studies, assignments, facilitated discussion)
- Assignments (papers, quizzes, exams, presentations)
- Class Participation models
- Grading Rubrics – how will grades be determined?
- Course materials – articles, textbooks

Textbooks We Use



Getting Your Course Idea Approved

- Explore relevant curriculum and classes
- Ask for help from current faculty members
- Is your topic unique? A new take on current topic?
- Proposal provided to Dean or Curriculum Committee
- Submit proposal a year in advance
- Follow up as needed after submission

Practical Tips

- Co-teachers, Guest speakers
- Expectations clear: attendance, participation, absences
- Rethink reading levels – is it all essential?
- Encourage engagement
- Office hours before/after class
- Ask for and act on feedback
- Don't forget to use resources from ACC and the school

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