

LAWYERING SKILLS AND STRATEGIES I
SECTIONS B2 AND C3
SYLLABUS—FALL 2017

CLASS PERIOD	CLASS TOPIC	REQUIRED READING BEFORE CLASS
Class 1A August 22	Intro to LSS: What is the Law, Where to Find It, and How to Write About It	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 1 and pp. 15-22 Read: https://info.legalsolutions.thomson-reuters.com/pdf/perspec/2005-winter/2005-winter-8.pdf
Class 1B August 24	Reading and Understanding Cases	<i>Coughlin</i> , pp. 43-56
Class 2A August 29	Reading and Understanding Statutes	<i>Coughlin</i> , pp. 33-43
Class 2B August 31	Finding the Rule	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 4
Class 3A September 5	Explaining the Rule	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 6
Class 3B September 7	Case Illustrations	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 7.2
Class 4A September 12	Applying the Rule	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 8.1, 8.2, and 9
Class 4B September 14	Distinguishing Cases	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 8.3 and 8.4
Class 5A September 19	Sources of Authority and Introduction to Legal Research and Citation	<i>Coughlin</i> , pp. 22-31 Watch: http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/case_law_tutorial http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/tutorial_statutes

Class 5B September 21	LexisAdvance Training	Watch: http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/blaw_lexis_west_tutorial/lexis
Class 6A September 26	Generating Search Terms, Secondary Sources, Organizing Results	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 5 http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/secondary_tutorial (Secondary Sources tutorials)
Class 6B September 28	Westlaw Training	Watch: http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/blaw_lexis_west_tutorial/west
Class 7A October 3	Legal Citation	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 7.3 Watch: http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/blue-book_tutorial Bluebook Rules B1.1, B5, B10, B12
Class 7B October 5	Effective Legal Writing	Supplemental Materials (will be posted on TWEN)
Class 8A October 10	Communicating Your Analysis in Writing (The “CR[e]” of CR[e]AC)	<i>Coughlin</i> , pp. 87-88 and Ch. 9
Class 8B October 12	Communicating Your Analysis in Writing (The “AC” of CR[e]AC)	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 12
Class 9A October 17	Legal Correspondence	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 17 and Ch. 18
Class 9B October 19	Real Questions from Real Clients: Texas Legal Answers	Visit www.probonotexas.org
October 23	The Graded Email is due by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, October 23, via TWEN.	
Class 10A October 24	The Predictive Memorandum (Overview, Question Presented, and Brief Answer)	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 13

Class 10B October 26	The Predictive Memorandum (Statement of Facts)	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 14
Class 11A October 31	The Predictive Memorandum (Discussion and Conclusion)	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 15
Class 11B November 2	Legal Citation Quiz Administered During Class	
Class 12A November 7	Editing (Rewriting, Revising, and Polishing)	<i>Coughlin</i> , Ch. 16
Class 12B November 9	The Ethical Use of Sources	Supplemental Readings Posted on TWEN
November 13-November 17	Individual Student Conferences	
Class 13A November 14	Professionalism and a Look Ahead to Spring	Supplemental Readings Posted on TWEN
November 20	The Graded Memorandum is due by 8:59 a.m. on Monday, November 20, via TWEN.	