1. September 2, 2015: American Legal System

Class Room Discussion
- Introductions and Discussion about Class
- Discuss US System of Government, Statutes, Courts, Precedent and Common Law

Assignment for Next Class
- Legal Method and Writing: Chapter 5 (skip the Exercises)

2. September 9, 2015: Legal System in Action

Class Room Discussion
- Discuss Court system in detail
- Persuasive authority vs binding authority game
- Common law analysis

Assignment for next class:
- Legal Method and Writing: Chapter 6 (Skip the Exercises)
- Portions of California v. Greenwood

3. September 16, 2015: Reading a case and IRAC

Class Room Discussion
- Dissect Greenwood and apply IRAC
- Introduction to Citations, quotations and application of precedent in Greenwood

Assignment for Next Class
- Read Portions of Florida v. Jardines (hand out) and IRAC case: email Prof. Borner the IRAC by Sunday at 2 pm (no more than 2 pages) to Leanne.bortner@gmail.com
- Legal Method and Writing: 309-328

4. Thursday September 24, 2015 McDonough 337: Use of Citations and Introduction to Persuasive Writing

Class Room Discussion
- Discuss Jardines IRAC examples
- Discuss use of citations in Jardines and an example briefs
- Discuss persuasive writing and differences from other types of legal writing

Assignment for Next Class:
• Read portions of briefs from *Jardines* (hand out)

5. **September 30, 3015: Persuasive Writing**

   **Class Room Discussion**
   
   • Discuss *Jardines* briefs
   • Discuss facts of *Edwards*
   • Work in groups to prepare 2-3 minutes of oral argument about whether a common driveway is “curtailage” as defined by *Jardines* and *Greenberg* (will assign you a side)

   **Assignment for Next Class**
   
   • Write 3 pages of argument section only using only cases cited in *Jardines* and *Greenwood* and a side I have assigned you and email to Leanne.bortner@gmail.com by Sunday at 2pm.

6. **October 7, 2015: Review Persuasive Writing Examples**

   **Class Room Discussion**
   
   • Discuss argument sections of brief
   • Review *Edwards* brief examples and compare and contrast

   **Assignment Due for Next Week:**
   
   • Prof. Samuels will email you the assignment

7. **October 14: Beginning the Case: Documenting the Facts**

   **Classroom Discussion**
   
   • Discuss the Office Memorandum of Law
   • Discuss the role of a “fact” section in an Office Memorandum of Law
   • Interview Mr. Radcliffe
   • Discuss assignment for next week

   **Assignment Due for Next Week:**
   
   • Write a Summary of Facts and email it to me at brad.samuels@kobrekim.com by 5:00 PM on Sunday, October 18, 2015.
   • Review Chapter 5 from United States Legal Discourse: Legal English for Foreign LLMs.
   • Also review criminal statute 18 U.S.C. § 201. Focus on the “elements” of section 201(c)(1)(A) (i.e., what has to be proved to find someone in violation).

8. **October 21, 2015: Review Facts and Learn the Law**

   **Classroom Discussion**
   
   • Review elements of section 201(c) and discuss relevant facts
• Review basic legal research techniques and case citation

Assignment Due for Next Week:
• Find three new cases (this may be completed during Class 8) 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.

9. October 28, 2015: Organize Your Thoughts: Outlining Your Analysis

Classroom Discussion
• Review cases
• Break-out group discussions regarding whether a crime has been committed - focus on applying law to facts
• Classroom discussion covering results from break-out groups
• Discuss assignment for next week

Assignment Due for Next Week:
• Draft preliminary summary of your legal analysis, including references to case law. Email assignment to me at brad.samuels@kobrekim by 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2015. Be prepared to present your analysis to the class next week.
• Read Handout: Organization of Office Memoranda and Briefs

10. November 4, 2015: Writing a First Draft

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

Assignment for Next Week:
• Write a First Draft of your Memorandum and email it to me at brad.samuels@kobrekim by 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 8, 2015. Bring your first draft to class.

11. November 11, 2015: Writing the First Draft

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

- Re-Write your First Draft and email it to me at brad.samuels@kobrekim by 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 15, 2015. Please bring a hard copy of your First Draft to your Conference on November 17-19, 2015.

12. November 18, 2015: No Class: Conferences on Final Draft

Assignment for This Week:

- Re-Write your First Draft and email your Final Draft to me at brad.samuels@kobrekim by 5:00 PM on Monday, November 23, 2015.

13. November 25, 2015: 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.