This course is designed to meet the special needs of LL.M. students who have a first law degree from a non-U.S. law school. The assigned texts are (1) Charles Abernathy, LAW IN THE UNITED STATES (West Academic Press, 2d ed. 2016) and (2) FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE and Selected Other Procedural Provisions (K. Clermont, ed., Foundation Press, 2016). Supplementary materials will be available on "Canvas," our private course site. The course will also show you how to access free online legal resources so that you will be able to continue your research when you return to your home country.)

Regular preparation and attendance are required for each class. There will be a mandatory final exam and two mandatory exercises (labeled "Saturday Workshop" in blue below). The workshops are designed to give you real experiences (legal and cultural) like those of American attorneys. (You will meet in small groups in other rooms on the noted Saturdays; each group must submit a short written report.)

I. Introduction: The U.S. Court System (State and Federal); Trials in Federal Court
   Class #1: Introduction: U.S. Court System, Judicial Selection, 99-114(middle); Law and Equity: Federal Trials and the FRCPs, 623-31(bottom), FRCP 2

II. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure – Phases of Litigation
   A. Pleadings and Discovery – Relation to Trial
      Class #2: Pleadings – Complaint, Answer (and Related Pleadings and Motions), Discovery and Termination without Trial, Motions at Trial -- 631(b)-58
      Class #3: The Costs of Modern Discovery and Its Effect: Pleading, Scope of Discovery, Work Product -- Canvas
   B. Saturday Workshop
      Class #4: SEPTEMBER 17: Civil Rights Case -- 5(top)-9, 15-16, Canvas [2-Hour Class: Graded Exercise] [may be re-scheduled]

III. Federal, State, and Other Nations’ Courts: Choice of Courts and Law
   A. Subject Matter Jurisdiction and Applicable Law
      Class #5: State and Federal Subject-Matter Jurisdiction: Article III and Statutes -- 561-93(top) (Skim Donnelly case)
      Class #6: Applicable Law in Mixed Forums: Erie and Reverse-Erie -- 114(m)-126, 91(top)-98, Canvas
   B. Personal (Territorial) Jurisdiction of State Courts (and District Courts)
      Class #7: General and Specific Jurisdiction; Foundational Developments in Specific Jurisdiction -- 593(t)-605(m), Canvas
      Class #8: Modern Specific Jurisdiction and Foreign Corporations -- 605(m)-15; Modern General Jurisdiction and Foreign Corporations -- 616-21; Service of Process and Venue (lecture)
   C. Saturday Workshop
      Class #9: October 22: Cartier Case -- Canvas [2-Hour Class: Graded Exercise] [may be re-scheduled]
IV. Scope of the American “Case” – Modern Issues

Class #10: Mediation and Settlement: 21st Century USA and Traditional Systems (Comparative Law) -- Canvas

Class #11: Class Actions and FRCP 23 -- Res Judicata and Settlement -- Canvas

V. Review and Exam Preparation

Class #12: REVIEW – Topics and Analytical Methods, Canvas

Class #13: EXAM PREPARATION (tools to prepare for exam, sample exam)

NOTE: Because we meet for two "Saturday Workshops," class will be canceled on two of our regular meeting days, probably Oct. 6 and Oct. 27. Details to follow.