

**MOTIONS AND LITIGATION PRACTICE
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Grading:	Writing assignments:	Complaint	15 pts
		Request for Admissions	10 pts
		Motion for Summary Judgment	35 pts
		& Memorandum	
		Class participation	10 pts
		In-class assignments	10 pts
		Oral argument	10 pts
		Final Exam	10 pts

Class Discussion and Assignments : The goal of this class is to familiarize you with the fundamentals of pretrial practice and drafting of litigation documents. You may use any credible legal resources to draft your documents. All required reading will be available through WestLaw and/or LexisNexis.

01/19/2022

Course overview, requirements/learning objectives, legal research methodology and resources, general discussion of motion practice and drafting of basic litigation documents. Discussion resource: Intake and Evaluation PowerPoint

01/26/2022

Fundamentals of pre-trial practice, Legal research and writing overview, methodology and outlining. Basic litigation documents, rules of motion practice. 01/19

02/02/2022

Civil Complaints, rules governing pre-trial practice, formatting requirements, service and filing requirements.

02/09/2022 Complaint Due

Motion formatting, captions, body of the document, signatures, Local and Special Rules

02/16/2022

Service and filing of documents: initial complaint, summons, motions. Commencing a lawsuit, drafting a complaint.

02/23/2022

Written Discovery: Interrogatories, Answers to interrogatories, Request for production, Response to requests for production. Requests for admissions, responses to requests for admissions. Request for documents, etc...

03/02/2022 Request for Admissions Due
Depositions, motions to compel, organizing discovery, developing a trial notebook

03/09/2022
Motion to Dismiss: drafting/opposing, Motion for Summary Judgment: drafting/opposing

03/23/2022
Summary Judgment: statement of material facts, affidavit, notice and filing

03/30/2022
Summary Judgement, Superior Court Rule 9A

04/06/2022
Oral advocacy overview : opening statements, closing arguments, direct and cross examination of witnesses, admitting exhibits into evidence, making proper objections

04/13/2022 Summary Judgment and Memorandum Due
Advocacy evaluation: Substantive content and analysis, opening, theme, road map, argument, organization, support of argument, application of the facts, response to questions, conclusion, closing. Speed and clarity, body language, verbal language, coherence, comprehensiveness, persuasiveness, adherence to time limits.

04/20/2022 Oral Arguments
Advocacy evaluation: Substantive content and analysis, opening, theme, road map, argument, organization, support of argument, application of the facts, response to questions, conclusion, closing. Speed and clarity, body language, verbal language, coherence, comprehensiveness, persuasiveness, adherence to time limits.

04/27/22 Oral Arguments
Advocacy evaluation: Substantive content and analysis, opening, theme, road map, argument, organization, support of argument, application of the facts, response to questions, conclusion, closing. Speed and clarity, body language, verbal language, coherence, comprehensiveness, persuasiveness, adherence to time limits.