College of Law Exam Hardship Rule and Practice

College of Law Faculty Rule VIII.B is the College’s examination scheduling rule.

Examinations

B. Alternative dates

1. The applicable examination rule in the College of Law will be University Senate Rule 5.2.4.7.  [Note: The College of Law Rule mistakenly references Senate Rule 5.2.4.6.]

2. In order to determine the need for any further faculty action on defining "undue hardship" under the Senate Rule, each faculty member who grants a student request for an alternative examination date shall report such action to the Dean in writing. Such report shall include the course name, the name of the student whose request is granted, and a clear statement of the grounds for granting each request. These reports shall be distributed to the faculty at the conclusion of the final examination period each semester.

University Senate Rule 5.2.4.7 “Final Examinations” states in pertinent part:

Final examinations may be given at times other than the regularly scheduled time in the following instances:

Students:

Any student with more than two final examinations scheduled on any one date shall be entitled to have the examination for the class with the highest catalog number rescheduled at another time during the final examination period. In case this highest number is shared by more than one course, the one whose departmental prefix is first alphabetically will be rescheduled. The option to reschedule must be exercised in writing to the appropriate Instructor of Record or his/her designee two weeks prior to the last class meeting.

If a conflict is created by rescheduling of an examination, the student shall be entitled to take the rescheduled examination at another time during the final examination period.

In the case of undue hardship for an individual student, a final examination may be rescheduled by the instructor. [Emphasis supplied.]

University Senate Rule 5.2.4.8 “Final Examinations Scheduled for the Same Time” states:

A student for whom two examinations have been scheduled for the same time shall be entitled to have the examination for the class with the higher catalog number rescheduled. In case both
classes have the same number, the one whose departmental prefix is alphabetically first will be rescheduled. This rescheduling must be requested of the appropriate instructor in writing at least two weeks prior to the scheduled examination.