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JRNL 567

The graduate version of media law mixes broad topic coverage through lectures with an intense research and presentation component. You will attend two weekly lectures that cover the history and legal issues connected to the First Amendment and specifically reporting. You will also meet with me separately on two matters – a research project connected to a specific legal case that is moving through the courts (or legislature) and a document request effort that will ideally focus on your Master's project.

In addition, you will be presenting to the JRNL 300 Media Law class about this case.

Here are the topics you may choose from for your in-depth work. You may also pitch me something different, if you have a specific interest.

- **Ag-Gag**
- **State of Drone Regulations**
- **Authors Guild v. Google**
- **Jon Krakauer v. the State of Montana and Commissioner of Higher Education**
- **Planned Parenthood Indictments in Texas**
- **Montana Digital Shield Law**

In each case, I will meet with the pair of you three times over the semester and it will culminate in the presentation to class, the draft ruling and a paper that explore the potential ramifications on journalism/public discourse.

The three meetings will be split this way:

- 1) You brief me on the key elements and history of the case or laws.
- 2) A full examination of relevant court precedent.
- 3) You do a run-through of the class presentation.

The presentation and paper will be en lieu of the JRNL 300 final.

Paper will be 15-20 pages. Details to follow.

Presentation will run 15-20 minutes.