PRETRIAL LITIGATION

Course Number:  LITG 7024        Call Number:  000052
Semester:  Spring 2014
Professor:  Lenhart
Credits:  3 Classroom
Primary Basis for the Grade:  Drafting Assignments and Class Participation; Letter Grade
Prerequisites:  This class is not open to students who have previously enrolled in Professor
Lenhart’s Intensive Practical Lawyering course.

Enrollment:  Limited to 25;  Please complete a Limited Enrollment Lottery Form.
Meets Seminar Requirement?  No
Meets Writing Requirement?  Yes
Meets Client Counseling Requirement?  No
Meeting Times:  Monday, 3:05-5:50
Location:  100A

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will focus solely on the litigation skills that an attorney must master in order to steer a
civil case from the beginning of a dispute to the point immediately preceding a trial.

Topics may include:  development of the legal theory/theories in a case (causes of action and
defenses); pleadings, including state and federal filing rules, proper parties, service considerations,
electronic filing, and waiver of service of summons; development of discovery strategies;
discovery, including interrogatories, requests for production of documents, requests for admissions,
and motions to compel; depositions, taking and defending; experts, including retainer issues, drafting
expert reports, and taking/defending expert depositions; pre-trial motion practice; trial-witness
preparation; jury instructions and pre-trial statements; and court-ordered mediation and settlement.

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