

DISCOVERY PRACTICUM – SPRING 2011

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SYLLABUS & CALENDAR

Office Hrs.: Tues. 4:00-5:30
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JANUARY				
M	TU	W	TH	F
10	11	12	13	14
		First day of Spring classes		1: Intro to Course and problem. Importance of discovery and litigation planning. CaseMap. Rdg: Intro & Chapter 1
17	18	19	20	21
Martin Luther King Day – no day or evening classes				2: Litigator's Toolbox; File & Serve; Review Problem. Rdg: Appendix & Chapter 2. Assgn: Litigation Plan and spreadsheet of projected discovery costs; Initial Disclosures.
24	25	26	27	28
				3: Scope of Discovery; Interrogatories. Rdg: Chapter 3; Rule 26(a)(1), Rule 33. Due: Litigation Plan and spreadsheet; Initial Disclosures. Assgn: Interrogatories; online quiz.

Required Text:

Thomson, *Skills & Values: Discovery Practice* (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender 2010)
Including: Materials on the companion Lexis Webcourse (information to be provided)

Recommended reading:

Stern, *The Buffalo Creek Disaster*
Harr, *A Civil Action*

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	1	2	3	4
				4: Privileges and Objections; Answers to Interrogatories. Rdg: Chapter 4. Due: Interrogatories. Assgn: Answers to Int.; online quiz.
7	8	9	10	11
				5: Requests for Production of Documents; Examinations; eDiscovery. Student Pres. on Rules 29 and 35. Rdg: Chapter 5 & 6, Rule 34; add'l reading on Webcourse. Due: Answers to Int. Assgn: Req. for Production of Documents; online quiz.
14	15	16	17	18
				6: Resp. to Req. for Production; Protective Orders; Motions to Compel, Sanctions. Discovery Dispute Hearing (student argued). Student Presentation on Rule 31. Rdg: Chapter 7 & 8; Rule 37. Due: Req. for Production Assgn: Resp. to Req. for Prod.
21	22	23	24	25
				7: Doc. Management; Depositions I: Notices, limits, types, strategies. Student Pres: Rules 27 & 28. Rdg: Chapter 10; Rule 30. Due: Response to Req. for Production of Documents.

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				8: Depositions II: conduct, objections, ethics, video, exhibits, stipulations, Experts. Rdg: Materials on Webcourse. Assgn: Deposition Outline.
7	8	9	10	11
				9: Depositions – with Student Court Reporter. Rdg: Materials on Webcourse. Due: Deposition Outline Assgn: CALI Discovery Game (with your opposing counsel).
14	15	16	17	18
Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
21	22	23	24	25
				10: Expert Discovery, FRE 702, Disclosures. Student Pres. on FRE 702. Student Pres. on Rule 32. Rdg: Chapter 9; FRE 702; Rule 26(a)(2). <i>Daubert</i> Materials (on Webcourse). Due: CALI Discovery Game printout Assgn: Expert Disclosure.
28	29	30	31	

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APRIL				
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				11: Req. for Admissions; Responses. Pretrial Conferences. Rdg: Chapters 11 & 12; Rule 36. Due: Expert Disclosure. Assgn: Req. for Admissions; online quizzes for Ch. 11 & 12.
4	5	6	7	8
12: Watch the movie "A Civil Action" Assgn: Memo re Discovery issues in the Movie.				13: Motions in Limine, Settlement Strategy and Agreements; Negotiations. Rdg: Chapter 13 & 14. Due: Requests for Admission.
11	12	13	14	15
				14: Settlement Meetings w/ Opposing Counsel. Assgn: Settlement Agreement (T); CaseMap data file (I). Due: Responses to Requests for Admissions; Memo re Discovery issues in the movie.
18	19	20	21	22
		Final Settlement Agreements Due at 2 p.m. in Professor Thomson's Office. Hand in entire Case File for the class, including CaseMap data file on a CD-ROM (or E-mail the file to Prof. Thomson).		