

SYLLABUS

COURSE NAME:	MOOT COURT
SEMESTER & TIME:	Summer 2011, 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 3** Read the record. Be extremely familiar with the facts when you come to the first class.
- May 10** Begin research. Prepare research log. Re-read record.
- May 17** Read Student Handbook, pp. 1-18
Read Edwards Chapters 16, 21
Submit Statement of the Case
- May 24** Read Student Handbook, pp. 19-29
Read Edwards Chapter 18
Submit Statement of Facts
- May 31** Read Edwards Chapters 19, 20
Review brief handed out in class
Submit Argument, Issue I
- June 7** Read Student Handbook, pp. 30-49
Submit Argument, Issue II; Summary of Argument; Questions Presented
- June 14** Submit Full Draft of Brief
- June 21** Read Student Handbook, pp. 103-140
Read Edwards Chapter 22
- June 28** Oral argument practice.
Read Edwards Chapter 23
- TBD** Oral argument practice. (Date and time to be determined.)
- July 12** Oral argument practice. FINAL BRIEFS DUE.
- July 19** Oral argument practice.
- July 26** Oral argument practice.
- TBD** FINAL ORAL ARGUMENTS. (Date and time to be determined.)