

August 24 Introduction -- Writing, Oral Argument and Decorum

Henry Doyle Moot Court Competition (2L/3L Intramural Competition)

Class Expectations

Professional Dress

CALI Lessons for Bluebook

Research Notebook

US Supreme Court Rules, Texas Supreme Court Rules, Court of Criminal Appeals

This is your first research assignment -- Locate the rules for writing a brief For **each** of these rules and bring a hard copy to class. This includes the rules for formatting a brief.

Class Attendance and Expectations - You may only miss two classes during the semester before you final grade could be affected for attendance alone.

September 7 Syllabus Review - Highlights

Hierarchy of Legal Authorities

Order of Authorities

Introduction, Rules to Rules of Appellate Litigation

Difference Re: *US Supreme Court Rules, Texas Supreme Court Rules, and Court of Criminal Appeals* Rules for writing a brief; Bring your copy of these rules to class. I will not permit you to share.

Distribute the Class Record Problem and Memo Instructions

September 14 **Macro Organization of Memo and Brief**

Micro Organization of Memo and Briefs

Differences between a memo and a brief

Plain English for Lawyers

Sentence Structure, Active/Passive Voice Verbs

Distribute Class Semester Problem

Plagiarism, Grammar, Style, Revising, Editing, Proofreading

September 21 Purpose for and Learning Bluebook (tentative Greenbook) Rules

Updating Your Research – Shepardizing and Key Citing

Guest Speaker – Nannette Collins

- September 28** Reading the Record and starting a research plan based on a statute or common law
- How to Read a Case
- Comparing the Sections of the Memo and Brief Writing different Sections of the Memo and Brief
- How to Write Issue and Conclusion Statements for Memos and Briefs - Difference in
- October 5** How to Organize Memos and Briefs using statutes and common law
- Memos:** Why write one, research, how to organize, and writing the document. Memo Organization
- Briefs:** Why write one, research, how to organize, and writing the document. Brief Organization /
- Standard of Review
TOA and TOC -- What they are and how to prepare them.
- October 11** Memo Due - Submit to Misty Bishop and on TWEN by 10:30 a.m.
- October 12** *Writing Arguments, Paragraphs, and logical connection of sentences and paragraphs Box Scheme and Synthesis Chart Overall Structure of Each Document CIRRPAC/IRAC*
- October 19** **Writing Memo Headings versus Brief Point Headings**
- Assignment: UNDER THE DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS SECTION WRITE three (3) pages of law for one legal point or sub-point. You will follow the CIRRP format to organize the law that you write. Use proper bluebook format when citing to the law.
- October 26** **Application of Law to Fact**
- Review Assignment: UNDER THE DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS SECTION WRITE three (3) pages of law for one legal point or sub-point. You will follow the CIRRP format to organize the law that you write. Use proper bluebook format when citing to the law.
- Reading the Record and starting a research plan based on a statute or common law

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November 2

Difference in How to Write Issue and Conclusion Statements for Memos and Briefs

November 9

Oral Argument Structure and Creating a Moot Court Notebook
How to Organize Your Oral Argument.

November 16

Listening to Oral Arguments – Questions by the Court and Presenting the Oral Argument

November 17-19

Final Class Oral Arguments -