

LAWYERING SKILLS AND STRATEGIES • SYLLABUS • SPRING 2026
SECTION B4 • COURSE 6207 • SECTION 12213 • F2F

Class Periods	Class Topics	Class Readings and Videos	Exercises Due in Class
Class 1A January 20	Legal Authority and Research Recap	<i>An Advocate Persuades</i> pp. TBD Master Four-Step Process Checklist	Legal Authority Ex.
Class 1B January 22	Legal Writing and Citation Recap	<i>An Advocate Persuades</i> pp. TBD	Read [Ungraded] Pre-Trial Motion assigning packet
Class 2A January 27	Introduction to Legal Persuasion	<i>An Advocate Persuades</i> pp. TBD	Read and analyze statutory law for [Ungraded] Pre-Trial Motion
Class 2B January 29	Persuasive Writing: Motion Practice in General	<i>An Advocate Persuades</i> pp. TBD	Read and analyze case law for [Ungraded] Pre-Trial Motion
Class 3A February 3	Persuasive Writing: The Parts of a Motion	<i>An Advocate Persuades</i> pp. TBD	None
Class 3B February 5	Persuasive Writing: Law [Rules, Arguments, Counterarguments]	<i>An Advocate Persuades</i> pp. TBD	Draft Persuasive Rule for [Ungraded] Pre-Trial Motion
Class 4A February 10	Persuasive Writing: Law [Rules, Arguments, Counterarguments]	<i>An Advocate Persuades</i> pp. TBD	Draft Persuasive Argument for [Ungraded] Pre-Trial Motion
Class 4B February 12	Persuasive Writing: Motions for Summary Judgment	Class 4B Handout	Draft Persuasive Counterargument for [Ungraded] Pre-Trial Motion
Class 5A February 17	Persuasive Writing: Facts	<i>An Advocate Persuades</i> pp. TBD	Draft Persuasive Facts for [Ungraded] Pre-Trial Motion
Class 5B February 19	Advanced Legal Citation: Case History	<i>Bluebook Uncovered</i> pp. 123-130 “Case History” Citation Video	Procertas Assessment
February 20	Submit the [Ungraded] Pre-Trial Motion on Canvas by 11:59PM (CT) on Friday, February 20.		

Class 6A February 24	Advanced Legal Citation: <i>The Greenbook</i>	Class 6A Handout Skim Chapter 4 of <i>The Greenbook</i> "The Greenbook" Citation Video	Citation Quiz 1 (Case History)
Class 6B February 26	Advanced Legal Citation: <i>The Greenbook</i>	None	None
Class 7A March 3	Advanced Legal Citation: Parentheticals	<i>Bluebook Uncovered</i> pp. 151-166 "Parentheticals" Citation Video	Citation Quiz 2 (<i>The Greenbook</i>)
Class 7B March 5	No LSS Class—Individual Conferences (Graded Motion). Participation is mandatory.		
Class 8A March 10	Advanced Legal Citation: Signals	<i>Bluebook Uncovered</i> pp. 219-227 "Signals" Citation Video	Citation Quiz 3 (Parentheticals)
Class 8B March 12	TBD	TBD	Citation Quiz 4 (Signals)
March 13	Submit the Graded Motion Assignment on Canvas by 11:59 p.m. (CT) on Friday, March 13.		
March 16- March 20	No LSS Classes—Spring Break.		
Class 10A March 24	Legal Citation Review	None	Professional Development Decision
Class 10B* March 26	The Legal Citation Quiz will be administered during a combined class on Thursday, March 26, at 1:00 p.m.		
Class 11A March 31	Contract Drafting: The Parts of a Contract	<i>Contract Drafting</i> pp. 1-21	None
Class 11B April 2	Contract Drafting: The Parts of a Contract	None	The Parts of a Contract Quiz is due by 11:59PM on Thursday, April 2.

* Class 10B will be a combined class that meets on Thursday, March 26, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. in Room 211.

Class 12A April 7	Contract Drafting: Contract Terms	<i>Contract Drafting</i> pp. 21-35	None
Class 12B April 9	Contract Drafting: Contract Terms	None	The Contract Terms Quiz is due by 11:59PM on Thursday, April 9.
April 10	Submit the Professional Development Assignment on Canvas by 11:59 p.m. (CT) on Friday, April 10.		
Class 13A April 14	Contract Drafting: The Drafting Process	<i>Contract Drafting</i> pp. 43-52	None
Class 13B April 16	Contract Drafting: The Drafting Process	None	The Drafting Process Quiz is due by 11:59PM on Thursday, April 16.
Class 14A April 21	Contract Drafting: Drafting Style	<i>Contract Drafting</i> pp. 35-43	None
Class 14B April 23	Contract Drafting: Drafting Style	None	The Drafting Style Quiz is due by 11:59PM on Thursday, April 24.
Class 15A April 28	Legal Writing Beyond the First Year	None	None
Class 15B April 30	1L Summer: Expectations and Preparations	None	None
May 1	Submit the Graded Contract Assignment on Canvas by 11:59 p.m. (CT) on Friday, May 1.		