TRIAL ADVOCACY

FALL, 2015

Monday, 7:45, p.m. to 9:35, p.m.
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RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

1. Fundamentals of Trial Techniques, Thomas A. Mauet.
2. Trying the Case, Steven P. Grossman.

GRADING: You will be evaluated based on in-class trial demonstrations, the final trial and class participation, including your performance as a witness during various demonstrations. Thorough preparation is expected whether performing as attorney or witness. The final trial will constitute 50% of the grade, each in-class trial demonstration is worth 20% and the remaining 10% will be drawn from witness performance and general class participation. You should also expect to be required to perform in-class exercises with little or no notice.

ATTENDANCE: There will be strict adherence to the school policy regarding attendance.
TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE:

8/17/15 Lecture: Introduction to Trial Advocacy

8/24/15 Lecture: Persuasion, obstacles to effective advocacy, tips for being an effective advocate. Attorney numbers will be provided.

8/31/15 Lecture: Direct and cross examination; Introduction of Exhibits; Visual Presentation and Technology in the Courtroom.

9/7/15 Labor Day Holiday—No Class.

9/14/15 Trial Problem I. See chart.

9/21/15 Trial Problem I. See chart.

9/28/15 Finish Trial Problem I.


10/12/15 Trial Problem II. See chart.

10/19/15 Trial Problem II. See chart.

10/26/15 Trial Problem II. See chart.

11/2/15 Opening statements and closing arguments.


TBD Final trial 1.

TBD Final trial 2.

You may be required to purchase casefile book for the final trial