Directed Research
Topic Registration

Student: ____________________________ Student ID: __________________

Email: ______________________________ Telephone: __________________

Supervising Instructor: ________________ Semester: __________________

I have proposed the following topic for the Directed Research paper. This topic has been approved by the Supervising Instructor whose signature appears below as meeting the criteria for an original research paper which, upon satisfactory completion (i.e. a grade of B- or above) will meet the school’s writing requirement. Directed Research is a two credit course. The work may be completed in one or two semesters, however, both credits must fall in the same semester.

Topic Statement: ____________________________


My Supervising Instructor and I have agreed on the following timetable

Research Bibliography due on: __________________
Submission of at least one substantially completed draft due on: __________________
First Draft returned to the student on: __________________
Final Paper due on: __________________
Any additional deadlines specified for this paper: __________________

At a minimum, this schedule should include dates for (1) the submission of a research bibliography; (2) submission of at least one substantially complete draft; (3) the return of the first draft to the student with extensive written comments; and (4) a final paper which responds to the written comments. These stages, and any additional interim deadlines required by the supervising instructor, should be spread out over the semester or semesters for which the student is registered for the course (See Academic Rules).

I certify that I have read and understand the Academic Rules. I understand that it would be unethical to submit the work of another as my own and that failure to give due acknowledgement to the use of materials prepared by others may cause me to receive a failing grade and subject me to other sanctions as well. I also realize that if the paper is submitted for publication, it should contain a statement that it was submitted in partial satisfaction of degree requirements at the Catholic University of America, The Columbus School of Law.

Student’s Signature ____________________________ Date __________________

Supervising Instructor’s Signature ____________________________ Date __________________