Week of 1/11

TOPIC/ASSIGNMENT

1/12  Discuss course goals and expectations; discuss aims and importance of legal writing

Read:
Six Simple Steps to Improved Writing (C.P., pp. 1-7).

1/14  Discuss President Obama’s Selma Speech as an illustration of effective argument

Read:
(C.P., pp. 8-17).

Week of 1/18

1/19  Discuss personal injury law and sports

Read:
Feldman & Stein article (C.P., pp. 107-126)

Wright v. Mt. Mansfield Lift, Inc.
(C.P., pp. 127-132).

1/21  Continue discussing personal injury law and sports

Read:
12 V.S.A. § 1036 and 12 V.S.A. § 1037
(C.P., pp. 133-134)

Sunday v. Stratton Corporation
(C.P., pp. 135-145).
Week of 1/25

1/26  Finish discussing personal injury law and sports

**Read:**
*Nelson v. Snowridge, Inc., d/b/a Sugarbush Resort*  
(C.P., pp. 146-150)  

*Estate of Frant v. Haystack Group, Inc.*  
(C.P., pp. 151-156).

**Trial Brief Assignment Distributed**

1/28  Discuss writing a trial brief

**Read:**
Sample Trial Brief  
(C.P., pp. 89-97)  

“Reluctant Literati: Lawyers as Professional Writers”  
(C.P., pp. 18-24).

Week of 2/01

2/02  Finish discussing the writing of a trial brief  
Begin discussing effective writing techniques

**Read:**
“You Convinced Me, Sections I and II”  
(C.P., pp. 25-43)

2/04  Continue discussing effective writing techniques

**Review:**
“You Convinced Me,” Sections I and II  
(C.P., pp. 25-43)  

**Do style exercises in class.**  
(C.P., pp. 81-82).

**Trial Brief Assignment Due February 4th (Thurs).**
Week of 2/08

2/09   Finish discussing effective writing techniques

Read:
“You Convinced Me,” Sections III and IV
(C.P., pp. 43-56)

“Quick Proofreading Tips for Busy Attorneys”
(C.P., pp. 69-75)

Do punctuation exercises in class. (C.P., pp. 83-84).

2/11   Discuss quotation and citation format.

Read:
“Making Your Writing Out of Cite: Using The
Bluebook to Improve Your Writing and Credibility”
(C.P., pp. 63-68)

Do citation exercises in class. (C.P., pp. 85-88).

Week of 2/15

2/16   Begin discussing organized prayer and sports

Read:
Dayton, Bryant, and Berry article
(C.P., pp. 157-170)

Doe v. Duncanville Ind. Sch. Dist.
(C.P., pp. 187-200).

2/18   Continue discussing organized prayer and sports

Read:
Santa Fe, Ind. Sch. Dist. v. Doe
(C.P., 185-207)

(C.P., pp. 208-218).
Week of 2/22

2/23  Finish discussing organized prayer and sports. Discuss writing a trial court decision/order.

   Read:
   (C.P., pp. 219-245).

   **Trial court decision/order assignment distributed.**

2/25  Begin discussing sex discrimination in sports

   Read:
   Buzuvis article
   (C.P., pp. 246-265)
   Title IX, 20 U.S.C.A. §§ 1681-88
   (C.P., pp. 266-276).

Week of 3/01  SPRING BREAK (NO CLASS)

Week of 3/08

3/09  Continue discussing sex discrimination in sports

   Read:
   F.R.C.P. 56
   (C.P., pp. 277-280)

   *Jackson v. Birmingham Board of Education*
   (C.P., pp. 281-301).

   **Trial court decision/order assignment due March 9th (Tues).**

3/11  Continue discussing sex discrimination in sports

   Read:
   Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree in
   *Jackson v. Birmingham Board of Education*
   (C.P., pp. 302-312)
   *Burch v. Regents of U. of California*
Week of 3/15

3/16 Finish discussing sex discrimination in sports

**Read:**
*Bolla v. University of Hawaii*  
(C.P., pp. 338-348)

*Cummings v. Texas Southern University*  
(C.P., pp. 349-355).

3/18 Begin discussing persuasive writing

**Read:**
Sample Motion Memorandum  
(C.P., pp. 98-106).

*Motion Memorandum Assignment Distributed.*

Week of 3/22

3/23 Finish discussing persuasive writing

3/25 Discuss summary judgment.  
Review Title IX and law of retaliation.

**Reread:**  
(C.P., pp. 266-280).

Week of 3/29

3/30 Discuss oral argument.

**Read:**
“Oral Argument and Advocacy: Practice-Ready Tips”  
(C.P., pp. 75-80).

*First Draft of Motion Memorandum Assignment Due March 30th (Tues).*

*Final Version Due One Week after Conference (by Noon).*
4/01  Individual Conferences (NO CLASS)

4/02 (FRI)  Individual Conferences

Week of 4/05  Individual Conferences (NO CLASS)

Week of 4/12

4/12 (MON)  Individual Conferences

4/13  Oral Argument Practice Session

4/15  Oral Arguments

Week of 4/19

4/19-4/21  Oral Arguments

4/22  Course evaluation and debriefing.