* First assignment: Legal Method and Writing: Pages 23-29 (top)

1. August 31, 2016: American Legal System

   Classroom Discussion
   • Introductions and Discussion about Class
   • Discuss US System of Government

   Assignment for Next Class
   • Legal Method and Writing: Pages 55-70 (top)

2. September 7, 2016: Legal System in Action

   Classroom Discussion
   • The Federal and State Court System
     o Persuasive authority vs binding authority game
   • Common law analysis

   Assignment for Next Class
   • Legal Method and Writing: Pages 81-89 309-328
   • Portions of Registration Case

3. September 14, 2016: Reading and Understanding a Case

   Classroom Discussion
   • Review Registration Case and apply IRAC
   • Introduction to citations, quotations and application of precedent
   • Citation Exercise

   Assignment for Next Class
   • Read portions of new Registration Case and IRAC case: email Prof. Bortner and Prof. Scanlon by Sunday at 2 pm (no more than 2 pages)
   • Legal Method and Writing: 31-38

4. September 21, 2016: Common Law Analysis & Statutory Interpretation I

   Classroom Discussion
   • Discuss IRAC examples
     o Review one more case example in class and IRAC
   • Discuss Statute and the Elements
   • Discuss the Cases
Assignment for Next Class
- Read 2 more Registration cases
- Brief writing assignment on applying those cases to the statute
- Legal Method and Writing: Pages 347-362

5. September 28, 2016: Common Law Analysis & Statutory Interpretation II & Advocacy Writing

Classroom Discussion
- Follow up on write-ups
- Review brief submitted to the Fifth Circuit and discuss elements of a brief

Assignment for Next Class
- Read and IRAC “Garbage” Cases

6. October 5, 2016: Beginning the Case -- Documenting the Facts

Classroom Discussion
- Discuss case law; relevant facts
- Discuss the role of a “fact” section in an affirmative brief
- Interview Witness
- Discuss assignment for next week

Assignment for Next Class
- Write a Summary of Facts and email it to us by 5:00 PM on Sunday
- 2 more cases and IRAC

7. October 12, 2016: Review Facts and Learn the Law

Classroom Discussion
- Discuss law from those cases and how apply to our facts
- Review basic legal research techniques and case citation (librarian)

Assignment for Next Class
- Find three new cases on issues assigned to you (this may be completed during Class 7) and draft summary of one (focus on portion of case relevant to our analysis).
- Be prepared to discuss cases you found in class next week.

8. October 19, 2016: Common Law Rubric for Legal Writing

Classroom Discussion
- Present on cases found
- Applying the Common law Rubric
Assignment for Next Class
• Draft 2 paragraphs applying common law rubric to your cases

9. October 26, 2016: Organize Your Thoughts: Outlining Your Analysis

Classroom Discussion
• Discussions on common law rubric analysis
• Discuss assignment for next week

Assignment for Next Class
• Draft preliminary summary of your legal analysis, including references to case law. Email assignment to me by 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2015. Be prepared to present your analysis to the class next week.
• Read Handout: Organization of Briefs

10. November 2, 2016: Writing a First Draft

Classroom Discussion
• Student presentations of legal analysis/proposed structure of analysis
• Discuss Organization of Brief
• Discuss assignment for next week: First Draft (including Facts, Question Presented, and Brief Answer)

Assignment for Next Class
• Write a First Draft of your Brief and email it to us at [redacted] and [redacted] by 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 8, 2015. Bring your first draft to class.

11. November 9, 2016: Writing the First Draft

Classroom Discussion
• Discuss First Drafts
• Review techniques for editing your work
• Sign-up for conferences

Assignment for Next Class
• Re-Write your First Draft and email it by 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 15, 2015. Please bring a hard copy of your First Draft to your Conference
12. November 16, 2016: No Class – Conferences on Final Draft

Assignment for This Week
  • Re-Write your First Draft and email your Final Draft by 5:00 PM on Monday, November 23, 2015.

13. November 30, 2016: Discuss Final Draft

Classroom Discussion
  • Discuss Final Draft
  • I expect that his class will be somewhat shorter than previous classes. If so, I will offer the time to answer questions and hold impromptu individual conferences if needed.