

IT 848: Computer Crime, Information Warfare and Economic Espionage Seminar

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Course Description

This course will offer a practitioner's perspective of computer crimes and how the criminal justice system is presently coping with this still relatively new and constantly changing phenomenon. We will discuss how computer crimes are investigated, issues relating to the search and seizure of digital evidence and computer forensics. Additionally, we will focus on particular computer crimes, such as child exploitation and internet fraud, and the impact of the Patriot Act on investigating and prosecuting computer crimes.

Grading Criteria and Expectations

Students are expected to complete reading assignments, attend all class meetings, and contribute to discussions. Consistent with John Marshall and ABA guidelines regarding substantial class attendance, students will be allowed no more than two unexcused absences.

Students will also be expected to complete a paper of 10 - 12 pages on a topic to be chosen under faculty supervision. Papers will be presented in class by students at the last class session.

Class participation will also be critical for maximizing class value and individual grades. In addition to encouraging active class participation, we may also from time to time assign students various oral advocacy projects such as case briefings and discussion/argument on selected cybercrime issues.

Student grades will consist of 65% for class participation and 35% for the paper.

Textbook: *CyberCrime: The Investigation, Prosecution and Defense of a Computer-related Crime*. (Ralph D. Clifford, Ed. 2d Ed., Carolina 2006).

Course Calendar

Jan. 28	Introduction/Overview - What is computer crime? Cybercrime, p. 13 - 62
Feb. 4	Obtaining digital evidence through the legal process Cybercrime, p. 111-119; 123 - 155
Feb. 11	Computer forensics - technical and legal issues Cybercrime, p. 155-166
Feb. 18	Cyberstalking Cybercrime, p. 187-213; 223- 241
Feb. 25	Trial and Courtroom issues One page summary of final paper topic due
March 4	Hacking
March 11	Prosecuting internet child exploitation cases
March 25	Use of digital evidence in white collar crimes Cybercrime, p. 11 - 119; 123 - 155
April 1	Presentation of papers
April 8	Presentation of papers