

# Legal Writing & Research II

## Fall 2013 Syllabus

(1x/week classes)

Class Session	Topic	Required Reading	Assignments
<b>Monday Aug. 26</b>	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.
<b>Monday Sept. 2</b>	No Class - Labor Day		
All students must attend mandatory Lexis training. TBA. Register online. <b>Monday Sept. 9</b>	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. Register online. <b>Monday Sept. 16</b>	Finalizing the Settlement Letter and Client Email; Career Services Presentation		
All students must attend Bloomberg training. TBA. Sign-up sheets available in the library. <b>Monday Sept. 23</b>	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.

<b>Monday Sept. 30</b>	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>
<b>Monday Oct. 7</b>	Using Cases Effectively in Brief Writing (Re/A); Oral Argument (UNGRADED ASSIGNMENT)	Edwards: Chapters 20, 21 (pp. 321-328)	
<b>Monday Oct. 14</b>	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)
<b>Monday Oct. 21</b>	Summary of Argument; Discuss new material for final brief; 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) Additional Material for Final Appellate Brief will be posted on Lexis Web Page.
<b>Monday Oct. 28</b>	Editing & Revising; Moot Court Members Panel; Moot Court Competition Prep.		
<b>Monday Nov. 4</b>	Mandatory Conferences		

<b>Monday, Nov. 11</b>	<b>Oral Argument (Ungraded Assignment); Finalizing the Appellate Brief</b>		
<b>Friday, Nov. 15</b>			<b>Final Appellate Brief Due 6:30 p.m. (40% of final LWR II grade)</b>
<b>Mon. Nov. 18</b>	<b>In Lieu of Class this week, each student will be scheduled to present their Final Oral Argument (10% of final LWR II grade); Final Oral Argument</b>		
<b>Friday Nov. 22</b>	<b>Final Oral Argument</b>		
<b>Monday Nov. 25</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., 1L Moot Court Competition -- "Top 4" Final Rounds</b>		<b>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 Monday, Nov. 25, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</b>