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| **Title** | **American Criminal Law and Procedure** |
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| **Brief description** | A review of the most important legal issues in the investigation and prosecution of criminal cases in California. Legal issues will be supplemented by numerous power point presentations from real cases to illustrate the legal issue involved in an actual case. |
| **Schedule** | 1. The Exclusionary Rule/laws of arrest/emergency Searches/”Standing” to protest an illegal arrest or search; filing of criminal charges; The Arraignment; Discretion exercised by the District Attorney; Search and Arrest Warrants; Criminal Discovery; Statute of Limitations; Juvenile offenders.  2. DNA and genetic genealogy; filing a felony or a misdemeanor? Self-representation; appointment of a free lawyer; some representative cases ( robbery/burglary/drunk driving/rape/domestic violence, etc.). Plea Bargaining.  3.Jury Trials; Interpreters; conflict free defense attorneys; eyewitness identification and wrongful conviction; Lineups; The Miranda decision; The Three Strikes Law; The Death Penalty.  4.Privacy and searches and investigation involving personal devices, cell phone tracking, social media, computer, business records. California Victim-Witness Assistance programs, and a version of an Opening Statement in a Murder trial form an actual case. |
| **Materials/Recommended readings** | Handouts will be provided prior to the first class of the following; a Course outline, a Search Warrant affidavit, a criminal complaint, a copy of the US Supreme Courts decision dealing with cell phone searches ( Riley v. California),a plea bargain form, a self- representation form. The search warrant affidavit and the US Supreme Courts decision of Riley v. California shoud be read prior to the first class. |
| **Assessment/Exam** | Closed book exam will follow the week after this class ends. |