

Intensive Practical Lawyering Skills

TEACHERS: Professor Smith and Adjunct Professor Ginsburg

CREDITS: 2

PRIMARY BASIS FOR GRADE: Will vary but may include class participation, short writing and drafting projects, exams, and skills exercises.

ENROLLMENT: Limited to 20 in each class

TYPE OF COURSE: Intensive short course that will meet the week before regular classes start in the fall.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is an intensive course designed to give students insight into the day-to-day work of practicing lawyers and to provide students the opportunity, through simulation, to learn and practice fundamental lawyering skills. Students will develop professional skills as they interview and counsel the client, draft pleadings, depose the opposing party in preparation for litigation, assist the client's decision-making, and negotiate on behalf of the client. These skills are developed through a framework designed to present the student with a theoretical context for better understanding of the importance of practical lawyering skills.