

**LAWYERING SKILLS & STRATEGIES**  
**FALL 2013**  
**PROFESSOR MERLE MORRIS**

**STUDENT SYLLABUS**

<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Class Preparation</b>	<b>Assignment(s) Due</b>
Class 1A August 29	Introduction to the U.S. Legal System	Read Packet Tabs 1–3.	
Class 1B August 30	Legal Problem Solving: Reading and Analyzing the Law	Read <i>Clary</i> 19–30.	
Class 2A Sept. 5	Introduction to Legal Analysis (CREAC); Introduction to Citation; Synthesis	Read <i>Clary</i> 1–10, 81–95; Packet Tabs 4–5. Skim Packet Tab 6. Bring <i>Bluebook</i> to class.	
Class 2B Sept. 6	Synthesis: Deriving the Rule	Read <i>Clary</i> 31–46.	
Class 3A Sept. 12	Synthesis; Citation—Case Names	Read <i>Clary</i> 47–69.	ICW Exercise 1
Class 3B Sept. 13	Explaining the Rule; Applying Law to Facts	Read <i>Clary</i> 97–102.	<b>AAA Writing Exercise</b>
Class 4A Sept. 19	Client Interview; Citation—Reporters	Read <i>Krieger</i> 89–116.	ICW Exercise 2
Class 4B Sept. 20	Client Letter & Ethics; Citation—Court and Date	Read Packet Tab 8.	ICW Exercise 3
Class 5A Sept. 26	Applying Law to Facts		<b>Client Letter</b>
Class 5B Sept. 27	Researching Legal Precedent		ICW Exercise 4
Class 6A Oct. 3	Editing; Researching Legal Precedent	Read <i>Clary</i> 143–51.	<b>Capacity Writing Exercise</b>
Class 6B Oct. 4	Researching Legal Precedent <i>Sections A2 and C2 will meet 9:00–10:15</i>		<b>Capacity Writing Exercise Rewrites</b>
Classes 7A* Oct. 10	Case Analysis; Legal Style & Usage	Read <i>Clary</i> 135–41; Packet Tabs 11–12	ICW Exercise 5 Research Exercises
Class 7B Oct. 11	The Predictive Memorandum: Questions Presented, Brief Answers, and Statement of Facts	Read <i>Clary</i> 11–17, 151–55.	

Class 8A Oct. 17	Electronic Research		<b>Public Recognition Writing Exercise</b>
Class 8B Oct. 18	Organizational Schemes in Legal Analysis		ICW Exercises 6 & 7
Class 9A Oct. 24	Memos to File <i>Sections A2 and C2 will meet 1:00–2:15</i>		<b>Question Presented/Brief Answer Writing Exercise</b>
Class 9B Oct. 25	Large-Scale Organization; Citation	Read Packet Tab 10. Review ICW exercises. Bring <i>Bluebook</i> to class.	ICW Exercises 8 & 16
Class 10A Oct. 31	Statutory Analysis	Read <i>Clary</i> 71–79.	<b>List of Sources</b>
Class 10B Nov. 1	Memo Conferences with senior partner—no class		
Class 11A Nov. 7	Memo Conferences with senior partner—no class		
Class 11B Nov. 8	Introduction to Contracts; Drafting	Read <i>Krieger</i> 297–308; Packet Tab 14.	
Class 12A Nov. 14	Drafting <i>Sections A2 and C2 will meet 1:00–3:30</i>	Read <i>Krieger</i> 309–45.	<b>Final Memo due Monday, 11/11, at ____ a.m.</b>
Class 12B Nov. 15	Negotiation <i>Sections A2 and C2 will meet 9:00–10:15</i>	Read <i>Krieger</i> 347–85.	
Class 13A Nov. 28			<b>Final Exam ____ p.m.</b>
<b>Class 13B Nov. 29</b>	No Class		
			<b>Final Contract due Monday, 12/2, at ____ a.m.</b>

\* You will also be required to attend Westlaw and Lexis training sessions outside of class this week.