Course: Trial Advocacy  
LAW 825-422  
4243

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Days/Time: Wednesdays/5:45pm-7:35 pm

Location: Angelos Law Room 021

Course Description:  
Trial Advocacy (Lecture)

Course Materials:  
No required text  
Recommended Reading: Maryland Rules of Civil Procedure, “Trying the Case” by Steven Grossman

Course Objectives and Outcomes: (or Concepts and Goals)  
Students will learn the process of a civil jury trial from pre-trial to jury verdict. Students will also be expected to undertake various tasks in the trial process including opening statements, direct and cross examinations and opening and closing arguments.

Grades:  
Grades will be based 50% on class participation including exercises involving presentation of trial related tasks (opening, direct examination etc.) and 50% on the final examination which will be a mock trial.

Assignments/Participation:  
You are expected to consistently participate in class discussion and assignments and to successfully participate in and complete the final exam.
**Attendance:**
Class attendance is a primary obligation of each student whose right to continued enrollment in the course and to take the examination is conditioned upon a record of attendance satisfactory to the professor. A student who exceeds the maximum allowable allowances as illustrated below [Attendance Policy: http://law.ubalt.edu/academics/pdfs/Attendance.pdf] may be compelled to withdraw from the course, or may be barred from sitting for the final exam. Students who are forced to withdraw for exceeding the allowed absences may receive a grade of WA (withdrawal due to excessive absences) or a grade of WF.

**Course Web Page:**
This course has a LEXIS or TWEN webpage that links to this syllabus, announcements, the class assignments, helpful treatises, overheads, and other class materials. You are responsible for self-enrolling in the webcourse and you should check the webcourse regularly.

**Computers**
Students may use laptop computers for class related purposes.

**Class Cancellation**
If the instructor must cancel a class, notices will be sent to students via email and posted on the classroom door. If there is inclement weather, students should visit the University of Baltimore web page or call the University's Snow Closing Line at (410) 837-4201. If the University is not closed, students should presume that classes are running on the normal schedule.

**Academic Integrity**
Students are obligated to refrain from acts that they know or, under the circumstances, have reason to know will impair the academic integrity of the University and/or the School of Law. Violations of academic integrity include, but are not limited to: cheating; plagiarism; misuse of library materials; use of another’s book or study materials without consent; unapproved multiple submissions; material misrepresentation of one’s academic history or standing; misrepresentation of any academic matter; intentionally giving another student false or inaccurate information about class requirements; inappropriate discussion of exams; and misrepresenting or falsifying class attendance reports. [Reference to School of Law Honor Code https://law.ubalt.edu/academics/policiesandprocedures/honor_code/index.cfm ]
Disability Policy
If you are a student with a documented disability who requires an academic accommodation, please contact Karyn Schulz, Director of Disability Support Services at 410-837-4141 or via email at kschulz@ubalt.edu.

ASSIGNMENTS
Please check your e-mails for first class assignments. Contact Professor if you have not received your assignment yet.

SCHEDULE

August 19  Introduction, Brief lecture on Opening Statements and Direct Examination
            First class exercise, opening statements, direct examinations as per assignment,

August 26  Follow up lecture of Opening Statements & Direct Examinations, Brief lecture on Cross examinations. Continuation of class exercise cross examinations, closing arguments

September 2  No class  (Professor is in Trial)

September 9  Follow up on class exercises, extended lecture on Opening Statements and Closing Arguments

September 16  Trial process, discovery, investigation, witness preparation, pre-trial motions, handling of exhibits, courtroom practices

September 23  Introduction of 2nd Practice Trial, review of new assignments; in class preparation for second trial
September 30  Begin 2nd practice trial, opening statements, direct and cross examinations

October 7  Completion of 2nd practice trial, Discussion of Final Exam procedure, assignment of trial teams

October 14  Guest Speaker/View from the Bench

October 21  In Class Preparation for final exam

October 28  No Class (Students should use the time to prepare for final exam

November 4  Final Exam

November 11  Final Exam

November 18  Last Class wrap up