

Legal Writing & Research II

Fall 2014 Syllabus

(1x/week classes)

Class Session	Topic	Required Reading	Assignments
Monday Aug. 25	Introduction to Course; Shifting to Persuasion; Plan Research for Settlement Letter; Discuss Research Process; Writing a Settlement Letter.	Read Sample Settlement Letter posted on Lexis Course Web Page; Edwards: Chapter 16	Six Word Essay" due (assignment posted on Lexis Course Web Page) (Ungraded Assignment); Instructions for Settlement Letter and Client Email to discuss in class are also posted on the Lexis Course Web Page.
Monday Sept. 1	No Class - Labor Day		
All students must attend mandatory Lexis training on 9/9 at 5:30p.m. Monday Sept. 8	Discuss Research Results; Developing and Emphasizing a Theme for Settlement; Persuasive Facts and Rules; Discuss Client Email.	Edwards Chapter 22	Research Results Due: (1) case briefs of at least 2 relevant cases; (2) outline of any relevant statutes. (Ungraded Assignment)
All students must attend Westlaw training. TBA. Monday Sept. 15	Finalizing the Settlement Letter and Client Email; Career Services Presentation by Pamela Davidson (6:30pm-8pm)		
All students must attend Bloomberg training. TBA. Monday Sept. 22	Introduction to the Appellate Brief; Judge as Reader; Discuss Research Plan for Final Appellate Brief; Drafting a Persuasive Rule and Statement of Facts for a brief; Argument Paradigm	Read the following article: Clyde H. Hamilton, Effective Appellate Brief Writing, 50 S.C. L. Rev. 581 (1999); Edwards: Chapters 17 and 18 pp. 265-276	Settlement Letter and Client Email Due (20% of final LWR II grade); Material for Final Appellate Brief will be posted on Lexis Web Page.

Monday Sept. 29	Drafting Questions Presented and Argument Headings; Introduction to Standards of Review; Introduction to Oral Argument; Discuss Research Results	Edwards: Chapters 19, 21 (pp. 330-335), 24	<u>Summary of 6 most important authorities for use in Appellate Brief (ungraded assignment)</u>
Monday Oct. 6	Using Cases Effectively in Brief Writing (Re/A); Oral Argument (UNGRADED ASSIGNMENT)	Edwards: Chapters 20, 21 (pp. 321-328)	
Monday Oct. 13	Large Scale Organization of the Brief; Addressing Adverse Authority and Opposing Arguments; Conclusion; Peer Review of Draft Statement of Facts and Question Presented; Citing Supporting Authority within the Appellate Brief.	Edwards Chapter 23	Outline of Argument Section Due (ungraded assignment); Draft Statement of Facts and QP due (ungraded assignment)
Monday Oct. 20	Summary of Argument; All the other parts of the Brief (Table of Contents, Certificate of Service, etc.) ; Oral Argument (UNGRADED ASSIGNMENT)	Edwards: Chapter 21 (pp. 335-336)	FIRST DRAFT DUE: "Argument" section of Final Appellate Brief due (with Argument Headings) (20% of final LWR II grade)
Monday Oct. 27	Editing & Revising; Moot Court Members Panel; Moot Court Competition Prep.		
Monday Nov. 3	Mandatory Conferences		

Monday, Nov. 10	Oral Argument (Ungraded Assignment); Finalizing the Appellate Brief		
Friday, Nov. 14			Final Appellate Brief Due 6:30 p.m. (40% of final LWR II grade)
Monday, Nov. 17	Final Oral Argument PRACTICE(Ungraded Assignment)		
Saturday, Nov. 22	Final Oral Argument (10% of final LWR II grade) - IN MOOT COURT ROOM - 9am - 2pm		