

Lawyering Skills Class Fall 2013

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Syllabus

Class Period	Class Preparation	Lecture Topic	Graded Assignments
Class 1 Aug. 26		Clear and Unambiguous Contract Drafting	Contract Drafting Assignment 1 due Sept 3rd by email
Class 2 Aug. 29	Read: Packet Tab 1	Basic Parts of a Written Contract	
Sept. 3			Contract Drafting Assignment 1 DUE by email
Class 3 Sept 5	Read: Oates & Enquist Chap. 2, 4	Overview of the American Legal System	Assign: Contract Drafting Assignment 2 due Sept 9
Class 4 Sept 9	Read: Oates & Enquist Ch. 3, 6	The Memorandum: An Overview	Contract Drafting Assignment 2 Due; Assign: Graded Contract Assignment, Due Sept 16
Class 5 Sept 12	Read: Oates & Enquist Ch. 5; Packet Tab 2	An Introduction to Legal Research Reading and Understanding Statutes, Common Law Rules, and Cases	
Class 6 Sept 16	Read: Packet Tab 3	Legal Research – Secondary Sources & Case Law	Graded Contract Assignment due; Assign: Research/Memo Assignment 1, due Sept. 23
Class 7 Sept 19		Legal Research – Secondary Sources & Case Law	
Class 8 Sept 23	Read: Packet Tab 4	An Introduction to Online Legal Research; Legal Research – Statutes, Regulations	Research/Memo Assignment 1 due; Assign: Research/Memo Assignment 2 due Sept 30
Class 9 Sept 26		Online Legal Research	

Class 10 Sept 30	Read: Bluebook blue pages 3-27 (just skim for familiarity)	An Introduction to Citation: Statutes, Secondary Authority, and Case Law <i>Bring your Bluebook to Class</i>	Research/Memo Assignment 2 due; Assign: Citation Exercise due Oct. 7; Assign: Graded Memorandum Assignment 1 due Oct. 28th
Classes 11 & 12 Oct. 7 & 10	Read: Oates & Enquist Ch. 9 & 10	An Introduction to Legal Writing– The “CR[e]” and “C” of CR[e]AC Communicating Your Legal Analysis – The “A” in CR[e]AC	Due: Citation Assignment 1; Assign Citation Assignment 2 Due Oct. 14
Classes 12 & 13 Oct. 14 & 17	Read: Oates & Enquist Ch. 7, 8	Communicating Your Legal Analysis – The “A” in CR[e]AC Continued Common Law and Statutory Analysis – Reaching a Conclusion The Predictive Memorandum: QPs, BAs, Statement of Facts, and Conclusion INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCES	Citation Assignment 2 Due
Classes 14 & 15 Oct. 21 & 24	Read: Oates & Enquist Ch. 11, 13	The Predictive Memorandum: Turning Your Analysis into a Discussion Section Using Quotes, Avoiding Plagiarism, and Overcoming Often Overlooked Grammar Errors Editing, Editing, and More Editing INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCES	
Class 16 & 17 Oct. 28 & 31	Read: Packet Tab 5	The Trial Process	MEMO DUE OCT. 28 AT 6:00 PM; Assign Graded Memo 2 due November 18
Class 17 & 18 Nov. 4 & 7	Read: Packet Tab 6	Negotiations INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCES	
Classes 19 &	Read: Greenbook,	Texas Citation	Bring Greenbook

20 Nov. 11 & 14	cases and statutes	INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCES	to Class
Class 21 Nov. 18		Review	GRADED MEMO 2 DUE; Assign Discovery Assignment Due Nov 24 by email
Class 22 Nov. 25		FINAL EXAM	