

# EMPIRE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW

## ***SYLLABUS***

- Course number :** C550A
- Course Name:** Moot Court
- Professor :** William A. Robertson
- Prerequisites:** Second Year
- Semester:** FALL, 2009
- Required Texts:** *California Style Manual*  
*Case Record* (available in bookstore)  
*Moot Court Student Handbook* (available in bookstore)  
*Legal Writing; Process, Analysis, and Organization*, Linda H. Edwards. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Published by Aspen Publishers, Inc. ISBN 0-7355-5656-3
- Course Description:** Students will research, write, and argue an appellate brief before a mock appellate court. This course emphasizes effective research and writing techniques and introduces students to making oral arguments in court.
- Class Attendance:** Students must attend 100% of the classes (30 hours; 15 of 15 classes) and participate in oral arguments.
- Class Preparation :** There is a great deal of material to cover in this class. Students must complete a brief that is 100% original research, and then defend that brief in oral argument.
- Grading Policy:** This is a Pass/Fail class. The grade is based upon the brief and the oral argument. The brief must meet the standards of submission to an appellate court. The oral argument must also meet appellate standards.
- Grade Determination:** The brief must adequately discuss the facts of the case and the applicable law. It must be free of typographical and grammatical errors. The student must make an oral argument.

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## CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

9/3/09	Read the Record
9/10/09	Begin Research; Prepare Research Log, Re-Read Record and Opinion Below
9/17/09	Read Student Handbook, pp. 1-18; Edwards Chapt. 16, 21
9/24/09	Handbook, pp. 19-29 Edwards Chapt. 18,19, 20
10/1/09	Handbook pp. 30-49 Review briefs in Handbook
10/08/09	Full Draft of Brief Due
10/15/09	Handbook pp. 103 – 140
10/22/09	Oral Argument
10/29/09	Oral Argument, BRIEFS DUE
11/5/09	Oral Argument
11/12/09	Oral Argument
<b><u>NOTE: CLASS ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES.</u></b>	
11/19/09	Oral Argument
12/3/09	FINAL ORAL ARGUMENTS