

# Legal Writing & Research II

## Spring 2012 Syllabus

(2x/week classes)

Class Session	Topic	Required Reading	Assignments
Week of January 16 Class 1	Introduction to Course; Shifting to Persuasion; Plan Research for Settlement Letter.	Read Sample Settlement Letter posted on Lexis Course Web Page; Edwards: Chapter 16, 18 (pg 266-276), 22	Six Word Essay" due (assignment posted on Lexis Course Web Page) (Ungraded Assignment); Instructions for Settlement Letter are also posted on the Lexis Course Web Page.
Class 2	Discuss Research Process; Writing a Settlement Letter.		
In addition to class this week, advanced Westlaw Training will be held between January 17-21. This training is mandatory. Sign up at library reserve desk.			
Week of January 23 Class 1	Discuss Research Results		Research Results Due: (1) case briefs of at least 2 relevant cases; (2) outline of any relevant statutes. (Ungraded Assignment)

<p><b>Class 2</b></p>	<p><b>Developing and Emphasizing a Theme for Settlement; Persuasive Facts and Rules.</b></p>	<p><b>Edwards Chapter 22</b></p>		
<p><b>Week of January 30 Class 1</b></p>	<p><b>Finalizing the Settlement Letter</b></p>		<p>Settlement Letter (20% of final LWR II grade)</p>	
<p><b>Class 2</b></p>				<p><b>Persuasion in Practice - guest speaker</b></p>
<p><b>In addition to class this week, "Advanced Lexis" training will be held during the week of January 30th. This training is mandatory. Sign up online.</b></p>				
<p><b>Week of February 6 Class 1</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction to the Appellate Brief; Judge as Reader; Discuss Research Plan for Final Appellate Brief</b></p>	<p><b>Read the following article: Clyde H. Hamilton, Effective Appellate Brief Writing, 50 S.C. L. Rev. 581 (1999); Edwards: Chapter 17</b></p>	<p><b>Material for Final Appellate Brief will be posted on Lexis Web Page.</b></p>	

<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Drafting a Persuasive Rule and Statement of Facts for a brief; Argument Paradigm</b>	<b>Edwards Chapter 18</b>	
<b>Week of February 13 Class 1</b>	<b>Drafting Questions Presented and Argument Headings; Introduction to Standards of Review; Introduction to Oral Argument</b>	<b>Edwards: Chapter 19, 21 (pg 330-335), 24</b>	
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Discuss Research Results</b>		<b>Summary of 6 most important authorities for use in Appellate Brief (ungraded assignment)</b>
<b>Week of February 20 Class 1</b>	<b>Using Cases Effectively in Brief Writing (Re/A)</b>	<b>Edwards: Chapter 20, 21</b>	
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Oral Argument (UNGRADED ASSIGNMENT)</b>		
<b>Week of February 27 Class 1</b>	<b>Large Scale Organization of the Brief; Addressing Adverse Authority and Opposing Arguments; Conclusion.</b>		

<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Peer Review of Draft Statement of Facts and Question Presented; Citing Supporting Authority within the Appellate Brief.</b>	<b>Edwards Chapter 23</b>	<b>Draft Statement of Facts and QP due and outline of Discussion (ungraded assignment)</b>
<b>Week of March 5 Class 1</b>	<b>Oral Argument (UNGRADED ASSIGNMENT)</b>		
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Summary of Argument; Discuss new material for final brief.</b>		<b>FIRST DRAFT DUE: "Argument" section of Final Appellate Brief due (with Argument Headings) (20% of final LWR II grade) Additional Material for Final Appellate Brief will be posted on Lexis Web Page.</b>
<b>Week of March 12</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS</b>		
<b>Week of March 19 Class 1</b>	<b>All the other parts of the Brief (Table of Contents, Certificate of Service, etc.)</b>	<b>Edwards: Chapter 21 (pg 335-336)</b>	
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Editing &amp; Revising</b>	<b>Sloan Chapter 7</b>	

<b>Week of March 26 Class 1</b>	<b>Mandatory Conferences</b>		
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Mandatory Conferences</b>		
<b>Week of April 2 Class 1</b>	<b>Moot Court Members Panel; Moot Court Competition Prep.</b>		
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Oral Argument (Ungraded Assignment)</b>		
<b>Week of April 9 Class 1</b>	<b>Finalizing the Appellate Brief</b>		
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Oral Argument (Ungraded Assignment)</b>		<b>Final Appellate Brief Due (40% of final LWR II grade)</b>
<b>Week of April 16</b>	<b>In Lieu of Class this week, each student will be scheduled to present their Final Oral Argument (10% of final LWR II grade)</b>		
<b>Week of April 23 Class 1</b>		<b>Career Services Presentation</b>	


