PRETRIAL LITIGATION

Course Number:  LITG 7024          Call Number:  000109

Semester:  Spring 2015
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 20; Please complete a Limited Enrollment Lottery Form.
Meets Seminar Requirement?  No
Meets Writing Requirement?  Yes
Meets Client Counseling Requirement?  No
Meeting Times:  T 1:30 to 3:30 pm
Location:  100B

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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