

# Syllabus for Trial Advocacy, Spring 2024

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## **Learning Goals, Learning Outcomes and Assessment for Trial Advocacy Class:**

Learning Goals: The goal for this course is for students to learn the basic legal principles and rules to successfully conduct a courtroom trial. Students will observe and perform exercises, in person and/or virtually, in all aspects of the trial of a criminal case.

Learning Outcomes: Upon completing this class, students will be able to conduct a successful and effective Voir Dire of potential jurors, prepare and present an Opening Statement and Closing Argument, conduct thorough Direct Examinations and Cross Examinations of witnesses, and demonstrate that they can qualify a witness as an Expert Witness. Students will develop an extensive knowledge of the Rules of Evidence and demonstrate their knowledge of how to apply the Rules of Evidence in a trial setting.

Assessment: Class attendance and class participation will be considered in calculating a student's ability to successfully pass this course. Students will be expected to have read the required materials for class, and be prepared for class exercises, and to be effective and successful in the demonstration of their trial skills during class and at the final trial.

## **READING ASSIGNMENTS:**

Date	Topic	Reading Assignment
		In "Modern Trial Advocacy Analysis and Practice" by Lubet and Lore, Sixth Edition
1/16/24	Trial Basics and Objections	Pages *1-55; 251-294*  <b>*Read before first class*</b>
1/23/24	Direct and Cross Examination	Pages 57-92; 93-153
1/30/24	Direct and Cross Examination	

2/06/24	Impeachment	Pages 155-204
2/13/24	Redirect/Refresh Recollection	Pages 205-209; 61-62; 161
2/20/24	Experts	Pages 211-250
2/27/24	Foundations & Exhibits	Pages 295-366
3/12/24	Foundations & Exhibits	
3/19/24	Opening Statements	Pages 409-459
3/26/24	Opening Statements/Closing Arguments	Pages 461-517
4/02/24	Closing Arguments	
4/09/24	Jury Selection	Pages 519-539
4/16/24	Trial Preparation	
4/20/24	Final Trial	
4/21/24	Final Trial	