INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Legal Writing II. This semester, the class will focus on persuasive writing and oral advocacy. Please consult the Legal Research and Writing Student Manual for detailed information about grading, attendance policy, and assignments. The Manual is posted on the TWEN site. Paper copies were distributed during fall semester.

While I encourage you to bring laptops to class for note-taking, I require that only word processing programs be open during class. Anyone using web browsers, electronic games, or communicating via email or instant messaging during class will be asked to leave and will not be permitted to bring their laptops to class for the duration of the course.

Writing Assignments

The Appellate Brief assignment will be distributed in the first class of the semester. Please turn in the Appellate Brief at the Registrar's Office by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008. The return date for the Appellate Brief will be announced later in the semester. Other assignments will be distributed to you and turned in to me during class or tutorials.

TEXTBOOKS

Required textbooks:

Association of Legal Writing Directors & Darby Dickerson, ALWD Citation Manual (3d ed., Aspen L. & Bus. 2006) ("Citation Manual")


Alan Dworsky, Little Book on Oral Argument (Fred B. Rothman & Co. 1991)
WEEK 1    Week of January 14, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

   Letter writing
   The Appellate Process
   Appellate Brief problem

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

   Client Letter Handout (posted on Twen site)

Writing Assignment:

   Begin work on Client Letter assignment, due Week 3. The assignment will be distributed in class.

Notes:

   The Appellate Brief assignment will be distributed in the first class of this week.
WEEK 2    Week of January 21, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

   Persuasive writing
   Purpose and tone
   Types of persuasive writing
   Appellate Brief problem (continued)

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

   Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 1, Introduction

   Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 2, Appellate Jurisdiction and Standards of Review

   Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 3, Before You Write

   Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 11, Exploiting Opportunities for Persuasion

Writing Assignment:

   Work on Client Letter assignment, due Week 3.
WEEK 3  Week of January 28, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

- Persuasive writing (continued)
- Appellate Brief problem (continued)
- Appellate Brief
  - Introduction
  - Statement of Issues
- Format
  - Statement of the Case and Facts

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

- Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 4, Facing the Blank Page
- Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 5, Drafting the Argument
- Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 8, Professionalism
- Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 9, Special Teams

Writing Assignment:

The Client Letter assignment is due during the second class hour this week.

Begin work on the Advocacy Exercise assignment. Instructions for this assignment will be given in class.

Notes:

The Client Letter assignment will be returned in your student boxes.
WEEK 4    Week of February 4, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

Appellate Brief problem (continued)
Appellate Brief
   Point Headings       Summary of Argument
   Argument              Conclusion

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

   Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 6, Practice Pointers

   Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 7, Seeing What You Have Written

Writing Assignment:

   Work on the Advocacy Exercise assignment, due during the Alpha tutorial. Instructions for this assignment will be given in class.

Tutorials:

   Alpha tutorials begin this week. Prepare and bring the following to your Alpha tutorial:

   Advocacy Exercise
   Detailed outline of Appellate Brief
   Research resources checklist
   List of authorities
   Draft of statement of issues
   Questions about Appellate Brief and research strategies
WEEK 5    Week of February 11, 2008

**Class Discussion Topics**

No class this week

**Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes**

**Required Reading:**

- *Appellate Advocacy*, Chapter 10, Making Your Document Reader-Friendly
- *Appellate Advocacy*, Chapter 12, Polishing

**Tutorials:**

Alpha tutorials continue this week. Prepare and bring the following to your Alpha tutorial:

- Advocacy Exercise
- Detailed outline of Appellate Brief
- Research resources checklist
- List of authorities
- Draft of statement of issues
- Questions about Appellate Brief and research strategies
WEEK 6 Week of February 18, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

Citation
Bluebook Citation
Appellate Brief problem (continued)

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

Appellate Advocacy, Appendix A, Citation Form and Punctuation Information

Tutorials:

Beta tutorials begin this week. Prepare and bring the following to your Beta tutorial:

Draft of Point Headings
Draft of Statement of the Case and Facts
Full draft of Argument section of Appellate Brief
Draft of Table of Authorities
Questions about Appellate Brief

Notes:

Classes will meet for one class hour only this week.
WEEK 7     Week of February 25, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

No class this week

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

No new reading assignment this week.

Tutorials:

Beta tutorials continue this week. Prepare and bring the following to your Beta tutorial:

- Draft of Point Headings
- Draft of Statement of the Case and Facts
- Full draft of Argument section of Appellate Brief
- Draft of Table of Authorities
- Questions about Appellate Brief

Notes:

Sign up this week for practice and final oral arguments. Sign up sheets will be posted on Professor Dunnewold’s door.

The Appellate Brief is due next week.
WEEK 8     Week of March 3, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

Oral Argument

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

**Appellate Advocacy**, Chapter 13, Oral Argument

Writing Assignment:

Appellate Brief (four copies) due at the Registrar’s Office by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008.

Notes:

Exchange briefs with your final oral argument opponent on Monday, March 3, after 11:00 a.m. Please be sure that your opponent has submitted the brief to the Registrar’s Office before exchanging briefs.

Note that you will need six copies of your Appellate Brief: one for yourself, four for the Registrar, and one for your oral argument opponent.
WEEK 9  Week of March 10, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

Oral Argument (continued)

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Reading:

Little Book on Oral Argument

Notes:

Mandatory practice oral arguments begin the week after spring break.

Have a good spring break!

WEEK 10  Week of March 24, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

No class this week.

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

No new reading assignment this week.

Notes:

Mandatory practice oral arguments begin this week.
WEEK 11  Week of March 31, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

No class this week.

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

No new reading assignment this week.

Notes:

Mandatory practice oral arguments continue this week.

Final oral arguments begin this week.

WEEK 12  Week of April 7, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

No class this week.

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

No new reading assignment this week.

Notes:

Final oral arguments continue this week.
WEEK 13    Week of April 14, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

   No class this week.

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

   No new reading assignment this week.

Notes:

   Honor Round oral arguments will be held on Friday this week. Students selected to
   compete in Honor Round oral arguments will be notified after the completion of all
   first-year oral arguments.

WEEK 14    Week of April 21, 2008

Class Discussion Topics

   Debriefing on oral arguments
   Discussion of exams
   Administration of end of semester evaluations

Assignments, Tutorials, and Notes

Required Reading:

   No new reading assignment this week.

Notes:

   Classes will meet for one class hour this week.

   The exact time for the return of the Appellate Brief will be announced after oral
   arguments are completed.

   Congratulations on completing your first year of law school!