This is an intensive short course that meets on a special schedule before regular classes begin.

PRETRIAL LITIGATION
Semester: Fall 2014

PLEASE NOTE: Pretrial Litigation will be offered twice during the 2014-15 school year. During the Fall Semester it will be offered as a 2-hour intensive short course; during the Spring Semester it will be offered as a 2-hour semester class.

Course Number: LITG 7024  Call Number: 000109
Professor: Lenhart
Credits: 2 Classroom
Primary Basis for the Grade: Daily drafting assignments and class participation; Letter Graded
Prerequisites: This class is not open to students who have previously enrolled in Professor Ginsburg’s Intensive Practical Lawyering course.
Enrollment: Limited to 20; Please complete a Limited Enrollment Lottery Form.
Meets Seminar Requirement? No
Meets Writing Requirement? Yes
Meets Client Counseling Requirement? No

Meeting Times: The course will take place the week of August 18-22, 2014; and meet 9:00am to 3:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

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.

SPECIAL NOTES:
This is an intensive short course that meets during the week of August 18-22, the week before regular classes begin. Because it is an intensive course taught over a short period of time, you are required to attend all sessions. Do not sign up for this course if you cannot be available to attend all sessions.

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