Students taking this class will learn how to prepare a civil case for trial. The class will focus on drafting pleadings, motions, and discovery requests and responses, and give students the opportunity to conduct oral arguments on preliminary and dispositive motions. The medium of instruction will include brief lectures, discussions, in-class drafting and arguing exercises based on real cases in which the students will perform as attorneys for one or another party.

Prerequisites: First-year day courses. [Limited Enrollment; Max. 12 students]

The course syllabus will be modified during the course of the semester, but students should expect to study the following topics:

Week 1: Interviewing the client, drafting a complaint. Student should make every effort to have read Chapter 1 of Pretrial before the first class.

Week 2: Analyzing the complaint and drafting responsive motions

Week 3: Review the motions to dismiss. Draft responses to the motions to dismiss and replies supporting the motions to dismiss. Prepare for oral arguments on the motions to dismiss

Week 4: Oral argument: hearing on motions to dismiss

Week 5: Answering the complaint, drafting affirmative defenses and replies

Week 6: Written discovery: drafting requests and responses

Week 7: Motions relating to discovery and oral argument

Week 8: Depositions of fact witnesses

Week 9: Depositions of doctors and other experts
Week 10: Motions for summary judgment, responses, and replies

Week 11: Oral argument: hearing on motion for summary judgment

Week 12: Pre-trial orders and motions *in limine*. Oral argument: hearing on motions *in limine*.

Week 13: Trial: Opening Statements and Closing Arguments

Week 14: Make-up class as necessary.