## 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. All assignments are graded and count towards your final grade. You must put your NAME ON ALL ASSIGNMENTS EVEN IF YOU EMAIL IT! You will not receive credit if your name is not on the turned in assignment (your email name and content do not count.) YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE CLASS YOU REGISTERED FOR (NIGHT OR DAY) AND THE PROFESSOR YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ANOTHER CLASS IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT TO YOUR ASSIGNED CALSS, YOU WILL HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE RECORDED CLASS. SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.***

**NOTE:** At MSL, 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 and professor at your assigned class time.**

## Week 1, Class 1 *August 24, 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 1, Class 2 *August 26, 2020*

# Continuing with Case Briefs

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

**Weinberger v. Romero Barcelo (Civ Pro)**

Quiz Proofreading

**Week 2, Class 1** *August 31, 2020*

**Issue spotting and Issue Sorting**

### Lawyer's Craft

READ: pp 63-72

ASSIGNMENT: Do all exercises pp 73-77

### **Case Briefs Due at the beginning of class (Civ Pro)**

**U.S. v. Kubrick**

**Connecticut v. Doehr**

**Commonwealth v. Ohio**

**Week 2, Class 2** *September 2, 2020*

**Outlining**

# Civil Procedure outline due October 5th

## Week 3, Class 1 *September 9, 2020*

**Issue spotting and Issue Sorting**

***Handout***

**Case briefs due at the beginning of class (civ Pro)**

**International Shoe co. v Washington**

**World-Wide Volkswagen Corp. v. Woodson**

**Burger King Corp. v. Rudzewicz**

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 *September 14, 2020*

### IRAC

**Case Briefs due at beginning of class (Civ Pro)**

**Carnival Cruise Lines, Inc v. Schute**

**Omni Capital International v. Rudolf Wolff & Co.**

### Lawyer's Craft

READ: pp 19-34

ASSIGNMENT: Do all exercises pp 35-38

**Week 4, Class 2** *September 16, 2020*

**IRAC Continued**

**IN CLASS WRITING (CIV PRO)**

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** *September 21, 2020*

# IRAC AND OUTLINING

**Case Briefs due at the beginning of Class (Business Entities)**

**Farr v. Newman**

**Southern Farm v. Allen**

**Sutton Mutual v. Notre Dame**

**Week 5, Class 2** *September 23, 2020*

# IRAC

# Preparing for and Writing the Law School Exam

### 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 1 *September 28, 2020*

**Case Briefs Due at the beginning of class (Business Entities)**

**Arthur Murray v. Witter**

**Devoe v. Cheatham**

**American v. Rezatto**

## Week 6 Class 2 *September 30, 2020*

# In Class Writing (Business Entities)

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 1 *October 5, 2020*

# CIVIL PROCEDURE OUTLINE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS

**Case Briefs due at the beginning of class (Civ Pro)**

**Louisville & Nashville RR Co v. Mottley**

**Erie Railroad Co. v. Tompkins**

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

**Week 7, Class 2** *October 7, 2020*

**IRAC**

### **Read handouts**

**Week 8, Class 1** *October 14, 2020*

**Case briefs due at the beginning of class (Civ Pro)**

**Ferens v. John Deere Co**

**Access Now, Inc v. Southwest Airlines Co**

## Week 9, Class 1 *October 19, 2020*

**Case Briefs due at the beginning of class (Business Entities)**

**Fenwick v. Unemployment Commission**

**Meinhard v. Salmon**

**Gibbs v. Breed**

**In Class Writing (Civil Procedure)**

*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 *October 21, 2020*

**Commas**

**Introduction Case Analysis**

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** *October 26, 2020*

**Case Briefs due at the beginning of class (Business Entities)**

**Dreifuerst v. Dreifuerst**

**Bassan v. Investment Exchange**

**Puleo v. Topel**

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** *October 28, 2020*

In-class writing (Business Entities)

## Week 11, Class 1 *November 2, 2020*

**Case Briefs Due at the Beginning of Class (Civ Pro)**

**Jones v. Ford Motor Credit Co.**

**Hansberry v. Lee**

**Upjohn Co. v. United State**s

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 *November 4, 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 *November 9, 2020*

### **Analyzing Statutory Issues Continued**

**Case briefs due at the beginning of class (Civ Pro)**

**Celotex Corp v. Catrett**

**Scott v. Harris**

### 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 *November 11, 2020*

**In Class Writing #4 (Civil Procedure)**

Handouts

## Week 13, Class 1 *November 16, 2020*

**Case Briefs Due at the beginning of class (Business Entities)**

**Zempel v. Liberty**

**Donahue v. Rodd Electrotype**

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

## Week 13, Class 2 *November 18, 2020*

**Case Analysis Outline due**

# Week 14, Class 1 *November 23, 2020*

**Case Briefs due at the beginning of class (business entities)**

**Keating v. Keating**

**Coggins v. New England Patriots**

**Brehm v. Eisner**

## Week 14, Class 2 *November 25, 2020*

**In Class Writing (Business Entities)**

**Week 15 Class 1** November 30, 2020

Case analysis/ final prep

**Week 15 Class 2** December 2, 2020

Case Analysis final prep

**Week 16 Class 1** December 7, 2020

**Case Analysis Paper Due**

**ALL PAPERS, OUTLINES, DRAFTS, AND ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF 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.**

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)