INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROPOSAL

☐ Fall Semester 20___

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☐ Spring Semester 20___

Student's Name: _____________________________________________________________________

Title of Project: ___________________________________________________________________

Instructions: Please describe your research project: (1) the problem that you plan to investigate, (2) the
sources that you intend to use, and (3) the paper that you intend to write. You should define the problem
clearly and relate it to the state of the existing law. Your proposal should explain, as completely as possible,
the paper you plan to write. A paper for one hour credit should be a minimum of 15 pages in length,
exclusive of footnotes; one for two hours, a minimum of 25 pages. Your proposal should cite actual
authority, court decisions, statutes, articles, and books. Very few proposals will be shorter than one or two
pages.

If your project is related to work that you are doing or have done for a law review or journal note, then
add (4) the circumstances that justify approval—for example, how it will expand upon or differ from
your work for that publication.

If you have done earlier work on the subject, for example in a seminar or an earlier independent study,
paragraph (4) of your proposal should disclose that and define what the changes and new directions will be.

If your project will satisfy the upper-level writing requirement, then (5) comply with Paragraph 13, pg. 11,
of the Law Catalog.

This project is approved for:

☐ one hour (ungraded credit)          ☐ two hours (ungraded credit)

when successfully completed.

☐ will be used to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement.

☐ will not be used to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement.

(check one)

Sponsoring Professor _____________________________ Date: _____________

Signature _______________________________________________________________________

(printed name)

Independent Research Committee:

_________________________ Date: ______________

Chair – Signature (Howard)

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Signature (Bruner)

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Signature (Calhoun)

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Signature (Miller)