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**LAWYERING SKILLS AND STRATEGIES II**  
 SECTION E-2 • SPRING 2015

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**SYLLABUS (*final*)**

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Class and Date	Topic	Assignments Due, Class Readings, and Other Notes
<b>Class 1</b> Jan. 22  [Both sections meet together due to MLK Holiday.]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course Overview</li> <li>• Communicating with Opposing Party and Counsel (flipped lecture)  <i>Guest facilitator: Mr. Iain Simpson, Simpson P.C.</i> </li> </ul>	<p><u>Assignment Due:</u> none</p> <p><u>Class Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bridges &amp; Schiess</i>: please read Chs. 2 and 8.</li> <li>• <i>TWEN Class 1 folder</i>: please follow the instructions accompanying the subfolders.</li> </ul> <p><u>Note:</u> the graded demand-letter assignment (20% of grade) will be distributed today, in hard copy and via TWEN's applicable Assignment and Quiz Drop Box. It is due <u>Mon., Feb. 9</u> (specifics below and in the assignment instructions).</p>
<b>Class 2</b> Jan. 29	The Art of Legal Persuasion: Advocating Effectively for Your Client	<p><u>Assignment Due:</u> none</p> <p><u>Class Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Coughlin</i>: please read pp. 305-07, 312-35.</li> <li>• <i>TWEN Class 2 folder</i>: please follow the instructions accompanying the subfolders.</li> </ul>
<b>Class 3</b> Feb. 2 <b>Monday</b>  [Both sections meet together in room 209 BLB to accommodate guest speaker.]  <i>Note: because we have a guest speaker, class might run until 9:30; if so, then I will correspondingly shorten Class 4.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-Trial Motions I</li> <li>• Pre-trial Motions II: Summary Judgment (flipped lecture; reference tool for drafting MSJ)</li> <li>• Special presentation—The Nuts and Bolts of Motion Practice  <i>Iain Simpson, Simpson P.C.</i> </li> </ul>	<p><u>Assignment Due:</u> none</p> <p><u>Class Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bridges &amp; Schiess</i>: please read Chs. 9 and 10.</li> <li>• <i>Coughlin</i>: Please read pp. 308-11, 335-46.</li> <li>• <i>TWEN Class 3 folder</i>: please follow the instructions accompanying the subfolders.</li> </ul> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will sign up in class today for (optional, but strongly recommended) conferences with me to discuss the graded demand letter.</li> <li>• Conferences will run through this week; consequently, there will be no office hours Thursday, Feb. 5.</li> </ul>

Feb. 9 <b>Monday</b>	<u>Assignment due:</u> the graded demand-letter (20% of grade) is due at 6:00 p.m. today. Please submit it via TWEN (PDF, MSWord, or WordPerfect format) in the applicable Assignment and Quiz Drop Box. If (and <i>only</i> if) you cannot submit the assignment by TWEN, then you may turn it in at the LSS front desk by 6:00 p.m.; if (and <i>only</i> if) you cannot submit the assignment by TWEN or in person, then you may email it to Ms. Rose Verde by 6:00 p.m.	
<b>Class 4</b> Feb. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas: Citation and the Nuances of Higher-Court Review</li> <li>• Subsequent History: Using and Citing It (flipped lecture; reference tool)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Assignment Due:</u> none</p> <p><u>Class Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>TWEN Class 4 folder:</i> please follow the instructions accompanying the subfolders.</li> </ul> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please bring your <i>Bluebook</i> and <i>Greenbook</i> to class.</li> <li>• The ungraded motion for summary judgment will be distributed today (open research); it is due <u>Mon., Mar. 2.</u></li> <li>• A Texas citation exercise appears under the TWEN “Citation” link, within the subfolder entitled, “Texas-Citation Exercise.” Please follow the instructions accompanying the exercise on TWEN. Please complete this exercise by <u>Mon., March 9.</u></li> </ul>
<b>Class 5</b> Feb. 19	Advocating for Your Client Effectively on Appeal I (flipped lecture, in part)	<p><u>Assignment Due:</u> none</p> <p><u>Class Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>TWEN Class 5 folder:</i> please follow the instructions accompanying the subfolders.</li> </ul>
Feb. 21 <b>Saturday</b>	<p><u>Special presentation</u> : “How to Do an Effective Appellate Oral Argument: Moot Court and Real Life” (Prof. S.; room 240 BLB; 10 AM-noon)</p> <p>I will conduct an <i>optional</i> presentation for all 1L students on effective oral advocacy at the appellate level. The skills taught in this presentation will help equip students to participate in moot court and in real-life practice (many of the skills discussed apply to any argument to a court, not just appellate). Doughnuts will be served.</p>	
<b>Class 6</b> Feb. 26	Advocating for Your Client Effectively on Appeal II	<p><u>Assignment Due:</u> none</p> <p><u>Class Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>TWEN Class 6 folder:</i> please follow the instructions accompanying the subfolders.</li> </ul>
Mar. 2 <b>Monday</b>	<u>Assignment Due:</u> the ungraded motion for summary judgment is due at 6:00 p.m. today. Please submit it via its TWEN Assignment and Quiz Drop Box in MSW, WP, or PDF format.	

<b>Class 7</b> Mar. 5	Advocating for Your Client Effectively on Appeal III	<u>Assignment Due:</u> none  <u>Class Preparation:</u> • <i>TWEN Class 7 folder</i> : please follow the instructions accompanying the subfolders.  <u>Note:</u> the graded appellate brief problem will be <u>distributed today</u> , at the end of class (posted in TWEN's applicable Assignment and Quiz Drop Box). It is due <u>Mon., Apr. 13</u> (specifies below and in the assignment instructions).
Mar. 9 <b>Monday</b>	<p><u>Assignment Due:</u> the Texas citation Exercise is due today (any time). Please submit it to me by email. Answers to the exercise will be posted on TWEN under the "Citation" link, within the subfolder entitled, "Answers to Texas Citation Exercises (posted after due)."</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Section E-2 students will sign up today, <u>at the very start Section E-1's LSS class</u>, for conferences with me during the week of March 23 to discuss the graded appellate brief. <u>Accordingly, please go to the LSS classroom after your Torts class ends today, so that you may sign up.</u></p>	
<b>Class 8</b> March 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signals, Parentheticals, &amp; <i>Supra</i> (flipped lecture)</li> <li>• Citation practice + Appellate Practice Wrap-Up (as needed)</li> </ul>	<u>Assignment Due:</u> none  <u>Class Preparation:</u> • <i>Very briefly skim Bluebook</i> R1.2-R1.5. • <i>TWEN Class 8 folder</i> : please follow the instructions accompanying the subfolders.  <u>Note:</u> Please bring your <i>Bluebook</i> and <i>Greenbook</i> to class.
Week of March 16	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Spring Break</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">(no class this week)</p>	
Mar. 23 <b>Monday</b>	<p><u>Assignment Due:</u> the outline of the argument section of the appellate brief is due today <u>before noon</u>, so that I have time to review it before conferences begin this evening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Please submit your outline by email as an attachment (MSW, WP, or PDF) or as an email text.</li> <li>◦ I reserve the right not to review any outline turned in late without my prior permission.</li> <li>◦ Submitting your outline for feedback is optional, but it is <i>strongly</i> recommended. I will discuss it with you at your conference with me this week.</li> </ul>	
Week of March 23	No class this week for either LSS section: graded-brief conferences	

<b>Class 9</b> March 30 <b>Monday</b>  [Both sections meet together in room 209 BLB for special presentation.]	Special presentation—Effective Appellate Advocacy <i>The Hon. Terry Jennings, sitting Justice of the First Court of Appeals of Texas, and the Hon. Murry Cohen, retired Justice of the First Court of Appeals of Texas and Partner heading the Appellate Practice Section of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer &amp; Feld LLP (Houston)</i>	<u>Assignment Due:</u> none  <u>Class Preparation:</u> none
Mar. 30 <b>Monday</b>	<u>Assignment Due:</u> ICW Ex. 12 is due today (any time of day).	
Apr. 6 <b>Monday</b>	<u>Assignment Due:</u> ICW Ex. 13 is due today (any time of day).	
<b>Class 10</b> Apr. 9	Finding and Using Texas Legislative History	<u>Assignment Due:</u> none  <u>Class Preparation:</u> • <i>TWEN Class 10 folder:</i> please follow the instructions accompanying the subfolders.
April 13 <b>Monday</b>	<u>Assignment Due:</u> the graded appellate brief is due at 6:00 p.m today. Please submit it via its TWEN Assignment and Quiz Drop Box (MSWord, PDF, or WordPerfect format). If (and <i>only</i> if) you cannot submit the assignment by TWEN, then you may turn it in at the LSS front desk by 6:00 p.m.; if (and <i>only</i> if) you cannot submit the assignment by TWEN or in person, then you may email it to Ms. Rose Verde by 6:00 p.m.	
<b>Class 11</b> April 16  [Both sections meet together in room 240 BLB for special presentation.]	Special presentation—Mediation Basics <i>Professors Bob Hughes and Tracy Leissner, Mediators, Hughes &amp; Leissner PLLC</i>	<u>Assignment Due:</u> none  <u>Class Preparation:</u> none
<b>Class 12</b> April 23	• Citation Review  • Student’s Choice (time permitting)	<u>Assignment Due:</u> none  <u>Class Preparation:</u> • <i>TWEN Class 12 folder:</i> please follow the instructions accompanying the subfolders.  <u>Note:</u> Please bring your <i>Bluebook</i> and <i>Greenbook</i> to class.
April 27 <b>Monday</b>	Final examination (20% of grade): <u>7:30-8:45 p.m., Monday, April 27</u> , room 209 BLB, both classes together	

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