Description: The colloquium is a forum in which historians and law professors undertaking historical research can present new research and interpretations in legal history. Papers are distributed electronically a week before the session. Enrolled students should contact Ms. Shirley Gray (shirley.gray@nyu.edu), the colloquium’s administrative assistant, to ensure that they are included on the distribution list. The colloquium meets every Wednesday during the academic year. Students are required to enroll in the colloquium for the full year; exceptions are rare.

Requirements: In addition to attending each session of the colloquium, students must electronically submit a 1½ -3 page response paper on that week’s paper to both Ms. Gray (shirley.gray@nyu.edu) and Professor Hulsebosch (hulsebosch@juris.law.nyu.edu) by Tuesday at noon, the day before each session. In addition, at the end of the academic year each student must submit a 10-12 page methodological paper that analyzes a method of pursuing legal history (e.g., biography, quantification, community study, ideological analysis) shared by 3 or 4 of the papers presented over the year. The paper will analyze the benefits and costs of that method as exemplified by those 3 or 4 papers. The response papers and methodological essay will satisfy the “Writing B” requirement.

Students may, with the permission of the instructor, elect to seek one additional “Writing A” credit. Those students will write an original research paper (approximately 40 pages) instead of the historiographical paper. Students seeking Writing A credit will select and research the paper on their own. Along the way, they will submit a 1-page topic description, a detailed outline and bibliography, a draft, and then a final draft before the beginning of the second-semester exam period. Deadlines will be set in consultation with the instructor.