

Lawyering Skills and Strategies

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Office Hours. Contact me in person (Room 341M), via email (kbrem@central.uh.edu), or on Teams (713.743.5945). I will hold office hours weekly on Tuesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Thursdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m., either in person or virtually – your preference – and by appointment. If you prefer to meet virtually, let me know via email and I will send a Teams link for your use.

Overview and Course Objectives. Last fall LSS learning objectives focused on acquiring basic legal skills: analysis, research, communication, and citation. This spring learning objectives will focus on improving these basic skills, as well as applying them in practice-based litigation and transactional scenarios. We will also discuss legal writing you may be asked to complete on the bar exam; for the journal write-on competition; in an upper-level writing seminar course; or as a judicial intern.

Our classroom will be managed by Canvas. Once enrolled, you will be able to find our class page using the Canvas Dashboard through Access UH. The course will be taught in person, but include a blend of asynchronous learning techniques to meet ABA Standard 310's requirements: 2.5 hours of class time each week; 6 hours of class preparation each week.

Course Materials. We will continue to use the *Bluebook*, 22nd Edition 2025, *Beyond the First Draft*, Megan McAlpin; and *Legal Analysis*, by Romantz and Vinson. New for the spring, please order the *Texas Rules of Form: The Greenbook* (16th Ed. 2025).

Assessment. The course is graded anonymously. Assessments will include an evidentiary motion and purchase sale agreement, as well as other related documents. If you are ill or otherwise unable to turn in an assignment on time, please request an extension, in writing, before the assignment's due date. Assignments turned in late without a prior extension will result in a grade reduction. For more information, consult the [Student Handbook](#).

Honor Code. The UHLC Honor Code applies to this course. You are responsible for knowing all Honor Code provisions and for complying with the Honor Code. Please inquire if you have any questions regarding how the Honor Code's provisions apply to this course. Your continuing enrollment in this course is deemed to be a pledge by you to comply with the Honor Code and to comply with the instructions in the course syllabus. For more information on the UHLC Honor Code, please consult the code itself, [available at this link](#).

Use of AI. You may use AI-generated work product in this class for language translation, class preparation, and study supplements to aid with your general understanding of course content. Any other use of AI will be dependent on the terms of each specific assessment. When in doubt, check with me *before* using AI on any graded assignment.

Attendance | Class Administration. This class will meet in person each Tuesday from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. To comply with the UHLC attendance policy, no student may miss more than three classes. Students should sign in before the end of each class using the attendance link posted on Canvas in the Student Resources module. If you forget to sign in, please send an email immediately to Nazanin Salehi, nsalehi2@Central.uh.edu, who will update the attendance roll. Any student who fails to adhere to the course attendance policy will be referred to the Office of Student Affairs.

Be prepared to discuss the lecture material assigned for each class. I will call on you at random. If you will not be prepared for class, please email me before class to let me know.

The Fine Print. Academic Adjustments | Auxiliary Aids. The University of Houston is committed to providing an academic environment and educational programs that are accessible for its students. Any student with a disability who is experiencing barriers to learning, assessment, or participation is encouraged to contact the Justin Dart, Jr. Student Accessibility Center to learn more about academic accommodations and support that may be available to them. Students seeking academic accommodations will need to register with the Dart Center as soon as possible to ensure timely implementation of approved accommodations. Please contact the Dart Center by visiting [this website](#), calling (713) 743-5400, or emailing jdcenter@Central.uh.edu.

We ask also that you contact Samantha Ary, Academic Records Coordinator at the Law Center. Ms. Ary's office is in the Office of Student Services suite. She can be reached by [email](#) or at (713) 743-7466. Requests for accommodation that involve graded assignments should be directed to Ms. Ary as soon as possible to allow adequate time to process the request. She can assist you as you navigate the Dart Center process.

Class Recordings. I will record classes and post links to these recordings on the class web course as soon as they are available. You may use these recordings for your own studying and notetaking purposes, but please do not share them with anyone. University policy mandates that an instructor's recordings are not authorized to be shared with anyone without the prior written approval of the instructor. Failure to comply with requirements regarding recordings will result in a disciplinary referral to the Dean of Students Office and may result in disciplinary action

Food Insecurity. The Cougar Cupboard is available to all enrolled students who may need access to resources to support academic and personal success. Through our Cougar Cupboard, all students can get up to 30 pounds of FREE groceries a week. For more information, click [here](#).

Mental Health and Wellness Resources. The University of Houston has a number of resources to support students' mental health and overall wellness. The Student Health Center offers a Psychiatry Clinic for enrolled UH students. Call 713-743-5149 during clinic hours, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., to schedule an appointment.

The A.D. Bruce Religion Center offers spiritual support and a variety of programs centered on well-being.

The Center for Student Advocacy and Community (CSAC) is where you can go if you need help but don't know where to start. CSAC is a "home away from home" and serves as a resource hub to help you get the resources needed to support academic and personal success. CSAC runs the Cougar Cupboard. Additionally, CSAC provides 1:1 appointments to get you connected to on- and off-campus resources related to essential needs, safety and advocacy, and more.

The Cougar Closet is a registered student organization advised by CSAC and offers free clothes to students so that all Coogs can feel good in their fit.

CSAC also hosts a series of cultural and community-based events that foster social connection and help the Cougar community come closer to gether. Visit the [CSAC homepage](#) or follow CSAC on Instagram: @uh_CSAC and @uhcupbrd.

The Women and Gender Resource Center is also available to all students. The mission of the WGRC is to advance the University of Houston and promote the success of all students, faculty, and staff through educating, empowering, and supporting the UH community. The WGRC suite is open to you. Stop by the office for a study space, to take a break, grab a snack, or check out one of the WGRC programs or resources. Stop by the Student Center South room B12 (basement near Starbucks and down the hall from Creation Station) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Need Support Now? - If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call CAPS crisis support 24/7 at 713-743-5454, or the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: call or text 988, or chat 988lifeline.org.

The Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP) also supports law students who are dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and other mental health problems. You can reach TLAP at any time at 1-800-343-8527. TLAP's website includes a page with links to resources about mental health that are of interest to law students: <https://www.tlaphelps.org/law-studentsLinks to an external site.> Check it out.

Title IX/Sexual Misconduct. Per the UHS Sexual Misconduct Policy, I am a "responsible employee" for reporting purposes under Title IX regulations and state law and must report incidents of sexual misconduct (sexual harassment, non-consensual sexual contact, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual intimidation, intimate partner violence, or stalking) about which I become aware to the Title IX office. Please know there are places on campus where you can make a report in confidence. You can find more information about resources here on [the Title IX website](#).