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MEDIATION | NEGOTIATION & SETTLEMENTS | PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS CLINIC | LEGAL PROFESSION

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PROPERTY | PRINCIPLES OF LEGAL ANALYSIS

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CONTRACTS | PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW | UNITED NATIONS: LAW & PRACTICE | LEGAL PROFESSION

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TORTS | CIVIL RIGHTS | PRINCIPLES OF LEGAL ANALYSIS

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REMEDIES & PRINCIPLES OF LAW | PUBLIC HEALTH LAW | HEALTH LAW

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PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS MEDIATION CLINIC

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TRIAL ADVOCACY | PERSUASIVE PUBLIC SPEAKING | ADVANCED TRIAL ADVOCACY | EVIDENCE (ITAP)

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TORTS | SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND THE LAW | LEGAL PROFESSION

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BANKING LAW | BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS | INTERNATIONAL LAW

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FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION | TAXATION OF REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS | TAXATION OF CORPORATIONS AND SHAREHOLDERS | COMMUNITY PROPERTY

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PROPERTY | WILL AND TRUSTS | SURVEY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY | TRADEMARK LAW

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CRIMINAL LAW | EVIDENCE | FAMILY LAW | COMMUNITY PROPERTY | JUVENILE LAW

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IMMIGRATION CLINIC LAW | IMMIGRATION LAW SEMINAR

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GLOBAL LAWYERING SKILLS | BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS: THE ART OF THE DEAL | LEGAL PROFESSION | INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL ANALYSIS (M.S.L.)

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INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS | PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY | CONSTITUTIONAL LAW | FEDERAL COURTS

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CONTRACTS | ADMINISTRATIVE LAW | LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

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PROPERTY | SURVEY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY | WILLS & TRUSTS | COPYRIGHT LAW

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GLOBAL LAWYERING SKILLS | ADVANCED APPELLATE ADVOCACY SEMINAR

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GLOBAL LAWYERING SKILLS | WRITTEN DISCOVERY | PRINCIPLES OF LEGAL ANALYSIS

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CIVIL PROCEDURE | CRIMINAL LAW | CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

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CONTRACTS | INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW | SALE OF GOODS

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS | EUROPEAN UNION LAW | BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS