

University of Cincinnati College of Law – Spring 2011
Syllabus Lawyering II: Advocacy
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REQUIRED TEXTS:

1. Linda Edwards, Legal Writing and Analysis (2d ed., Aspen).
2. Christina Kunz, The Process of Legal Research (7th ed., Aspen).
3. Darby Dickerson, ALWD Citation Manual (4th. ed., Aspen).
4. Alan Dworsky, The Little Book on Oral Argument (1991, Fred B Rothman & Co.).

Please bring your textbooks to class if you had a reading assignment in them. Occasionally in class, you will be instructed to complete exercises from the Legal Writing and Analysis textbook. If you are not so instructed and your reading assignment includes exercises, skip over them.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

1. For good information on how to improve your legal writing consult Judge Mark Painter's The Legal Writer (3d ed., Jardyce & Jardyce 2003) (ISBN: 0972191674)
2. If you believe that you have grammar or punctuation weaknesses, please review and consider purchasing Anne Enquist, Just Writing: Grammar, Punctuation, and Style for the Legal Writer (2d ed., Aspen 2005) (ISBN: 0735549559). This book also contains a chapter for students for whom English is a second language.
3. Another valuable writing text is Elements of Style, by William Strunk, Jr. and E.B. White (4th ed., Longman 1999) (ISBN: 020530902X).

ASSIGNMENT FOR THE FIRST CLASS:

Read Chapter 14 in the Edwards text and register for my TWEN site.

COURSE GRADE:

- 1st Brief, due February 18th (15%)
- 2nd Brief, due March 18th (50%)
- Final Oral Argument (15%)
- Practice Oral Arguments (5%)
- Class participation and all other assignments (15%)

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

The skills you will learn in this class are important to your development as a lawyer. You will need to know the material from this class to be able to take upper-level classes and to progress in your professional development. In order to develop a strong foundation in lawyering skills, you are required to attend and participate in class. One unexcused absence will be granted to each student, attendance will be taken daily. If you must miss an additional class, please contact me to discuss.

I will communicate with you by e-mail to convey schedule and assignment changes and to provide other information of general interest to the class. Therefore, you must register for my TWEN website so that you will receive all pertinent information. You can access TWEN at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com/twen>.

All information posted on TWEN or communicated via e-mail is considered to be available to all students, just as if it had been communicated in class. It is your responsibility to check your e-mail regularly.

Unless otherwise specified in class, I will not be available to answer email messages or phone calls after I leave the College of Law building in the evening. I will let you know when I will have regular office hours. However, you are welcome to stop by my office or schedule appointments at your convenience.

ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE COLLEGE OF LAW HONOR CODE.