Introduction to Lawyering Skills  
LAW 612:349A  
Fall 2011  
SYLLABUS

Jack Lynch  
(Steelers)  
Rm. TBA  
T 3:00pm-4:15pm

Renee Nacrelli  
(Ravens)  
Rm. LC210  
T 3:00pm-4:15pm

Cheryl Taragin  
(Jets)  
Rm. TBA  
T 3:00pm-4:15pm

TAs  
Linh Ly  
Burke Miller

Required Texts:


Amy E. Sloan, Basic Legal Research: Tools and Strategies (4th ed.) (Sloan)

Amy E. Sloan and Steven D. Schwinn, Basic Legal Research Workbook (4th ed.) (Workbook)

Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citation (2010 ed.)

Assignment deadlines: Assignments must be turned in at the announced times and places. Lateness in turning in any assignment, absent serious extenuating circumstances, will result in significant penalty.

Evaluation: The final grade will be based on the following: Writing assignment #1 (25%); Pleading exercise (5%); TA research assignments (20%); Writing Assignment #2 (50%).
Week of Aug. 22

Tues. 3:00pm-4:15pm  
Overview  
All meet in Rm. 210  
Reading: Neumann, pp. 37-44

Thurs. 1:30pm-2:45pm  
All meet in Room 210  
Introduction to legal system, legal research and legal citation

Reading: Sloan p. 1-12, 14-20

(Brief Constanza v. Seinfeld)

Week of Aug. 29

Tues. 3:00pm-4:15pm  
Ravens – Rm. 210  
Steelers – Rm. TBA  
Jets – Rm. TBA  
Reading: Neumann, pp. 19-22, 23-34

Thurs. 1:30pm-2:45pm  
Search logic; citation  
Reading: Sloan, pp. 23-27  
Due: Assigned citation exercises

Week of Sept. 5

Tues. Introduction to legal writing  
Reading: Neumann, pp. 65-102  
WRITING ASSIGNMENT #1 ASSIGNED

Thurs. Sources of primary authority; lecture and library tour  
No reading
Week of Sept. 12

Tues.   Analyzing the facts
        Neumann, pp. 193-203

Thurs.  Secondary legal sources
        Reading: Sloan, pp. 29-76
        Due: Workbook Exercise 1.1

Week of Sept. 19

Tues.   Office memoranda
        Reading: Neumann pp. 65-75

Thurs.  Researching cases
        Reading: Sloan, pp. 77-129
        Due: Workbook Exercise 4.1

Week of Sept. 26

Tues.   Proving the Rule
        Reading: Neumann, pp. 103-111

Thurs.  Citators
        Reading: Sloan, pp. 129-53
        Due: Workbook Exercise 5.1, 5.2

Week of Oct. 3

Tues.   All meet in Room LC210
        Due: Writing Assignment #1
        Assigned: Pleading Exercise
        Writing Assignment #2
        Reading: Neumann, pp. 103-11

Thurs.  Statutory research
        Reading: Sloan, pp. 155-98
        Due: Workbook Exercise 6.1

Week of Oct. 10

Tues.   Written legal analysis
        Reading: Neumann, pp. 113-35
        Due: Complaint drafting exercise

Thurs.  Maryland law research
**Week of Oct. 17**

Tues.  CALR training (tentative)

Thurs.  Federal legislative history  
**Reading:** Sloan, pp. 192-238  
**Due:** Workbook Exercise 7.1, 7.2, 7.3.

**Week of Oct. 24**

Tues.  Pleading exercise due.  
Using authority  
**Reading:** Neumann, pp. 136-69

Thurs.  Federal legislative history research  
**Reading:** Sloan, pp. 199-238

**Week of Oct. 31**

Tues.  Writing skills  
**Reading:** Neumann, pp. 217-49  
Conferences

Thurs.  Federal administrative law  
**Reading:** Sloan, pp. 239-73  
**Due:** Workbook Exercise 8.1, 8.2.

**Week of Nov. 7**

Tues.  Writing skills  
**Reading:** Neumann, pp. 239-63  
Conferences

Thurs.  Electronic legal research  
**Reading:** Sloan, pp. 295-332  
**Due:** Workbook Exercise 9.1.

**Week of Nov. 14**

Tues.  Conferences

Thurs.  Conferences

**Week of Nov. 21**  
**Memo # 2 Due Monday, November 21**  
6:00pm via email