

**PROFESSOR SUSAN RACHLIN**  
**LAWYERING SKILLS & STRATEGIES**  
**SPRING 2015**

**STUDENT SYLLABUS**

Date	Topic	Class Preparation
<b>Week 1</b> Jan. 20	Research & Citation Refresher	Research Assignment. Bring <i>Bluebook</i> .
Jan. 23	Introduction to Advocacy	Clary 185–91
<b>Week 2</b> Jan. 27	Persuasive Writing; Texas Citation <i>Sections A2 &amp; C2 will meet from 1:00–3:00.</i>	Packet Tabs 1–3. Bring <i>Greenbook</i> .
Jan. 30	Petitions & Answers; Signals & Parentheticals	Read ICW workbook 91–95, 99–102. Bring <i>Bluebook</i> .
<b>Week 3</b> Feb. 3	Litigation guest speaker <i>Sections A2 &amp; C2 will meet from 1:00–2:00 in Krost Hall.</i>	
Feb. 6	Pre-trial Motions; Legal Argument	<b>Petition Assignment due in class.</b> Clary 191–97; skim 198–235; Packet Tabs 5–6
<b>Week 4</b> Feb. 10	Legal Argument	<b>ICW Exercise 10 and Texas Citation Exercise due.</b>
Feb. 13	Point Headings; Rebuttal Arguments	Packet Tab 9
<b>Week 5</b> Feb. 17	Legal Argument	
Feb. 20	Legal Argument	<b>Pre-Trial Motion Assignment due in class.</b>
<b>Week 6</b> Feb. 24	Mock Trial (tentative) <i>Sections A2 &amp; C2 will meet from 1:00–3:00 in Krost Hall.</i>	
Feb. 27	Appellate Practice; Standard of Review	<b>ICW Exercise 11.</b> Skim Clary 236–59; Packet Tabs 12–15
<b>Week 7</b> Mar. 3	Statement of Facts; Statement of the Case	
Mar. 6	Issues Presented; Legislative History	Read ICW workbook 109–14

<b>Week 8</b> March 10	Justice Laura Higley and Derek Bauman, First Court of Appeals <i>Sections A2 &amp; C2 will meet from 1:00–3:00 in Krost Hall.</i>	
March 13	No class	
<b>Week 9</b> March 16–20	Spring Break	
<b>Week 10</b> March 24	Skills & Strategies Redux	<b>Brief Argument Outline due in class. Bring <i>Bluebook</i> and <i>Greenbook</i>.</b>
March 27	<b>Lawyering Skills &amp; Strategies Final Exam (20%)</b>	
<b>Week 11</b> March 31	Introduction to Contracts; Drafting	Packet Tab 17
April 3	Drafting	
<b>Week 12</b> April 6–10	Individual Student Conferences—no class	
<b>Week 13</b> April 14	Transactional practitioner guest speaker <i>Sections A2 &amp; C2 will meet from 1:00–3:00 in Krost Hall.</i>	<b>Appellate Brief Assignment (60%) due Monday, April 13, at 8:45 a.m.</b>
April 17	Drafting	
<b>Week 14</b> April 21	Drafting	
April 24	Scholarly Writing	
<b>Week 15</b> April 27		<b>Final Drafting Assignment (20%) due at 8:45 a.m.</b>