

Lawyering Skills I Pretrial Litigation and Transaction Practice Workshops
First Assignment - Fall Semester 2009

I. Classes will not meet for first scheduled class period -

The Friday sections of Lawyering Skills I (both Pretrial Litigation & Transaction Practice sections) will not meet on Friday, August 21 & the Tuesday & Thursday sections (both Pretrial Litigation & Transaction Practice sections) will not meet on Tuesday, August 25 & Thursday, August 27. A class will be scheduled in November to “makeup” for the classes that are canceled. That class will be a panel of actual clients discussing what clients expect from their lawyers & their lawyer’s work product, including the lawyer’s written work product.

The Friday section classes will first meet on Friday, August 28; the Tuesday sections on Tuesday, September 1; & the Thursday sections on Thursday, September 3.

II. All sections to meet together for first class -

On Friday, August 28 all sections (Pretrial Litigation & Transaction Practice) meeting from 2:10 - 4:10 p.m. will meet together in Room 305.

On Tuesday, September 1 all sections (Pretrial Litigation & Transaction Practice) meeting from 2:10 - 4:10 p.m. will meet together in Room 505.

On Thursday, September 3 -

All sections (Pretrial Litigation & Transaction Practice) meeting from 12 noon - 2 p.m. will meet together in Room 505

All sections (Pretrial Litigation & Transaction Practice) meeting from 2:10 - 4:10 p.m. will meet together in Room 505.

All sections (Pretrial Litigation & Transaction Practice) meeting from 7:05 - 9:05 p.m. will meet together in Room 505.

For following weeks all sections will meet in their assigned classrooms.

III. Topics for First Class: Introduction to Lawyering Skills I & Introduction to Interviewing & Counseling

Assignment for first class: Read & be prepared to discuss INTERVIEWING CLIENTS ETHICALLY by Roy M. Sobelson (37 No. 1 Prac. Law. 13) in the attached PDF file. In addition, give some thought to the ingredients of good legal interview and counseling & be prepared to discuss in class your thoughts on those ingredients. Hardcopies of the Sobelson article will also be available next to Professor Gould’s office, Room 428.

IV. Course Materials

PRETRIAL LITIGATION SECTIONS -

The book required for the Pretrial Litigation sections is:

Thomas Mauet, Pretrial (7th ed. Aspen Publishers ISBN: 9780735572034)

Books recommended for the Pretrial Litigation sections are: Federal Rules of Civil Procedure West 2009-2010 Educational Ed. ISBN-13: 978-0-314-17209-9 & Arkansas Civil Procedure Materials (2009 Ed.). The Arkansas Civil Procedure Materials are not yet available.

Note! There will be a number of assignments from the Federal & Arkansas Rules. If you do not buy the recommended books, you will be responsible for otherwise accessing the material.

Transaction Practice Sections -

The book required for the Transaction Practice sections is:

Tina Stark, Drafting Contracts: How and Why Lawyers Do What They Do (Aspen 1st ed. 2007 ISBN: 9780735563391)

Purchase of additional materials may be required later in the semester.