

SYLLABUS

COURSE NAME:	MOOT COURT
SEMESTER & TIME:	Summer 2010, Tuesday 6:00-8:00 p.m.
TOTAL HOURS/UNITS:	30 hours/2 units
PROFESSOR:	Connie Burtnett (707) 495-9936
REQUIRED TEXTS:	<i>California Style Manual, 4th ed.</i> by Edward W. Jessen <i>Case Record</i> , available in bookstore. [NOTE: Read the <i>Case Record</i> before the first class.] <i>Moot Court Student Handbook</i> , available in bookstore <i>Legal Writing: Process, Analysis, and Organization</i> , Linda H. Edwards. 5 th Edition. Aspen Publishers, Inc.
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	Students will each research, write and argue a brief before a mock California Court of Appeal. The course emphasizes effective research and writing techniques and each student will individually write an appellate brief. The class also introduces the students to making oral arguments in court.
CLASS ATTENDANCE:	Students must attend a minimum of 90% of the class sessions (14 of 15 classes) and participate in final oral arguments.
GRADING POLICY:	Pass/Fail.
GRADE DETERMINATION:	To achieve a passing grade, students must complete an appellate brief which meets the standards for submission to an appellate court and must present a coherent, persuasive oral argument before a panel of judges.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

- May 4** Read the record. Be extremely familiar with the facts when you come to the first class.
- May 11** Begin research. Prepare research log. Re-read record.
- May 18** Read Student Handbook, pp. 1-18
Read Edwards Chapters 16, 21
Submit Statement of the Case
- May 25** Read Student Handbook, pp. 19-29
Read Edwards Chapter 18
Submit Statement of Facts
- June 1** Read Edwards Chapters 19, 20
Review brief handed out in class
Submit Argument, Issue I
- June 8** Read Student Handbook, pp. 30-49
Submit Argument, Issue II; Summary of Argument; Questions Presented
- June 15** Submit Full Draft of Brief
- June 22** Read Student Handbook, pp. 103-140
Read Edwards Chapter 22
- June 29** Oral argument.
Read Edwards Chapter 23
- July 6** Oral argument.
- July 13** Oral argument. FINAL BRIEFS DUE.
- July 20** Oral argument.
- July 27** Oral argument.
- TBD** FINAL ORAL ARGUMENTS. (Date and time to be determined.)