

LEGAL DRAFTING ASSIGNMENTS CALENDAR: SPRING 2011

Date	Reading Assignment	Writing Assignment	% of Grade	Class Activity
1/18				Introduction; contract exercise
1/20	<u>Plain English for Lawyers</u> , entire text except appendices and index			Discuss <u>Plain English for Lawyers</u>
1/25	<u>Simple Will in Ohio</u> , (entire book)			Author Marilyn Maag will discuss her book and teach how to write a simple will.
1/27				Continue discussing <u>Simple Will</u> and <u>Plain English for Lawyers</u>
2/01		Fill out Form A or Form B from <u>Simple Will</u>	1%	Client interviews to discuss wills
2/03	<u>Contract Law from a Drafting Perspective</u> , preface to p. 61	Exercises 2 (pp. 20-22); 4 (pp. 45-47); 6 (pp. 60-61)	2% each	Lecture on how to draft a contract; discuss text and exercises
2/08	<u>Contract Law from a Drafting Perspective</u> , pp. 62-105	1 st draft of will	10%	Continue discussing text and exercises Discuss one 1 st draft
2/10		Client comments on wills	1%	Discuss one first draft of will; continue discussing text and exercises
2/15		Corrections to wills	2% (oral 6%)	Class presentations discussing 1 st drafts of wills
2/17				Continue class presentations
2/22		1 st draft of simple contract	10%	Finish class presentations of wills; present complex contract assignment
2/24		Corrections to simple contract	2% (oral 6%)	Class presentations discussing 1 st drafts
3/01		2 nd drafts of wills	8%	Continue class presentations
3/03				Continue class presentations

3/08	<u>The Legal Writer</u> , pp. 12-124	2 nd drafts of simple contracts	8%	Discuss <u>The Legal Writer</u>
3/10	<u>Contract Law from a Drafting Perspective</u> , pp. 112-13, 120-21, 135- 36	Exercises 15-16 (pp. 112-13), 23 (pp. 120-21), and 32 (pp. 135-36)	1% each	Continue discussing <u>The Legal Writer</u> ; discuss exercises
3/15		Complex contract outline	8%	Discuss outlines
3/17 to 3/25				Spring break -- NO CLASS
3/29		1 st draft complex contract	12%	Discuss use of formbooks and formbook assignments
3/31		Corrections to complex contract	2% (oral 6%)	Class presentations discussing 1 st drafts
4/05		1 st Formbook assignment	6%	Continue class presentations
4/07				Continue class presentations; discuss formbook assignments
4/12		2 nd Formbook assignment	6%	Continue discussing formbook assignments
4/14				Continue discussing formbook assignments
4/19		2 nd draft complex contract	10%	Continue discussing formbook assignments
4/21				Final class -- continue discussing formbook assignments; final thoughts, course evaluations