CIVIL TRIAL PRACTICE SYLLABUS – Fall 2010

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Week 1 Introduction: Trial Techniques

Lecture: Opening Statements

Week 2 Lecture: Direct Examination

Exercise: Opening Statements

Week 3 Lecture: Cross Examination, Objections

Exercise Direct Examination

Week 4 Lecture: Direct/Cross-Examination; Refreshing Recollection

Exercise: Cross Examination, Objections

Week 5 Lecture: Direct/Cross Examination; Impeachment

Exercise: Direct/Cross-Examination; Refreshing Recollection

Week 6 Lecture: Exhibits and Demonstrative Evidence

Exercise Direct/Cross-Examination; Impeachment

Week 7 Lecture: Expert Witnesses

Exercise: Exhibits and Demonstrative Evidence

Week 8 Lecture Closing Argument

Exercise Expert Witness

Week 9 Lecture: Mock Trial Procedures

Exercise: Closing Argument

Week 10 Mock Trials

TEXTBOOKS

Basic Trial Advocacy - Peter Murray (Publisher: Maine Law Book Company)

Dixon v. Providential Life Insurance Co. - James H. Seckinger (Publisher: National Institute of Trial Advocacy)

Strange v. Wrigley - Hon. Andrew P. Rodovich (Publisher: National Institute of Trial Advocacy)

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