

**Lawyering Skills and Strategies II**  
**Spring 2015**

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**Syllabus – 1/14/20015**

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<b>Class Period</b>	<b>Class Preparation</b>	<b>Lecture Topic</b>	<b>Assignments</b>
<b>Class 1</b> Jan. 20		<b>Course Introduction</b>  <b>Citation Refresher: The Bluebook</b>  <i>Bring your copy of The Bluebook to class</i>	
<b>Class 2</b> Jan. 23	<b>Read:</b> The Greenbook Ch. 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 18	<b>Texas Citation: The Greenbook</b>  <i>Bring your copy of The Greenbook to class</i>	<b>Assign:</b> Greenbook Citation Exercises
<b>Class 3 &amp; 4</b> Jan. 27  <b>Both sections meet together 1:00-2:50 p.m. in 111 TUII</b>	<b>Read:</b> Legislative History Research PowerPoint posted on TWEN	<b>Legislative History Research</b>  <i>Bring your laptop to class (know both your Westlaw and Lexis passwords)</i>	
<b>Class 5</b> Jan. 30	<b>Read:</b> <i>Bridges</i> Ch. 1	<b>Establishing the Attorney-Client Relationship: Engagement Letters</b>	<b>Due:</b> Greenbook Citation Exercises  <b>Assign:</b> Engagement Letter Assignment
<b>Class 6</b> Feb. 3	<b>Read:</b> <i>Bridges</i> Ch. 3, 4, 6, and 7	<b>The Anatomy of Civil Litigation: Pleadings</b>	
<b>Class 7</b> Feb. 6		<b>Discovery: RFP's, Roggs, and Admissions</b>	<b>Due:</b> Engagement Letter Assignment
<b>Class 8</b> Feb. 10  <b>1:00-2:15 p.m. 111 TUII</b>		<b>Multiple Choice Citation and Legislative History Research Exam (10%)</b>  <i>Bring your laptop to the exam</i>	

<b>Class 9 &amp; 10</b> Feb. 13  <b>Both sections meet together 9:30-10:20 and 12:00-12:50 p.m. in 111 TUII</b>	<b>Read:</b> Material Posted on TWEN	<b>The Art of Legal Persuasion</b>	<b>In Class:</b> Persuasion Assignment – Group Discussions and Presentations
<b>Class 11 &amp; 12</b> Feb. 17  <b>Both sections meet together 1:00-2:50 p.m. in 111 TUII</b>	<b>Read:</b> Bridges Ch. 9, 10, and 11; see TWEN for additional reading	<b>Civil Litigation: Pretrial Motions (Motions for Summary Judgment)</b>	<b>Assign:</b> Motion for Summary Judgment Assignment
<b>Class 13</b> Feb. 20		<b>Using Headings for Persuasion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each Point Heading should facilitate the answer you want on the QP</li> <li>Each Sub-Heading should support the Point Heading</li> </ul> <b>Drafting a Persuasive Statement of Facts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dealing with good and bad facts</li> <li>Telling “your” client’s story</li> <li>Organization</li> <li>Use of Evidence</li> </ul>	
<b>Class 14</b> Feb. 24	<b>Read:</b> see TWEN	<b>Introduction to an Appellate Practice: Overview of the Brief</b>	
<b>Class 15</b> Feb. 27		<b>Appellate Brief: Jurisdiction, Standard of Review, Question Presented</b>	<b>Due:</b> Motion for Summary Judgment Assignment
<b>Class 16 &amp; 17</b> March 3  <b>Both sections meet together 1:00-2:50 p.m. in 111 TUII</b>	<b>Read:</b> see TWEN	<b>Appellate Brief: Argument Section</b>	<b>In Class:</b> Comment on Real Argument Section

<b>Class 18</b> March 6		<b>Appellate Brief: Statement of the Case and Conclusion</b>	<b>Assign:</b> Graded Appellate Brief (60%)
<b>Class 19</b> Mar. 10  <b>No Class on Friday Mar. 13</b>	<b>Read:</b> see TWEN	<b>Oral Arguments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anatomy of an oral argument</li> <li>Style and etiquette</li> </ul>	
<b>March 16-20</b>		<b>No Class – Spring Break</b>	
<b>Class 20</b> Mar. 23-27  <b>Sign up on TWEN (No regular class this week)</b>	<b>Read:</b> see TWEN	<b>Practice Oral Argument Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10-minute practice presentation; with 10-minute commentary</li> </ul>	
<b>Class 21</b> Mar. 31  <b>No class Fri. Apr. 3 (Good Friday)</b>	<b>Read:</b> see TWEN	<b>Writing Style Tips</b>	
<b>Class 22</b> Apr. 6-10  <b>Sign up on TWEN (No regular class this week)</b>		<b>Professionalism: Meeting with A Supervising Attorney*</b>  * Each student may schedule one meeting to discuss appellate brief strategy	
<b>Monday, April 13</b>		<b>Your Graded Appellate Brief Assignment (60%) must be posted to TWEN no later than 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Due:</b> Graded Appellate Brief Assignment
<b>Class 23</b> Apr. 14		<b>Judicial Opinion Writing</b>	<b>Assign:</b> Graded Judicial Opinion Assignment (30%)

<b>Class 24 &amp; 25</b> Apr. 17  <b>Both sections meet together 9:30-10:20 and 12:00-12:50 p.m. in 111 TUII</b>		<b>Judicial Opinion Writing</b>	
<b>Class 26</b> Apr. 21	<b>Read:</b> Bridges Ch. 12	<b>Settling a Claim through Mediation</b>	
<b>Class 27 &amp; 28</b> Apr. 24  <b>Both sections meet together 9:30-10:20 and 12:00-12:50 p.m. in 111 TUII</b>	<b>Read:</b> see TWEN	<b>Introduction to Scholarly Writing</b>	
<b>Monday, April 27</b>		<b>Your Graded Judicial Opinion Assignment (30%) must be posted to TWEN no later than 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Due:</b> Graded Judicial Opinion Assignment