## Writing & Legal Reasoning

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Required Texts: *The Lawyer's Craft*, Glaser, Lieberman, Ruescher, & Su

Recommended Text: *A Writer's Reference,* Diana Hacker

*Just Writing*, Anne Enquist & Laurel Currie Oates[[1]](#footnote-1)

Students are responsible for bringing handouts to class. All handouts can be found on Professor Hetu’s Westlaw Law School page (<http://lawschool.westlaw.com/twen>) and click on Writing & Legal Reasoning. If you have any trouble logging in, contact Dan Harayda ([harayda@mslaw.edu](mailto:harayda@mslaw.edu)). ***Failure to bring handouts to class will constitute being unprepared and recorded as such. Syllabus is subject to change.***

**NOTE:** At MSLaw, writing classes are intentionally kept small to provide an ideal learning environment. Therefore, a professor will be assigned to you on the first day of class; it may or may not be Professor Hetu. **Please check the lists posted on the windows in the lobby and report to that room at your assigned class time.**

## Week 1, Class 1 *Janaury 22, 2020*

**Reading Cases & Writing Case Briefs**

### Lawyer's Craft

READ: pp 39-57

ASSIGNMENT: Do all exercises pp 58-62

### **BRING TO CLASS SIGNED PLAGIARISM DOCUMENT FOUND IN TWEN UNDER COURSE MATERIALS!!!**

## Week 2, Class 1 *January 27, 2020*

# Continuing with Case Briefs

### Case Briefs Due at the beginning of class:

Kirksey v. Kirksey (Contracts)

Quiz Proofreading

**Week 2, Class 2** *January 29, 2020*

**Issue spotting and Issue Sorting**

### Lawyer's Craft

READ: pp 63-72

ASSIGNMENT: Do all exercises pp 73-77

**Week 3, Class 1** *February 3, 2020*

**Outlining**

### Case Briefs Due at the beginning of class (Contracts)

Alaska Packers’ Assoc v. Domenico

Wood v. Lucy

Onmi Group, Inc v. Seattle-First National Bank

## Week 3, Class 2 *February 5, 2020*

**Issue spotting and Issue Sorting**

*Handout*

ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercise 51.

## Week 4, Class 1 *February 10, 2020*

### **IRAC**

Case Briefs due at beginning of class (Contracts)

Corinthian Phamaceutical Systems, Inc. v. Lederle Laboratories

Industrial America, Inc. v. Fulton Industries, Inc.

### Lawyer's Craft

READ: pp 19-34

ASSIGNMENT: Do all exercises pp 35-38

**Week 4, Class 2** *February 12, 2020*

**IRAC Continued**

**IN CLASS WRITING (Contracts)**

Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 114 & 115.

**Week 5, Class 1** *February 19, 2020*

# IRAC AND OUTLINING

Case Briefs due at the beginning of Class (Torts)

Perry v. S.N. and S.N.

Martin v. Herzog

Byrne v. Boadle

**Week 6, Class 1** *February 24, 2020*

# IRAC

# Preparing for and Writing the Law School Exam

Case Briefs due at the beginning of class (Torts)

Perkins v. Texas and New Orleans R. Co.

Reynolds v. Texas & Pac. Ry.

Kramer Service, Inc. v. Wilkins

### Lawyer's Craft

READ: pp 293-304

ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 69, 70, & 71.

## Week 6, Class 2 *February 26, 2020*

**In Class Writing Torts**

## Week 7 Class 1 *March 2, 2020*

# Case Briefs due at beginning of class (Contracts)

Professional Bull Riders, Inc. Autozone

Bowling v. Sperry

# CONTRACTS OUTLINE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS

ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 38, 39, 100 & 101.

## Week 7, Class 2 *March 4, 2020*

# IRAC

ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 78 & 79.

**Week 8, Class 1** *March 9, 2020*

Case Briefs due at beginning of class (Contracts)

Boise Junior College District v. Mattefs Construction Co

Sherwood v. Walker

Ayer v. Western Union Telegraph Co

**IRAC**

### **Read handouts**

**Week 8, Class 2** *March 11, 2020*

IRAC and briefing

## Week 9, Class 1 *March 23, 2020*

Case Briefs due at beginning of class (Contracts)

Centronics Corporation v. Genicom Corporation

Patterson v. Meyerhofer

Market Street Assoc. LP v. Frey

*Lawyer's Craft*

READ: pp 177-223

ASSIGNMENT: Do all exercises on pp 210-214.

ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 118, 119, and 120.

## Week 9, Class 2 *March 25, 2020*

In Class Writing Contracts

ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 80, 81, 82, and 83.

**Week 10, Class 1** *March 30, 2020*

Case Briefs due at the beginning of class (Torts)

MacPherson v. Buick Motor Co

Baxter v. Ford Motor Co

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ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 90, 92, and 96.

**Week 10, Class 2** *April 1, 2020*

Case Analysisi

## Week 11, Class 1 *April 6, 2020*

Case Briefs Due at the Beginning of Class (Torts)

Belli v. Orlando Daily Newspapers, Inc

Kilian v. Doubleday & Co., Inc

READ: Handout

ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 73, 74, & 87.

## Week 11, Class 2 *April 8, 2020*

### **Analyzing Statutory Issues**

### Lawyer's Craft

READ: pp 79-97

ASSIGNMENT: Do all exercises pp 98-103.

ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 85, 86, and 89.

## Week 12, Class 1 *April 13, 2020*

### **Analyzing Statutory Issues Continued**

Case briefs due at the beginning of class (Torts)

Philadelphia Electric Company v. Hercules

Boomer v. Atlantic Cement Co

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ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 85, 86, and 89.

# Week 12, Class 2 *April 15, 2020*

**In Class Writing (Torts)**

Handouts

## Week 13, Class 1 *April 22, 2020*

Case Briefs Due at the beginning of class (Contracts)

American Mechanical v. Union Machine Co

Locks v. Wade

ASSIGNMENT: Computer-assigned exercises: go to the web site <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm> and do exercises 111 & 112.

## Week 14, Class 1 *April 27, 2020*

**Conferences**

# Week 14, Class 2 *April 29, 2020*

**Conferences**

## Week 15, Class 1 *May 4, 2020*

**Case Analysis Paper due at beginning of class**

**ALL PAPERS, OUTLINES, DRAFTS, AND ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR ASSIGNED CLASS!!! IF YOU HAVE A 1:00 CLASS AND HAND IN A PAPER AT 1:01 YOU WILL BE DOCKED POINTS!**

**DO NOT TURN IN ANYTHING THAT IS NOT YOUR OWN WORK!!!!! IT IS PLAGIARISM TO TURN IN ANYTHING THAT IS NOT YOUR WORK OR IDEA. IF YOU TURN IN ANYTHING THAT IS NOT YOUR OWN AND TAKE CREDIT FOR IT YOU WILL FACE DISCIPLINARY REVIEW!! ANYTHING THAT YOU TURN IN WITH YOUR NAME ON IT, YOU ARE CLAIMING THAT IT IS YOUR OWN WORK.**

**ALL PAPERS MUST BE TYPED DOUBLE SPACED AND SINGLE SIDED.**

1. Students may purchase either the 4th ed or the 5th edition of Just Writing. Page numbers on THIS syllabus correspond to the **5th edition**. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)