

**LAWYERING II: ADVOCACY
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Spring 2009
Sections 5 and 6

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This Advocacy course will help you develop skills in persuasive writing and speaking. The course will also expand your legal research, analysis, and citation skills. You will use these skills to prepare written and oral arguments in a hypothetical federal court case. The semester will culminate with an oral argument before a faculty or school administration member acting as a federal judge.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Linda H. Edwards, *Legal Writing and Analysis* (2d ed., Aspen 2007)
2. Amy E. Sloan, *Basic Legal Research: Tools and Strategies* (3d ed., Aspen 2006)
3. *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (18th Ed., Harvard Law Review Association)
4. Richard Wydick, *Plain English for Lawyers* (5th ed., Carolina Academic Press)
5. Alan Dworsky, *The Little Book on Oral Argument* (Fred Rothman 1991)

Please bring your textbooks to class if you had a reading assignment in them.

ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS

1. Chapter 14 of *Legal Writing and Analysis*
2. Chapter 1 of *Plain English for Lawyers*
3. Register for my TWEN site.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

1. If you believe you have grammar or punctuation weaknesses, please review and consider purchasing, *Just Writing: Grammar, Punctuation, and Style for the Legal Writer* by Anne Enquist (2d. ed., Aspen 2005). This book also contains a chapter for students for whom English is a second language.
2. Another valuable writing text that you'll find on many lawyers' book shelves is *Elements of Style* by William Strunk, Jr. and E.B. White (4th ed., Longman 1999). There is a link to an online copy of this book on my TWEN site.

COURSE GRADE

- Brief (65%) (*Due March 20, 2009*)
- Final Oral Argument (15%)
- Practice Oral Arguments (10%)
- Research for brief (10%)

COMMUNICATION

You are welcome to stop by my office any time or schedule appointments. I can usually be reached most quickly through email. My administrative assistant is Toni McGuire. She can be reached at 556-0090.

I will communicate schedule and assignment changes with you by TWEN and e-mail. You are responsible for all information communicated by email or posted on TWEN just as if it had been communicated in class. It is your responsibility to check your e-mail regularly.

CLASS POLICIES

1. Periodically throughout the semester I will issue schedules showing key dates, topics, and assigned readings.
2. I will assign additional exercises from time to time during class. Although I may not individually grade these assignments, you will lose points if you do not complete them.
3. I expect you to attend and participate in class. If you must miss a class, please try to notify me in advance, and please obtain notes and handouts from a colleague.
4. Additional policies will be posted on TWEN.