

# Health Law Seminar

## Topic & Thesis

Professor TM Pope 

# Overview



This is **your**  
project



My role is  
**coach**



Help **you**  
achieve what  
**you** want to  
achieve



**Benefits  
beyond  
this course**



Hone research, writing, citation, and project management skills that are essential to a successful legal career.



Helps develop subject matter expertise.



Helps bolster one's professional credentials and reputation (if published).



# Core Objective



**Write** an 8500 word health law paper



**Send** it to Prof. Pope by May 20, 2018



Everything else is a key **step** toward that goal



# Topic



# Your choice



Within broad scope of **health law**



Some of you may **already** have a topic



For the rest, consider these **factors**



# 1



Interest  
&  
passion



Make it **fun**.  
You will put  
~**150** hours  
into this.



# 2



Leverage  
prior  
knowledge &  
experience



1. Area of law
2. Area of science, social science



Adapt, expand  
a prior project



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Instead of (or in  
addition to)  
looking backward,  
look **forward**



Be **strategic**  
Make this  
project serve  
other goals



On what do you  
want to build or  
demonstrate  
**expertise?**



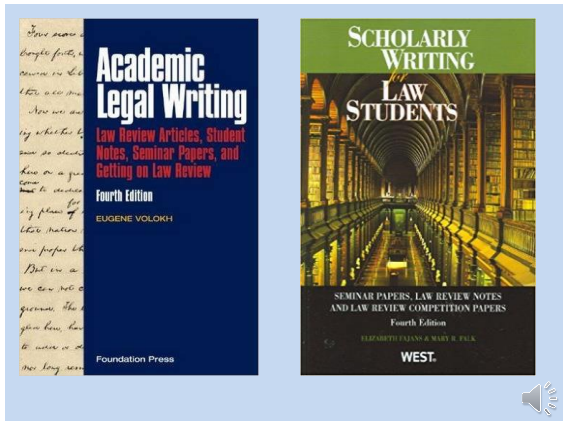
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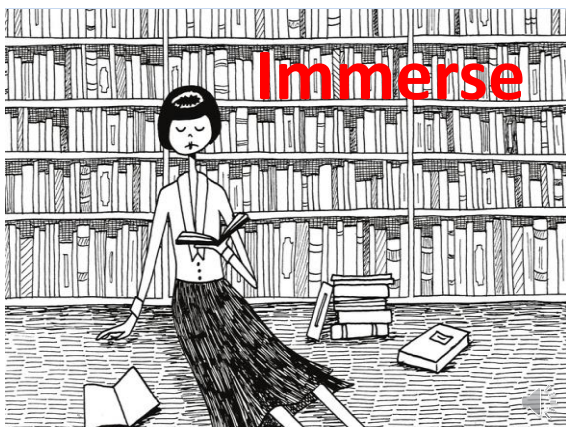
Make the topic  
as discrete and  
**narrow** as  
possible



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Finding  
a topic



As you read and  
become engaged,  
you will formulate  
thoughts



## Health Literature

PubMed

SCOPUS



## Legal Literature

SSRN

Westlaw

Lexis



## Legal News

BNA HCD

Blogs

Client advisories



See **student**  
comments in these  
(and general) law  
reviews



American Journal of Law & Medicine  
Annals of Health Law  
Behavioral Sciences & The Law  
Food and Drug Law Journal  
Health Law & Policy Brief  
Health Matrix: Journal of Law-Medicine  
Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy  
Indiana Health Law Review  
International Journal of Law and Psychiatry  
Journal of Health & Biomedical Law  
Journal of Health Care Law and Policy  
Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law  
Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics  
Journal of Law and Health  
Journal of Legal Medicine  
Journal of Medicine and Law  
Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law  
Law and Human Behavior  
Law and Psychology Review  
Quinnipiac Health Law Journal  
Saint Louis University Journal of Health Law & Policy  
Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law and Ethics



PHYSICIAN COMPENSTION: FAIR MARKET VALUE  
AND COMPENSATION SURVEYS IN THE MOVE FROM  
VOLUME TO VALUE *Can tie to it*

AUTONOMY AT WHAT COST? ASSESSING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE OREGON  
MODEL IN IDENTIFYING AND PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM FINANCIAL  
COERCION

Learning from Michigan's Experience: Why Minnesota Needs to Expand its Medical

Marijuana Qualifying Conditions



EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF AN EPISODE-OF-CARE PAYMENT  
MODEL ON QUALITY OF CARE

FOREIGN DRUG TRIALS, THE ROLE OF THE FDA AND LEGAL ALTERNATIVES FOR  
REDUCING RISK AND COMPENSATING THOSE HARMED BY "BIG PHARMA"

*Biopharmaceutical Patenting: Helpful or Harmful to Society?*



Once you have  
tentatively  
identified a topic



Create auto-alerts

Google

Westlaw

Other



Keeps you regularly  
engaged

No need to update

More occasions to  
reflect



**From topic  
to thesis**



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