

Devil's Advocacy

Elon Law School
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Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:00–9:45 am
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Description

In this course, you will learn about the practice of law as the Devil's advocate. Topics to be covered include underworld governance, employment of demons, infliction of spiritual distress, sales and leases of souls, and the ethics of representing the Devil. This course is intended to prepare you for practice as a Devil's advocate by developing the knowledge and skill required to recognize and analyze legal issues, advise your client about those issues and available options, negotiate on behalf of your client in transactions, and advocate for your client in litigation.

Required Materials

Cases, statutes, rules, and other assigned readings (see "Schedule & Assignments") are available online via the course site emfink.net/DevilsAdvocacy.

Policies

Grading

Your final grade for the term will be based on unit quizzes (40% total) and a final exam (60%).

Class Preparation, Attendance, & Participation

Successful performance in this course depends on completion of all reading assignments before class, regular and prompt class attendance, and constructive engagement during class. Elon Law School's standards and ABA guidance for awarding course credit assume at least two hours of out-of-class student work for each hour of classroom instruction.

Elon Law School has adopted the following attendance policy for all courses:

The Law School administers a policy that a student maintain regular and punctual class attendance in all courses in which the student is registered, including externships, clinical courses, or simulation courses. Faculty members will give students written notice of their attendance policies before or during the first week of class. These policies may include, but are not limited to: treating late arrivals, early departures, and/or lack of preparation as absences; imposing grade or point reductions for absences, including assigning a failing grade or involuntarily withdrawing a student from the class; and any other policies that a professor deems appropriate to create a rigorous and professional classroom environment.

Disability Accommodations

For disability accommodation requests, contact the [Elon Law Registrar's Office](#).

Honor Code

The Law School honor code applies to all activities related to your law school study, including conduct during class and examinations.

Schedule & Assignments

Representing the Devil in Court

October 31

- *Mayo v. Satan*, 54 F.R.D. 282 (W.D. Pa. 1971)
- Stephen Vincent Benet, *The Devil* & Daniel Webster (1936)