

University of Houston Law Center
Syllabus and Course Information
Spring 2026

LAW 6207: LAWYERING SKILLS AND STRATEGIES II
Professor Maleaha Brown

Course Meeting Times and Place

This is an in-person course. Class will meet **Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Course Description

Lawyering Skills and Strategies II will focus on legal writing in litigation and transactional contexts and the skills and strategic planning lawyers must possess to succeed within actual lawyering experiences. The curriculum will be problem – based, using fact-pattern simulations to enable students to work through actual practice skills and strategies and ethical issues. Training in essential lawyering skills such as oral communication, legal writing, research, and analysis will be embedded within fact pattern simulations involving typical litigation and transactional issues that students will work through to develop lawyering skills and problem-solving strategies. Students at times will be assigned to represent opposing sides of the problem.

Course Materials

Required course materials

This course requires the following texts and materials:

- [The Greenbook: Texas Rules of Form \(16th ed. 2025\).](#)

We will also continue to use:

- Christine Coughlin, Joan Malmud, and Sandy Patrick, *A Lawyer Writes* (4th ed. 2024) (ISBN: 9781531020699)
- *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (22nd ed. 2025) (ISBN: 9798218574574)

Grading Criteria and Evaluation

Graded Assignments

The final grade for the course will be based on scaling each graded assignment. The graded assignments this semester are:

- Class Preparation Assignments (10%);
- Research and Citation Assessment (20%);
- Motion (50%); and
- Negotiation and Contract (20%).

Honor Code

The UHLC Honor Code applies to all aspects of this course. You are responsible for knowing all Honor Code provisions and for complying with the Honor Code. Please inquire if you have any questions regarding how the Honor Code's provisions apply to specific activities or situations related to this course. Your continuing enrollment in this course is deemed to be a pledge by you under the Honor Code to comply with the Honor Code in relation to this course and to comply with the instructions in the course syllabus.

Assignments and Course Outline

On or before the first day of class, I will post a course outline with a calendar of assignments and due dates. To better address changing student needs throughout the semester, the course outline may change.