LAW-779: *CD: Juvenile Justice

The course examines the history and legal framework governing the juvenile legal system in the United States. Coursework includes substantive and practical analysis of the juvenile legal system, including status offenses, delinquency matters, intersectionality of delinquency and child welfare, diversion programs, and restorative practices. Coursework also includes an analysis of the causes, dynamics, and consequences of juvenile delinquency, an understanding of adolescent brain development, systemic and structural influences on delinquency, prevention and intervention considerations, and the cradle-to-prison pipeline. Students also will analyze and research current legal and systemic issues and propose alternative responses to micro- and macro-level injustices. Students also will examine issues of race, class, gender, and economic status in the juvenile legal system.

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