

Legal Writing & Research II

Spring 2013 Syllabus

(2x/week classes)

Class Session	Topic	Required Reading	Assignments
16-Jan	Introduction to Course; Shifting to Persuasion; Plan Research for 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 are also posted on the Lexis Course Web Page.
18-Jan	Discuss Research Process; Writing a Settlement Letter.		
23-Jan	Discuss Research Results		Research Results Due: (1) case briefs of at least 2 relevant cases; (2) outline of any relevant statutes. (Ungraded Assignment)
25-Jan	Developing and Emphasizing a Theme for Settlement; Persuasive Facts and Rules; Discuss Client Email.	Edwards Chapter 22	
All students must attend Lexis training during the week of January 28. Register online. 30-Jan	Finalizing the Settlement Letter and Client Email		

<p align="center">1-Feb</p>	<p>Persuasion in Practice - guest speaker: Presentations will be held in room 110. All 9:00 a.m. classes will attend the 10:45 a.m. presentation. 1:00 p.m. classes will attend the 1:00 p.m. presentation.</p>		<p>Settlement Letter and Client Email Due (20% of final LWR II grade)</p>
<p>All students must attend Westlaw training during the week of February 4. Register online. 6-Feb</p>	<p>Introduction to the Appellate Brief; Judge as Reader; Discuss Research Plan for Final Appellate Brief</p>	<p>Read the following article: Clyde H. Hamilton, Effective Appellate Brief Writing, 50 S.C. L. Rev. 581 (1999); Edwards: Chapter 17</p>	<p>Material for Final Appellate Brief will be posted on Lexis Web Page.</p>
<p align="center">8-Feb</p>	<p>Drafting a Persuasive Rule and Statement of Facts for a brief; Argument Paradigm</p>	<p>Edwards Chapter 18 pp. 265-276</p>	
<p>All students must attend Bloomberg training during the week of February 11. Sign-up sheets available in the library. 13-Feb</p>	<p>Drafting Questions Presented and Argument Headings; Introduction to Standards of Review; Introduction to Oral Argument</p>	<p>Edwards: Chapter 19, 21 (pg 330-335), 24</p>	
<p align="center">15-Feb</p>	<p>Discuss Research Results</p>		<p>Summary of 6 most important authorities for use in Appellate Brief (ungraded assignment)</p>
<p align="center">20-Feb</p>	<p>Using Cases Effectively in Brief Writing (Re/A)</p>	<p>Edwards: Chapter 20, 21 (pp. 321-328)</p>	

22-Feb	Oral Argument (UNGRADED ASSIGNMENT)		
27-Feb	Large Scale Organization of the Brief; Addressing Adverse Authority and Opposing Arguments; Conclusion.		Outline of Argument Section Due (ungraded assignment)
1-Mar	Peer Review of Draft Statement of Facts and Question Presented; Citing Supporting Authority within the Appellate Brief.	Edwards Chapter 23	Draft Statement of Facts and QP due (ungraded assignment)
6-Mar	Oral Argument (UNGRADED ASSIGNMENT)		
8-Mar	Career Services Presentation: Presentations will be held in Room 110. All 1:00 p.m. classes will meet at 9:00 a.m. All 10:45 a.m. classes will meet at the regular time.		FIRST DRAFT DUE: "Argument" section of Final Appellate Brief due (with Argument Headings) (20% of final LWR II grade) Additional Material for Final Appellate Brief will be posted on Lexis Web Page.
March 13-15	SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS		
20-Mar	Summary of Argument; Discuss new material for final brief.		

22-Mar	All the other parts of the Brief (Table of Contents, Certificate of Service, etc.)	Edwards: Chapter 21 (pg 335-336)	
27-Mar	Editing & Revising		
29-Mar	Mandatory Conferences		
3-Apr	Mandatory Conferences		
5-Apr	Moot Court Members Panel; Moot Court Competition Prep.		
10-Apr	Oral Argument (Ungraded Assignment)		
12-Apr	Finalizing the Appellate Brief		

17-Apr	Oral Argument (Ungraded Assignment)		Final Appellate Brief Due (40% of final LWR II grade)
19-Apr	NO CLASS		
24-Apr	In Lieu of Class this week, each student will be scheduled to present their Final Oral Argument (10% of final LWR II grade)		
26-Apr	In Lieu of Class this week, each student will be scheduled to present their Final Oral Argument (10% of final LWR II grade)		
1-May	Wednesday, May 1st 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1L Moot Court Competition -- Final Rounds -- Darras Moot Court Room.		Faculty, Honors Moot Court Team Members and 1L students are invited to attend the 1L Moot Court Competition Final Rounds in the Darras Moot Court Room Wednesday May 1st 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.