

Criminal Trial Advocacy

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Class: Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 - Room 140 Dockser

Meetings: Students are free, if not encouraged, to
meet with me to discuss the course and/or other
legally related topics.

Text: 1. Trial Techniques (7th ed.) by Thomas A.
Mauet (Wolters Kluwer, 2007)
2. Massachusetts Evidence from A to Z by
R. Marc Kantrowitz (LexisNexis, 2003)
(see me)

Course Content & Class Assignments

Assignment for 1st class: Mauet, Chapter 1 (Trial
Process)

Class #1- June 1- Overview of Course

Assignment for Class #2: Mauet, Chapters 2 (pp. 23-
29); 3 (Jury) & 11 (Trial Prep)

Class #2- June 8- How to Handle a Criminal Case

- Interviewing the Client
- Reviewing Discovery
- Physical Investigation
- Interviewing witnesses
- Expert witnesses
- Theory of the case

- Case Strategy
- Pre-trial Motions
 - for Discovery
 - to Dismiss
 - to suppress
- Trial Motions
 - in Limine
 - jury selection
 - jury instructions

Assignment for Class #3: Mauet, Chapters 6 (Exhibits); 8 (Experts) & 10 (Objections)

Class #3- June 15- Evidence; Objections; Exhibits; Experts

Assignment for Class #4: Mauet, Chapter 4 (Openings)

Class #4- June 22- Opening Statements- all 4 cases

Assignment for Class #5: Mauet, Chapters 5 (Direct) and 7 Cross)

Class #5- June 29- Direct and Cross Examination- Cases 1 & 2- Commonwealth v. Colson and Commonwealth v. Feeney

Class #6- July 6- Direct and Cross Examination- Cases 3 & 4- Commonwealth v. Maddox and Commonwealth v. Golden

Assignment for Class #7: Mauet, Chapter 9 (Closings)

Class #7- July 13- Closings- all 4 cases

Class #8- July 20- Trial #1- Commonwealth v. Robert
Mandell- OUI

Class #9- July 27- Trial #2- Commonwealth v. Terrance
Snell- Armed Robbery

Class #10- August 3- Trial #3- Commonwealth v.
Thomas Jackson- Violation of a 209A order

Class #11- August 10- Trial #4- Commonwealth v. Harry
Simmons- Drug offenses or Commonwealth v. Joe
Gillini- OUI (diabetes)